



PENINSULA YACHT CLUB

Pop Up Race Series 2019

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

An Open PHRF Event for Keelboats on Lake Norman Hosted by the Peninsula Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the Lake Norman Keelboat Council (LNKC) Lakewide Sailing Instructions (LSI).
- 1.2 The LNKC Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications will apply.
- 1.3 LNKC Sailing Instructions are available at www.lnkc.com
- 1.4 Changes to Racing Rules to allow use of a Rabbit Start:
 - i Rule 7: Reporting to the Race Committee
 - ii Rule 8: The Start & Racing
 - iii Rule 5.3 Radio Communications

2 Registration & Fees

- 2.1 Competitors may enter at any time during the Series by registering on Regatta Network's Event Website <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18604>
- 2.2 There are no entry fees for this Series

3 Schedule of Races

- 3.1 Race dates will be determined by the PYC Race Committee when wind conditions are predicted as favorable (minimum sustained wind speed of 8 knots)
- 3.2 At least 48 hours in advance of a potential race, competitors will be notified via Regatta Network's notice to registrants. This announcement will also include the time of first warning.
- 3.3 No later than 1800 on the night preceding the potential race date, all competitors will be notified of race status via email broadcast using Regatta Network's message board.

4 Duties of Registrants

- 4.1 **No later than 1700 on the night preceding the scheduled race, all competitors must notify their "intentions to race" to the PYC Race Committee by emailing John Kosicki at johnkosicki@gmail.com**
- 4.2 Competitors are encouraged to check race status on Regatta Network's message board

5 Racing Area

- 5.1 and 5.2 LSI will not apply
- 5.3 LSI 5.3 Radio Communications

6 Courses

- 6.1 The LSI will apply

7 Reporting to the Race Committee

- 7.1 **Per the LSI: "Each competing boat shall properly report to the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to starting its first race of each day. Failure to do so shall result in no record of her start (DNS)."**
- 7.2 **In a Rabbit Start, each competing boat may check in VIA Channel 69.**
- 8 **The Start (2 options)**
 - 8.1 **Committee Boat (Signal Boat) Start**
 1. **There will be one start for all classes. The Class Flag will be the Numeral Flag 1. This changes LSI 10.1.**
 2. **The START will be conducted under RRS 26.**
 3. **Course signals will be displayed on Course Boards.**
 4. **First Warning for all Races will be announced in accordance with 3.2 above.**
 - 8.2 **Rabbit Start**
 1. **If a race committee boat is not conducting the start as described in 8.1, then the race will use a Rabbit Start. (see attachment to this NOR/SI)**
 2. **First Warning (approximate starting time) for all Races will be announced in accordance with 3.2 above.**
 3. **At start minus 10 minutes, the rabbit boat is near the starting mark reaching on port tack (the starting mark will be announced over VHF Channel 69)**
 4. **At start minus 7½ minutes, the rabbit comes about.**
 5. **At start minus 5 minutes, the rabbit is in the vicinity of the starting mark reaching on starboard.**
 6. **At start minus 2½ minutes, the rabbit comes about.**
 7. **At start time, the rabbit will be in the vicinity of the starting mark and will harden up on port tack.**
 8. **Boats start by passing between the rabbit's stern and the starting mark. At all times the rabbit has the right of way until all boats have started, at which time the rabbit is considered to have started.**
 9. **PYC Race Committee will sound a horn and record state time.**
- 9 **Scoring**
 - 9.1 **The PHRF Handicap System will be used and the Time on Time Low Point Scoring System applies**
- 10 **Time Limit**
 - 10.1 **Each race of the series will have a time limit of 90 minutes after the Start.**
- 11 **Protests and Request for Redress**
 - 11.1 **Competitors are encouraged to resolve all protests on the water according to the Rules**
 - 11.2 **Protest instructions are included in the LSI**
 - 11.3 **Scores will be posted but labeled as "Tentative" until any protests are resolved.**
- 12 **Cancellations**
 - 12.1 **PYC RC may cancel a race at any time before or after the Start for any reason.**
- 13 **Disclaimer of Liability**
 - 13.1 **Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. 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 any race.**
 - 13.2 **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. 14**
- 14 **There will be no Skippers Meeting.**

Registrants with questions may contact PYC Race Committee
Jim Hill, Rear Commodore jimhillnc@gmail.com
Steve Hosler, Sail Fleet Captain hosler.steve@gmail.com
John Kosicki, Sail Fleet Commander johnkosicki@gmail.com

Attachment: RABBIT START (1 p)

The "RABBIT" Start (attachment to POP UP NOR/SI)

The PYC POP UP Series is conducted on a "short notice" basis for both competitors and Race Committee personnel. In order to ensure that we are able to stage a race when Race Committee volunteers are few and using a bare minimum of equipment, it may be necessary to conduct a RABBIT start.

Race course

Will be determined 10 min before first warning (1815)

The marks

Marks may be fixed navigational aids, LNKC marks, tetrahedrons, a starting pin, or any combination.
Marks and course will be relayed to competitors at first warning via VHF Channel 69.

The start (refer to SI 8.2 for timing sequence)

Forget about seeing the Signal Boat, flags, sound signals, and all that normal stuff. A PYC Race Committee boat will be present (maybe PYC Pontoon Boat or Whaler) but will not be initiating the starting sequence. The Race Committee will sound a horn to signal the start of the race and record the starting time.

The "rabbit" system is the starting sequence. One boat will be designated by PYC Race Committee as the rabbit. It sails up to the start mark from the left side (looking to windward) and, after passing below the start mark, steers onto a close-hauled course (i.e., pointing as close to the wind as possible while still sailing) on port tack. The rest of the competitors have to approach from the right, on starboard tack, and sail between the start mark and the stern of the rabbit. That's it. (The rabbit has a slight advantage so, in a series of races, we'll give the last-place finisher in the previous race the rabbit's job for the next race, as it will give them the best possible start).

The rules

Stick with these two basic ones:

- (a) Boats on starboard tack over those on port tack. (Note: Rabbit has ROW until start)
- (b) A boat with its bow overlapped inside another boat's stern as they come within two boat lengths of a mark must be given enough room to round the mark. That's a grossly simplified system, but it will get you racing.

The Finish

Finish will be **rounding the starting mark** on your Port Side.

Scoring

PYC Race Committee will stay on site to record and score all finishes.

FINISH



START

