# 2017 Labor Day Regatta September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 LAKE NORMAN YACHT CLUB ATB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



# 1. <u>Rules</u>

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority.

1.3 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

- US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 9.3 Definition START adds as the last sentence: A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.
- 9.5 RRS 62.1(a) adds: For the purpose of OCS, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail promptly or accurately or failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## 2. <u>Notices to Competitors</u>

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board located at the LNYC Race Management Center.

## 3. <u>Changes in Sailing Instructions</u>

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than one hour before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect, or immediately after the Competitors' Meeting, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag "L" in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes communicated must be made before the warning signal for the affected class/classes.

## 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag mast in front of the LNYC Race Management Center.

4.2 Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant - red/white vertical stripes) with two sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

4.3 When a change to the Sailing Instructions is posted on the Official Bulletin Board, the change will be indicated by flying an "L" flag. Additional changes will be signaled by adding a numeral pennant ("2" for the second change, etc.).

## 5. <u>Schedule of Races</u>

| Day & Date | Time | Event   |
|------------|------|---|
| Sat Sept 2 | 1000 | Competitors' Meeting  |
| Sat Sept 2 | 1115 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning, first race of the day SJ 21 North American's; other races to follow. |
| Sat Sept 2 | 1130 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning, first race of the day all other fleets; other races to follow.       |
| Sun Sept 3 | 0945 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning, first race of the day SJ 21 North American's; other races to follow. |
| Sun Sept 3 | 0955 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning, first race of the day all other fleets; other races to follow.       |
| Sun Sept 3 | 1400 | No race will start after this time.   |

## 6. Class and Course Signals

6.1 Warning Signals for the starting sequence of each start will be class flags for SJ 21 classes and numeral pennants for all other classes. Starts will be assigned at the competitors meeting.

6.2 Class flags for each fleet will be posted at the end of registration on the Official Bulletin Board and will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting.

6.3 Course signals will be displayed on both sides of the Signal boat. The course designation indicates the number of legs the course is to be sailed. The attached figures show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be rounded. The distance between marks 1 and 1a does not constitute a leg of the course.

## 7. Mandatory Check In

Each boat shall check in by sailing by the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing its sail number before the first warning signal each day. It shall continue to do so until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to check in may result in not being scored.

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# 8. <u>Marks</u>

- 8.1 Mark 1 and leeward 2P/S gates will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 1a will be a small green tetrahedron.
- 8.2 New marks when used in accordance with Instruction 10, "Changes in course after the start", will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.3 The starting mark will be a white buoy and staff with an orange flag.
- 8.4 The finishing mark will be a white buoy and staff with an orange flag.

## 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 later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This addition is made to definition of START by adding it as the last sentence to the current definition of START.

9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.5 For the purpose of OCS, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail promptly or accurately or failure of the boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This sentence is added to RRS 62.1(a).

## 10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10.2 There will be no offset mark accompanying a change mark.

## 11. <u>The Finish</u>

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

11.2 The Finish boat will display a blue "on station" flag to signify it is ready to score boats finishing

11.3 Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

## 12. Time Limit

12.1 The time limit for the lead boat, within its fleet, to reach mark 1 will be 30 minutes, and 90 minutes for the lead boat to sail the course and finish.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the lead boat in its fleet has finished may be assigned a finish place equal to two places more than the last boat in that Fleet with a recorded finish.

12.3 The race committee will attempt to notify boats whose time limit has expired.

## 13. Protests and Requests for Redress

13.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Management Center. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit, which will begin at the time the race committee docks and end 60 minutes later. The race committee will sound one sound signal upon arrival at the dock, signifying the beginning of the protest period.

13.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible in the upper level of the Race Management Center.

13.3 Notices will be posted on the official bulletin board within 15 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is each skipper's responsibility to check these notices and report for the hearing as notified.

## 14. <u>Scoring</u>

14.1 One race must be completed to constitute a Regatta..

14.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A2.1 will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## 15. <u>Prizes</u>

Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

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## 16. Safety Regulations

16.1 In the event a boat retires; she shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.2 Each boat shall be equipped with all required safety gear and is subject to inspection by the Race Committee. Failure to have proper equipment required by its Class could result in disqualification from a race or the Regatta.

#### 17. Radio Communications

17.1 Radios are to be used for emergency use only. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and other forms of electronic communication. A boat is not allowed to call the Race Committee except for emergency, safety issues, or if it is retiring from the race(s).

17.2 Race committee will use VHF Channel 71 for the purpose of communicating with competitors.

#### 18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

