

LMYRA 2017 Spring Series Sailing Instructions (SI)

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The series shall be governed by "The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020" except as modified by this SI.
- 1.2 Boats shall be entered by completing a registration form, receiving a PHRF handicap and paying the current series race registration fee.
- 1.3 A boat whose registered skipper is on the race committee (RC) for scoring credit shall not compete on that day.
- 1.4 All boats shall obey their respective class rules unless noted and approved on the PHRF Rating Form. Each boat shall display identification numbers consistent with the numbers provided on the registration form to LMYRA on the mainsail and on any headsail greater than 145 percent.
- 1.5 If a sail number change is made on a boat, the boat shall notify RC at check-in providing the old sail number and the new sail number.
- 1.6 Only one headsail shall be flown at a time. Spinnakers are not headsails. Exceptions may be made for cutter rigs. Staysails in the foretriangle are considered headsails.
- 1.7 Whisker poles shall be fixed to, or otherwise in contact with, the mast. Each boat is permitted only one sail inventory change (a size change that would affect ratings, e.g., changing from a 110 percent to a 130 or 155 percent genoa) per series. The Ratings Committee Chairman (RCC) must receive notification of any sail change in sail inventory at least 72 hours prior to the race in which the sail is effective. Skippers should notify RCC Wayne Hale - Cell: (803)-315-6917, lmraphrf@gmail.com.
- 1.8 Any boat using sails not conforming to those registered may be subject to disqualification by the Protest Committee after a hearing initiated by the RCC.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 EACH SKIPPER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND ACTIONS OF HIS/HER BOAT AND CREW.
- 2.2 Each skipper shall make their own decision to sail or not to sail in rough conditions (RRS 4).
- 2.3 Boats shall comply with all applicable laws regarding required items of safety including, but not limited to wearable, approved life jackets (PFD) for each person on board. A throwable device must be accessible for instant use.
- 2.4 It shall be the responsibility of individual skippers and sailors to decide whether or not to wear life jackets.
- 2.5 Each boat shall have a working motor and enough fuel to return to harbor.
- 2.6 It is the obligation of any boat that withdraws to notify the RC, if possible. You may use **VHF Radio Channel 66**. Please refrain from using Channel 66 when the RC is conducting starts.
- 2.7 Each boat should have a VHF radio on board tuned to receive safety info and RC communications on Channel 66. While LMYRA strongly suggests that each boat have a working radio, non-compliance will not be grounds for protest or disqualification.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SI

- 3.1 Competitors shall be notified of any changes to this SI by e-mail one week prior to taking effect.
- 3.2 If a scheduled race is cancelled by the RC for any reason, the RC will e-mail to the competitors by 0900 of the day of the race. Failure to receive the notice is not grounds for redress.
- 3.3 Once on station, RC will attempt to transmit countdowns, course changes, etc. before and during the race on Ch 66 per RRS 41.c.
- 3.4 Changes to the SI may be given on the water from the RC signal boat orally or on VHF Ch 66 when the "L" flag ("come within hail") is hoisted with one sound before the next warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The "L" flag will be lowered when, in the opinion of the RC, all competitors have been hailed. Failure of competitor to receive and understand the change is not grounds for redress.

4. SCHEDULE

Race No.	DATE	COURSE	STARTING AREA
	Feb 10	Skippers Meeting	1830 at Columbia Sailing Club
1	Feb 18	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
2	Mar 4	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
3 & 4	Mar 11	Buoy	Between Dam & Jim Spence Islands
5	Mar 18	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
6 & 7	Apr 8	Buoy	Between Dam & Jim Spence Islands
8	Apr 22	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
9	May 13	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166) ← WPYC "Sail to the Pig"

5. **CHECK IN:** Before the first warning signal of the day, each boat will sail pass 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. If a second buoy race is run no additional check in is required.
6. **STARTING TME:** First gather signal (multiple sounds) at 1059. The starting order will be determined by the RC.
No starting sequence will be started after 2:00pm.

