



2017 Reggae Regatta

Lake Lanier Sailing Club

The Organizing Authority

Flowery Branch, GA

June 17 - 18, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of RRS 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the LLSC Clubhouse.

3.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take place.
- 3.2 For an on the water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed with class flag, if appropriate. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel and via the loudspeaker system. Failure to hear change via VHF radio and/or loudspeaker system will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS as allowed by 90.2(c).

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located in front of the LLSC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag "L" is displayed alone ashore, it means that a notice affecting all competitors has been posted. When flag "L" is displayed over numeral pennant(s) or designated class flag, it means that the notice applies only to those fleets corresponding to numeral pennant(s) or class flag displayed. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes". This changes RRS Race Signals.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES & EVENTS

5.1 Friday, June 16, 2017

1800 – 2000 Pre-Check In and Packet Pick-up (LLSC Clubhouse)

Saturday, June 17, 2016

0900 – 0945 Late Registration, Check-In, Packet Pick-Up

1000 – 1015 Skippers Meeting / Jr. Skippers Meeting

1125 – First Warning Signal

1700 – 1930 Cocktails & Dinner – Food Truck Vendors Available

1730 – Party and Live Music

Sunday, June 18, 2016

1025 – First Warning Signal for Sunday Racing

1325 – No Races started after this time

1330 – Hotdogs at the clubhouse (\$2/hotdog, limited supply)

1400 or ASAP after racing – Awards at LLSC club

5.2 Multiple races are scheduled at the discretion of the race committee. One (1) race for each class shall be completed to constitute a regatta for that class.

5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1325.

6.0 FLEETS

6.1 Fleet flags are detailed in Appendix B. Fleet splits will be announced at skippers meeting.

6.2 For instances where the regatta chairman has designated an additional one-design class or fleet (in addition to Appendix B), the class flag to be utilized may be described on the notice board and will be described on the back of the race committee barge before the 1st warning signal on the 1st day of the regatta. Description of class flag may be removed after the 1st warning signal.

6.2 Dinghies and multihulls under 20' not designated as a one design fleet by the regatta chairman shall be scored by the Portsmouth Yardstick.

6.3 Fleets designated as one-design by the regatta chairman will be scored as one design.

6.4 PHRF and Cruising fleets will be scored by PHRF handicap, time on distance.

7.0 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area is planned for the area known as Chattahoochee Bay off of the club grounds but may extend to the main part of the lake depending on wind conditions. The Junior racing area will be in Chattahoochee Bay.

8.0 THE COURSES

- 8.1 For one-design and Portsmouth fleets, the diagrams in Appendix A illustrate the courses. The course shall be a windward/leeward course, the starting pin shall be to port of the barge and the finish pin shall be to starboard of the barge. All roundings will be to port.
- 8.1.1 There may be a leeward mark or a leeward gate at the discretion of the race committee.
 - 8.1.2 There may be 2 windward marks (a closer and a distant mark), at the discretion of the race committee.
 - 8.1.3 The course designations shall be “WL”, “MWL”, “WLD” or “MWLD” followed by a number indicating the number of laps to be sailed. The “D” suffix indicates a distant windward mark should be rounded.
 - 8.1.4 The leeward mark/gate need not be honored on the final leg to the finish.
- 8.2 For the PHRF and Cruising fleets: Course will be sailed around existing permanent marks and/or temporary marks which will be posted on the back of the barge accompanied by the "L" flag. The starting pin shall be to port of the barge and the finish pin shall be to starboard of the barge.
- 8.3 The race committee may broadcast the course. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 Courses shall be posted on the back of the barge accompanied by the “L” flag.

9.0 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks for the windward/leeward course will normally be orange tetrahedrons. Small tetrahedrons or colored “Hippity Hop” balls may be used for the start and finish pins. In the event of a course change, the new windward mark may be a yellow or orange tetrahedron depending on the mark availability.
- 9.2 Marks for an “around the lake” course may include government marks, LLSC racing marks and temporary marks. A mark designated with a number, i.e. “16T”, will indicate a temporary mark near government mark “16”.

10.0 CHECK IN

- 10.1 Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail number. They shall continue to do so until their sail number is verbally acknowledged by the race committee.
- 10.2 Boats failing to check in accordance with 10.1 may be given a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that class without a hearing. (This changes RRS A5). This will apply to each boat’s first race of the day.

11.0 THE START

- 11.1 Races on the PHRF course will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The dinghy and junior race committees may use a 3 minute sequence. This changes RRS 26.

