



The OYC Wednesday Night Series

Lake Norman, NC

A Lakewide Event

April 18 through August 22, 2018

Organizing Authority & Host: Outrigger Yacht Club



Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
 - 1.1.1 In particular, competitors will be well familiar with and adhere strictly to the “Basic Principles”, the entirety of Part 2 - “When Boats Meet”, RRS 31 – “Touching a Mark” and RRS 44 - “Penalties at the Time of an Incident”.
- 1.2 The Lake Norman Keelboat Council (LNKC) Lakewide Sailing Instructions (LSI) and Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications apply. These can be found on <http://www.lnkc.com>
- 1.3 Competitors agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This is a Lakewide event. The LSI apply.

3 RACE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 All registrants agree to perform Race Committee (RC)/Committee Boat (CB) duty as an entry requirement. Every registrant will be assigned to Committee Boat duty over the course of the series. This requires being at Peninsula Yacht Club by 4:30pm on one Wednesday during the series to perform RC/CB duty.
- 3.2 Any registrant who indicates on their registration that they are not completely qualified and comfortable running the Committee Boat must attend one of three Committee Boat training sessions that will be scheduled between the first and second races of the series. If such a registrant cannot attend one of those sessions, it is their responsibility to contact the race organizer and arrange a time for training. Failure to attend training will result in not fulfilling Committee Boat duty and not being eligible to drop any scores in the calculation series total per 12.2.
- 3.3 Participants will perform RC duty on their appointed date or provide/arrange for qualified personnel having experience and success performing such duty to do so on their behalf. Under no circumstance may a participant race on their appointed date for RC duty. Participants who provide/arrange for someone else to perform their duty are still required to perform RC duty on another race date by contacting the race organizer to be rescheduled.
- 3.4 A boat entered by a participant who performs RC duties during a race in which that boat does not participate will be awarded points for that race equal to the average score (rounded to one decimal place) of all races that boat raced in the Series, but not to exceed the number of boats that raced that race. A boat may receive a maximum of two average scores for the series.

4 REGISTRATION & FEES

- 4.1 Registration is available online only at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15866>
- 4.2 Registration and payment must be completed by 5PM of the Sunday before the registrant’s first race to be sailed.
- 4.3 Non-US Sailing Member Fee \$80. US-Sailing Members - \$5 discount.

5 CLASSES

- 5.1 Competitors must register for a Division within either the spinnaker or non-spinnaker fleet. These Divisions may be further divided.
 - 5.1.1 There will be two Divisions within the spinnaker fleet. These divisions may be further divided:
 - **Sport Boat racer:** Any competitor with a sport boat PHRF certificate from LNKC intending to race with a spinnaker must enter in this division.
 - **Traditional Spinnaker racer:** Any competitor with an S-spin or A-spin PHRF certificate from LNKC intending to race with a spinnaker must enter in this division.
 - 5.1.2 There will be two Divisions within the Non-Spinnaker fleet. These divisions may be further divided:
 - **Non-Spinnaker Racer:** Any boat intending to race without a spinnaker may enter in this division.
 - **Cruiser:** Any boat intending to race without a spinnaker and seeking a less competitive race experience may enter in this division, subject to Race Organizer’s discretion. Competitors in this division are expected to be less

experienced racers, less well equipped boats or in other ways in need of a racing experience that is lower intensity than the Non-Spinnaker Racer Division.

- 5.1.2** Competitors may change their fleet / division declaration during the Series, subject to Race Organizer's discretion, by contacting the race organizer. There is no additional fee for changing fleets.

6 CHANGING BOATS

- 6.1** Competitors may change boats by submitting an additional completed Entry Form and fee.
- 6.1.2** The new boat will be scored separately from the original in tallying Series totals.
- 6.1.3** The boat being changed from will be retired for the rest of the Series.
- 6.1.4** Competitors can change boats only once per Series.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1** Warning Signals – 6:25:00PM Wednesday evenings, April 18, 2018 through August 22, 2018.
- 7.2** Awards celebration date, time and place to be announced.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1** The location of the starting line will vary depending on the direction of each week's wind.
- 8.2** Locations may be as far North as the vicinity of Channel Markers 3 and D4 or as far South as the vicinity of Channel Marker 1A
- 8.3** Approximate location of each week's starting area will be announced by 4:00pm on Wednesday using the email and text contact information provided by competitors at sign up. It is competitors' responsibility to access that information.
- 8.4** This changes LSI 10.3.