7. **STARTING FLAGS:**

Non-spinnaker boats start	Class Flag is #1 Pennant (Red Circle on White)
Spinnaker boats start	Class Flag is #3 Pennant (Vertical Red, White and Blue Stripes)

STARTING SIGNALS (RRS Rule 26):

Minutes Before Starting Signal	Signal	Flag/Pennants	Sound SIGNAL
6	Fleet Gather (1 st start only)	None	Multiple Short Sounds
5	Warning	Class pennant	1 Sound
4	Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	1 Sound
1	One-Minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 Long Sound
0	Starting	Class pennant removed	1 Sound

7.1 For buoy races the second race starting sequence may start immediately after the finish of the first race.

7.2 RC may change order of starts and/or combine classes for any start. **Always be alert for your class flag.**

8. THE START FINISH LINE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL BOATS EXCEPT WHEN RC DISPLAYS MARK G (Gate between yellow buoy and RC). RC will attempt to warn all competitors on the radio when Mark G is used.

9. MARKS AND COURSES:

9.1 MARKS. All rounding marks shall be orange tetrahedrons or islands (see attached map).

9.2 COURSES. The course shall be displayed on the rear of the RC boat prior to the Warning Signal. Starting and finishing marks may be on either side of the RC Boat. RC may choose a different course for each class(es) start by posting the course at the stern of the RC signal boat before the class warning signal.

10. STARTING: The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the RC boat and a yellow tetrahedron. The starting area for buoy races shall be between the dam and Jim Spence and Goat Islands. For island races the starting line will be shoal markers 293 and 294 (old 166 marker at N 34 deg. 04.15, W 81 deg. 16.78). Follow RRS 24.1: If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing (boats within 4 fours minutes of their start).

11. FINISHING: The finish line shall be between an orange flag on the RC Boat and a yellow tetrahedron unless the course is shortened.

12. RACE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS: RC will attempt to communicate to boats using VHF, CH 66. Postponements, Individual recalls, General recalls, Shorten course, Abandonment, and Change of course will be announced on VHF after the appropriate sound signals and flags have been displayed on the RC boat. RC will attempt to notify competitors at the rounding marks of changes using the safety boat. However, failure to receive an RC announcement on the radio by a competitor is not grounds for the competitor to ask for redress.

13. RACE COMMITTEE FLAGS AND SIGNALS:

POSTPONEMENT: RRS 27.3 - **Answering pennant** (red and white vertical bars) and two sound signals. This signal shall be lowered with one sound signal one (1) minute before warning signal for the next start.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL: RRS 29.1 - Hoisting of **Code Flag X** (blue cross on white field) and one sound signal immediately after the starting signal shall indicate that one or more yachts have started prematurely or have infringed Rule 30.1 one minute rule. The RC may attempt to hail each yacht that is over early by either hailing and/or using Channel 66.

GENERAL RECALL: RRS 29.2 - **First Substitute** (blue pennant with yellow triangle) and two sound signals Shall indicate a general recall for all starting yachts. This signal will be lowered with one sound signal sixty (60) seconds before a new start is begun.

CHANGE NEXT LEG OF COURSE: RRS 33 – **Code Flag C** (blue, white and red horizontal stripes) and two sound signals.

SHORTEN COURSE: RRS 32 - **Code Flag S** (square, white field with blue center) and two sound signals.

ABANDONMENT: RRS 32.1 - **Code Flag N** (checkered blue and white squares) and three sound signals. An abandoned race may be re-sailed at a later time or date.

14. SHORTEN COURSE:

14.1 The RC may shorten to a mark of the course or on any point on the rumblin between two marks.

14.2 If the race is shortened to an island, a mark shall be set at one end of the finish and the RC boat at the other end in close vicinity of the island.

