

## Long Beach Harbor Series Proposed Changes

Participation in the Long Beach Harbor Series (LBHS) has been declining for years. Over the past several years, many changes have been attempted to increase participation. We have tried sending NORs through PHRF. We have tried different courses. We have tried recruiting other clubs to participate. All to no avail.

After the 2018 series completed, NYCLB proposed changing the LBHS to a “High Point Series.” On Saturday, December 15, 2018, four clubs met at the NYCLB to discuss the proposed Long Beach Harbor High Point Series (LBHHS). Present at the meeting were Deb Kelly (SYCLB), Tony Rietdyk (NYCLB), Bob Hubbard (SYCLB), Ben Smith (LSFYC), and Gary Green.

Currently, skippers can either enter the entire series or individual races. The proposed changes would eliminate the series entry option and require skippers to submit individual race entries to the host club for each High Point Series race. The elimination of the series entries would mean the participating clubs would no longer receive a share of any series entry fees, but each club would see an increase in individual race entry fees. Individual clubs would be responsible for issuing NORs, SIs, course charts, collecting entry fees, posting results, and providing trophies for each of their races.

The proposed changes include eight races for scoring in the Long Beach Harbor High Point Series. The included races are:

**SYCLB April Fool’s Race 3/30/19**  
**SIBYC Ensenada Preview Race 4/13/19**  
**NYCLB Armed Forces Day Race 5/4/19**  
**LSFYC Murray Gordon Memorial Race 6/1/19**  
**LSFYC Beat the Heat Race 7/13/19**  
**SYCLB Dog Days of Summer Race 8/10/19**  
**SIBYC Point Fermin Race 8/24/19**  
**NYCLB All Hands Race 9/21/29**

Any boat entering any of the races included in the LBHHS would automatically be included in the high point standings. Ben Smith has volunteered to score and track the race entries using the following formula:  $((\text{number of boats beat}/\text{number of starters}) * 100) + 10$ . Tony Rietdyk has volunteered to purchase the series’ trophies and present them after the final race at the NYCLB.

Clubs participating in the LBHPS would be required to provide \$20 per race towards the purchase of series' trophies. This cost would be offset by the increased entry fees received for each club's individual races.

The goal of these changes is to increase weekend racing in the Long Beach Harbor.