

2015 Reggae Regatta

Lake Lanier Sailing Club

The Organizing Authority

Flowery Branch, GA

June 19 – 21, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 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. This changes RRS Race Signals.

4 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), it means that the notice applies only to those fleets corresponding to numeral pennant(s) 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 SCHEDULE OF RACES & EVENTS

5.1 Fri, June 19

- 1800 – 2000 Registration and check-in
- 2000 – Skippers meeting

Sat, June 20

- 1030 – First warning (all courses)
- 1800 – Dinner
- 2000 – Fly Betty Band

Sun, June 21

- 1030 – First warning (all courses)

1330 – No starts after this time

1530 - Awards

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 FLEETS

6.1 Fleet splits and class flags are detailed in Appendix B.

6.2 Dinghies and multihulls under 20' shall be scored by the Portsmouth Yardstick.

6.3 Melges 24s and Optis will be scored as one design.

6.4 All other fleets will be scored by PHRF handicap, time on distance.

7 RACING AREA

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

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A illustrate the course. The course shall be a windward/leeward course, the leeward mark shall be in front of the RC barge, 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.

8.2 There may be a leeward mark or a leeward gate at the discretion of the race committee.

8.3 There may be 2 windward marks, at the discretion of the race committee.

8.4 **The course designations shall be “W” or “DW” followed by a number indicating the number of laps to be sailed.** “W” will specify windward mark or short windward mark and “DW” will specify distant windward mark.

8.5 The leeward mark/gate need not be honored on the final leg to the finish.

8.6 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).

8.7 The cruising and/or the non-spin fleets may sail a course commonly referred as an “around the lake” course.

8.8 Courses shall be posted on the back of the barge accompanied by the “L” flag.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks for the windward/leeward course will normally be orange tetrahedrons. Orange or yellow balls may be used for the start and finish pins. In the event of a course change, the new windward mark will be a yellow tetrahedron, which will become the windward mark for subsequent races.

Additional course adjustments will alternate orange and yellow tetrahedrons.

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 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 will 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. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 11.2 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. The starting mark will be an inflatable buoy.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races
- 11.4 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 RECALLS

- 12.1 The RC will attempt broadcast the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start.
- 12.2 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 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will 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 will 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 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finish will be on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line a blue flag on the starboard side of the barge, and the course side of an inflatable buoy.
- 15.2 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "no more racing today".

16 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.

17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 The time limit for the first boat in a fleet to sail the course and finish is two hours..
- 17.2 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 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: Will begin when the race committee boat docks and ends sixty minutes later. The race committee shall post the docking time on the official notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the

Hearing.)

- 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 in the protest 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 SCORING

- 20.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 20.2 (a) when fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- (b) When six(6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of it's scores excluding it's worst score.
- 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 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. 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 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 28.1 Communications for competitors will be on VHF channel 69.

30. 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



DW



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Leeward Mark or Gate

RC



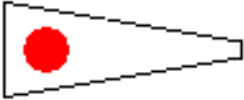

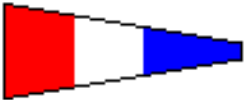

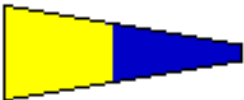




START



FINISH



APPENDIX B

1		Sport Boats
2		Melges 24
3		PHRF Spin – Low <150
4		PHRF Spin – Mid 150 - 180
5		PHRF Spin – High >180
6		Multihulls
7		PHRF Non Spin <170
8		Cruisers >170
9		Portsmouth Dinghies