14.3 If the race is shortened to a point on the rhumb line between two marks (or islands), the signal to shorten shall be made to notify all boats and a new finish line will be set up on the rhumb line. Modifies RRS 32.1 & 32.2.

15. TIME LIMITS: RRS 35 – For buoy races the time limit is 1.5 hours for each class. For island races the time limit is 3 hours for each class. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first place boat in their class will be given an arbitrary estimated finish time based on the boats progress observed by the RC when the time limit is reached. The time recorded, will be used by the scorer to determine the boat's corrected finishing place time. The estimated finish time given to a boat is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.

16. PROTESTS: The protesting boat must:

16.1 **Immediately hail "Protest" and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 61.1a) to inform the offending boat that she is being protested.** (This gives the offending boat a chance to acknowledge and exonerate themselves). Failure to hail protest and display a red flag ASAP will result in your protest being rejected.

16.2 **If possible, verbally report your intent to file a valid protest (19.3) to the RC** immediately after finishing giving your sail number and the sail numbers you are protesting. Failure to do so will not invalidate your protest.

16.3 **File the protest in writing** (as required by RRS 61) and postmarked no later than Monday following the race to the Protest Committee Chairman. E-mailing the protest is also acceptable but must be received by Monday night.

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY:

- 17.1** If you accept responsibility for the protest, then, you shall make two complete 360 degree turns (two tacks and two gybes) in the same direction at the first reasonable opportunity per RRS 44. You must notify the RC of your turns when you finish. However, if you caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by your breach your penalty shall be to retire.
- 17.2** If you touch an anchored or finish mark (RRS 31), you shall exonerate yourself by promptly making a 360 turn penalty. However, if your boat has gained a significant advantage in the race by touching the mark your penalty shall be to retire (RRS 44).

18. SCORING:

- 18.1** Boats that came to the starting area but did not *start* - DNS, on course side - OCS, did not finish – DNF, retired after *finishing* – RET or was disqualified - DSQ shall be scored one more than the number of the boats in its division that came to the starting area and checked-in. A boat that did not come to the starting area and check in shall be scored – DNC shall be scored one more than the number of boats entered in the series in its division (RRS A9: RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA).
- 18.2** A registered skipper shall be given a 1st place for the 1st race of the day when they do RC. If a second race is scheduled and completed the skipper's boat will be scored DNS for the second race.
- 18.3** A maximum of three registered skippers can get credit for any given race day.
- 18.4** A registered skipper's boat shall be scored for only one day of volunteer RC work per series.
- 18.5** Series ties will be broken per RRS Appendix A8
- 18.6** When boats have checked in and the race is postponed and not sailed or is abandoned not resailed the same day, a checked in boat shall be given a score of one more than the number of boats that checked in their division.
- 18.7** The number of races that will be counted will be determined by the following table:

Number of races sailed Scored Races counted for series total

9	6
8	5
7	5
6	4
5	4
4	3

19. LETTER DESIGNATIONS FOR DROP MARKS AND ISLANDS:

- A** = Orange buoy south of the large tower at the **Dam**
- B** = Orange buoy between **Lands End** and the dam
- C** = **Counts Island** (Wessinger Island)
- D** = **Doolittle Island** (Lunch, Bomb)
- E** = Orange buoy in front of **Susie Ebert Island**
- F** = Cross the finishing line (orange flag on RC boat & a yellow tetrahedron) in the direction of the course from the last mark.
- G** = Sail through (start and finish line) to next mark.
- J** = **Jim Spence Island**
- K** = Orange buoy west of **Rocky Key**
- L** = Orange buoy leeward from upwind mark "W"
- M** = **Midway Islands** (both island and all shoals)
- S** = Orange buoy north of **Spence Key**
- W** = Orange buoy directly upwind from the starting line

Note: Boats shall not sail through the slot between Goat Island & Mainland.

20. COURSES: RC will display the course using the letters listed above on the signal boat stern and announced on VHF Ch 66.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WITH ANY QUESTIONS:

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