



THUNDERBIRD SAILING CLUB

Oklahoma Chartered Corporation Affiliated with:
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JERRY LAYTON MEMORIAL CATALINA 25 MATCH RACE REGATTA AND TROPHY DEED OF GIFT (As of 7/92; modified 2/97)

Jerry Layton was the Commodore of the Thunderbird Sailing Club from January 1992 until May of 1992. Upon his death in 1992, the Club deemed it appropriate to dedicate a regatta to Jerry Layton.

DESCRIPTION: The regatta shall be held to raise funds for the purchase and/or maintenance of a Thunderbird Sailing Club race committee boat or for the purpose so designated by the Executive Committee and approved by the general membership. Catalina 25's shall be used, if available; if not, four boats of the same design shall be used and set up to be as closely matched as possible. To encourage more participants it is suggested to sail in the largest boats possible without a spinnaker reducing the chances of injury and damage to the boats.

THE TROPHY SHALL CONSIST OF: The traveling trophy that has been presented to the Thunderbird Sailing Club by Mr. Frank Butler, President of Catalina Yachts, and other trophies and awards as decided and purchased by the Race Committee. The traveling trophy will be held in stewardship by the winner and returned prior to the next year's race. The winner shall be responsible for maintaining the plaque in good condition and for replacing it should the plaque be destroyed, lost, or stolen while in his/her possession. If in the future a Thunderbird Sailing Club house or permanent home is acquired, this trophy will be displayed in a prominent location.

PREPARATION OF THE PLAQUE AND OTHER AWARDS: The Race Chairperson or his/her designate will be responsible for having both, the new winner's name and the name of the boat used to win the final race of the series, engraved on the plaque.

The Race Chairperson of the regatta, the winner of the last regatta, shall be responsible for acquiring trophies/awards for the top four skippers, the crew on the boat winning the most races, and other awards as decided by the Race Committee. (The Race Committee shall be appointed by the Race Chairperson).

PRESENTATION OF THE JERRY LAYTON MEMORIAL PLAQUE: If the event includes a post-regatta party, the trophy will be presented at that time. The presentation will be made by the Race Chairperson. If the event does not include a post-regatta party, the plaque will be presented by the Race Chairperson at the ceremony on shore following the regatta.

ELIGIBILITY OF SKIPPERS AND CREW MEMBERS: Skippers must come from the Thunderbird Sailing Club membership and from those who have sailed in a Commodore's Cup Series during that year. The Thunderbird Sailing Club membership has first opportunity for crew, then non-members may complete crew requirements. It is suggested to have 8 skippers and 16 crew (4 crew per boat).

RACE FORMAT: See attached suggested example and comments. The Race Chairperson may change the format as he/she sees fit.

NOTE: It is assumed that over time this regatta format may change. This deed of gift and awards may be changed to address the new format if deemed necessary by the Race and Protest Committee. The purpose, however, will remain to 1) memorialize Jerry Layton and 2) to raise funds for the Thunderbird Sailing Club race committee boat or other needs as determined by the Executive Committee and General Membership.

Layton Memorial Match Race Format and suggestions

1. Shall have 4 boats, if all four are not of the same make and size, attempt to have two each of same make and size. i.e. 2 Cat 25's and 2 cat 22's. The 25's race each other and the 22's race each other.
2. Should have 8 skippers and 16 crew.
3. Suggested fees are \$25 per skipper and \$10 per crew as this is a fund raiser.
4. Draw names for crew of each boat and the first round of competition at the Thunderbird Sailing Club meeting preceding the regatta, this will save time.
5. The last Layton winner shall serve as the Race Chairperson.
6. A scoreboard must be developed to keep count of each race, showing the winners and losers. There should also be a scoreboard on the skipper's boat so the skippers will know the results. The scoreboard shall be developed like a tennis tournament draw.
7. The race is a 'double-elimination' race, two losses and that skipper is out. After first round, there will be a winner's bracket and loser's bracket with loser's continually being eliminated until there is one skipper with no losses and one skipper with one loss. These two will go into the final races.
8. Attention must be paid to the scoreboard in an attempt to match up skippers who have not raced each other and an attempt to keep the same skipper from racing the same boat each race.
9. A boat shall be provided on which the skippers stay between races and as they are eliminated. This boat will be anchored close to the course and to the starboard side of the race committee boat.
10. If there is not enough crew, the skippers, who are not sailing in that particular round, can fill in as crew. There should always be the same number of crew on boats racing each other.
11. The races shall be in the 20-25 minute range, windward leeward or windward, jibe, leeward type course.
12. The races should start early and schedule a break for lunch.
13. Attempts should be made to keep two skippers from racing each other in consecutive races.
14. Consideration should be given for the winning crew, which gets more difficult when two different type boats are in use. The procedure for the winning crew is usually based on the most number of race. This would need to be modified in case of a tie.
15. Attempts should be made to keep a skipper from racing her/his boat in the first round of competition.
16. The rounds will consist of two races, with 5 minutes between starts.
17. Encourage the skippers to keep the race moving by going directly to the skipper's boat after a race to get the new skipper aboard.