



2020 THURSDAY NIGHT FALL SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.
- 1.3 Competitors may sail different boats but each boat will be scored separately.
- 1.4 The US Sailing Prescriptions of Appendix V (Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution) Rules V1 and V2 will be in effect.
- 1.5 RRS A2.1 is modified so that if less than six races are completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. If six or more races are completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 1.6 Competitors are reminded that they must follow local, state, and federal rules on safety related to Covid-19.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Network Notice Board at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21132>.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No signals will be made ashore.
- 4.2 In the event of inclement weather the Race Committee may postpone or abandon in the LNYC harbor. The Race Committee will make an attempt to notify competitors via VHF radio.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Every Thursday evening starting August 13th and ending October 1st.

Day	Time	Event
Thursday	1800	1 st Warning

6. CLASS FLAGS AND COURSE SIGNALS

- 6.1 Spinnaker Keelboat will be numeral pennant 1.
- 6.2 Non-Spinnaker Keelboat will be numeral pennant 2.
- 6.3 Centerboard / Portsmouth will be numeral pennant 3.
- 6.4 The course will be displayed using a board on both sides of the signal boat.

7. MANDATORY CHECK IN

- 7.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing by the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing until acknowledged. Failure to check in may result in not being scored.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 Mark W will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 8.2 Mark P is the Start / Finish Pin. It will be a white staff with an orange flag in a white ball.
- 8.3 Marks R and D are permanent marks as described in the Lake Norman Lakewide Sailing Instructions available at <http://lnkc.com/>. If the permanent mark is missing it will be replaced with an orange tetrahedron.
- 8.4 All Marks shall be left to port.
- 8.5 All channel markers must be passed on the channel side.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 9.3 A boat starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start".

10. CHANGES IN COURSE AFTER THE START (refer to RRS 33)

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The US Sailing Prescriptions of Appendix V (Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution) Rules V1 and V2 will be in effect.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the races will be 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention as soon as reasonably possible after finishing.
- 14.2 Protests shall be emailed to Tim Porter (porter.timothym@gmail.com)
- 14.3 Protest time limit is 24 hours from the start of the race.
- 14.4 An in-person protest hearing will not be held. If needed it will be virtual.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except RRS A2.1 is modified so that if less than six races are completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. If six or more races are completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.2 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 15.3 A TLE score will be the total of the boats finishing plus two.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

17. FUNDAMENTAL RULES AND SAFETY

- 17.1 The Race Committee will monitor and communicate using VHF Channel 72.
- 17.2 Each boat is reminded of RRS Part 1 - Fundamental Rules.
- 17.3 In the event a boat retires, she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4 There will be only one committee boat. Boats should use their best judgement regarding inclement weather and high winds.

18. COURSES

- 18.1 Course 1: Start – R – Finish (3.0 NM)
- 18.2 Course 3: Start – D – Finish (4.6 NM)
- 18.3 Course 5: Start - W – R – Finish (~5.5 NM)
- 18.4 Course W2: Start – W – Finish
- 18.5 Course W4: Start – W – P – W – Finish