- 11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the port side of the barge and the course side of port end starting mark.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12.0 RECALLS

- 12.1 The RC may attempt broadcast the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately or the order of boat(s) hailed will not be grounds for a granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 14.2 The race committee may adjust the angle of a gate without making any signals.
- 14.3 If a gate mark is missing, the remaining gate mark will be rounded to port.

15.0 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish line will be between an blue flag on the starboard side of the barge and the course side of starboard end finish mark.
- 15.2 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound signal, at the finish means "no more racing today".

16.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

17.0 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 For the PHRF fleets: If no boat in a fleet finishes within two hours of her start, the race for that fleet may be abandoned.
- 17.2 For the One Design/Portsmouth Fleets: If no boat in a fleet finishes within one hour of her start, the race for that fleet may be abandoned
- 17.3 For the Cruising Fleet: The time limit for the first boat in a fleet to sail the course and finish is three hours.
- 17.4 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the second boat in a fleet to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 finishes will scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.2, and A5.

18.0 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 61 and additionally report to the Race Committee (signal boat or finish boat) as soon as possible after finishing, giving the race committee its sail number and the sail number(s) of the protested boat(s). This changes RRS 61.
- 18.2 Protest forms are available at the LLSC Pavilion. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.3 Protest Time Limit: Protest Time Limit for each course shall be sixty minutes after the official docking time of the RC for each course.
- 18.4 Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress.
- 18.5 Protests will be heard approximately in order of posting as soon as possible a designated protest hearing area or room.
- 18.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18.8 On last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 18.9 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

20.0 SCORING

- 20.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 20.2 Low Point Scoring is modified to all scores will be counted except when six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its scores excluding its worst score subject to 90.3(b). This changes A2.1.
- 20.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. The total shall not exceed the total number of boats in that class. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 20.3 If a boat requesting redress for OCS is not granted redress, the score in that race shall not be excluded. This changes SI 20.1(b), RRS 90.3 and A2.

21.0 SAFETY

21.1 Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and, by participation, agrees to sail and use the LLSC facilities at his or her own risk.

Neither LLSC nor persons assisting with the conduct of races shall be responsible for damage or injury suffered during races or related activities.

21.2 A boat that retires from a race, leaves the course area or returns to the course area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible .

28.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

28.1 Communications for competitors will be on VHF channel 69 and/or 71.

30.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

30.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS4, Decision to race). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

30.3 LLSC, the Reggae Regatta, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.

30.4 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest which, may include disqualification from the regatta.

APPENDIX A

COURSE “WL” (or “WLD”)

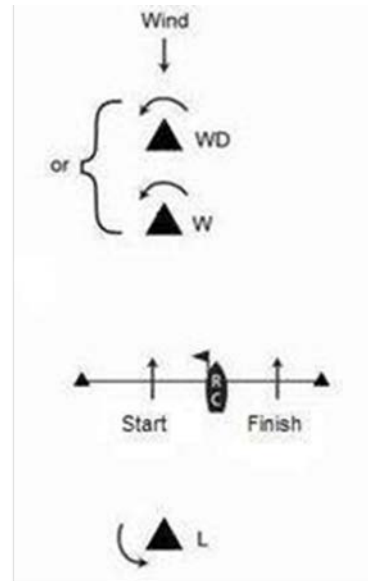


A number following the course designation indicates the number of “laps” in the course. On the final leg, approaching the finish line, the leeward mark does not need to be rounded. WL course indicates W mark should be rounded. WLD course indicates WD (distant) mark should be rounded.

Examples: (no WD)

- WL1 - 1 lap in the following order
Start-W-Finish
- WL2 - 2 laps in the following order
Start-W-L-W-Finish
- WL3 - 3 laps in the following order
Start-W-L-W-L-W-Finish

COURSE “MWL” (or “MWLD”)

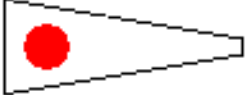

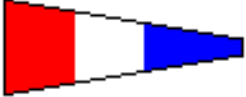








A number following the course designation indicates the number of “laps” in the course. The Start/Finish area is a “closed gate” when sailing from L to W or WD.

Examples: (no WD)

- MWL1 - 1 lap in the following order:
Start-W-L-Finish
- MWL2 - 2 laps in the following order
Start-W-L-W-L-Finish
- MWL3 - 3 laps in the following order
Start-W-L-W-L-W-L-Finish

APPENDIX B

1		Sport Boats
2		Melges 24
3		PHRF Spin – Low
4		PHRF Spin – Mid
5		PHRF Spin – High
6		Multihulls
7		PHRF Non Spin
8		Cruisers (Non-Spin only)
9		Portsmouth Dinghies