9 COURSES

- 9.1** The LSI apply with the following revisions:
- 9.2** LSI 7.3 is revised: RC may signal one course for Sport Boat, Traditional Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Racer Divisions under Flag 1 and a separate course for Cruiser Division(s) under Flag 3 on distinct flagstuffs.
- 9.3** LSI 7.7 is revised: The number of times to round the marks in any course that includes "P" and/or "T" marks will be signaled by a numerical flag.
- Examples: R-P-2 = R-P-R-finish
W-P-3 = W-P-W-P-W-finish
W-B-P-2 = W-B-P-W-B-finish
W-T-2 = W-T-W-T-finish
W-B-T-2 = W-B-T-W-B-T-finish
- 9.4** The Committee Boat will attempt to make a courtesy announcement of each evening's course(s) on VHF 69 before the check in flag (Flag 3) is removed. This is a courtesy only and failure by the Committee Boat to make this countdown is not grounds for redress.

10 THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The class flag for the Spinnaker Fleet will be Flag 1 and all divisions of the Spinnaker Fleet will be in the first start. The class flag for the Non-Spinnaker Fleet will be Flag 2 and all divisions of the Non-Spinnaker Fleet will be in the second start. This changes LSI 10.1.
- 10.2** Committee Boat will attempt to provide a courtesy countdown on VHF 69 leading up to its removing the check in flag (Flag 3). Per LSI 9.2, the RRS 26 starting sequence will begin one minute later with the raising of the Numeral Flag 1 for the first start. This is a courtesy only and failure by the Committee Boat to make this countdown is not grounds for redress.
- 10.3** If a General Recall of the Spinnaker Fleet is signaled by the Race Committee, the restart for that fleet will follow the start for the Non-Spinnaker Fleet.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1** All races, if not concluded earlier, will end promptly at 8:30:00 PM.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** The PHRF Handicap System will be used and the Time on Time Low Point Scoring System will apply. A boat that does not finish within the time limit will be scored points one more than the number of boats that finished that race and a

boat that did not start, was disqualified, or retired will be scored one more than the number of boats that started that race. This changes RRS A9.

- 12.2** For every competitor that fulfills their assigned Committee Boat duty per Section 3, their best scores in 75% of the races conducted (rounded to an integer; .5 will be rounded up) will be added up to calculate their Series total. For example, if 16 races are conducted, the 12 best scores for each boat will be added up to calculate their series total. For any competitor that does not fulfill their assigned Committee Boat duty per Section 3, all of their scores in the series will be added up to calculate their series total.
- 12.3** Abandoned races will not be rescheduled.
- 12.4** Six races will constitute a Regatta.
- 12.5** Should the boat's PHRF rating be changed during the course of the event, the new rating will be applied for the remaining races.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Competitors are encouraged to resolve all protests on the water according to the *Rules*.
- 13.2** Protests will be lodged per LSI instructions.
- 13.3** Scores will be posted but labeled as "Tentative" until any protests are resolved.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1** Prizes will be awarded based on the number of competitors in each division as follows: 2-4 boats – 1 prize, 5-7 boats – 2 prizes, 8 or more boats – 3 prizes
- 14.2** Winners who do not attend the series-end awards ceremony are responsible for making arrangements to obtain their prize.

15 WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

- 15.1** Participants may check for notification of weather cancellations at or before 4pm on races days by going to the Notices tab in the Regatta Network link where they registered for the race.
- 15.2** Competitors will provide a mobile/cellular phone number so that RC can text them with status updates at or after 4PM. This changes LSI 5.1.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1** Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 – 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 event.

17 CONTACTS

- 17.1** There will be no skipper's meeting. Entrants with questions may contact Race Chairman Bruce Onsager by phone at (630) 618-8171 or by email at bonsager@stratcappartnership.com.

18 CREW

- 18.1** Those requiring crew or looking for an opportunity to crew should post to the "Crew and Boat Forum" at www.outriggeryachtclub.org.

Last changes reviewed and approved by OYC Racing Committee – February 28, 2018