



Louie's 21st Last Regatta

September 21, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.

2 ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by completing the online registration or by delivering a completed entry form and other documents as referenced in the Notice of Race.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at Milwaukee Ale House, Milwaukee Yacht Club, South Shore Yacht Club, and the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center.

4 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10 AM Saturday, September 21.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Milwaukee Yacht Club flagpole, the South Shore Yacht Club flagpole and the notice board outside the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center office. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.

6 SCHEDULE, CLASS FLAG and CLASS STREAMERS

6.1 A Skipper's Meeting will be held at 7 PM on Friday, September 20 at the Milwaukee Ale House

6.2 The first warning signal for the race will be at High Noon on Saturday, September 21.

6.3 The division starting sequence and division flags are described in Attachment 1

6.4 Competitors are to consult the scratch sheet to determine which class your boat is in. Scratch sheets will be available at Milwaukee Yacht Club, South Shore Yacht Club and the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center on Saturday morning. Preliminary scratch sheets will be available at the Skipper's Meeting on Friday.

6.5 All competitors will be issued a Class Streamer at the registration before the Skipper's Meeting on Friday evening. Competitors must display their Class Streamer on their backstay before they pass the check-in boat until the finish of the race. Failure to display this streamer shall impact the finishing time of the offending boat at the discretion of the Louie's Last Regatta Race Committee. Said failure shall also subject the skipper to random teasing and mild ridicule throughout the day.

7 RACING AREA

The starting area will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles due East of the Main Gap. If the weather is lousy, we'll figure something out inside the breakwater. This will be announced by the RC on **VHF channel 69**

8 COURSE and MARKS

8.1 The course will be the classic Louie's Beer Can Course as described in Attachment 2.

8.2 The Starting Mark (mark 1) will be an orange inflatable buoy. Marks 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

8.3 The Finish Mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

8.4 The approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark 2 will be displayed from the race committee signal boat.

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8.5 **THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT!** The Love Rock Section (Ale, Lager and Stout classes) goes around the course twice. The Solomon Juneau Section (Rum and Margarita classes) goes around the course once.

8.6 **THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT TOO!** If you are in the Love Rock Section, the Louie's Race Committee is expecting you to go around the course twice. If things are just not working out and the sailing thing is cutting into the party thing and you decide to drop out after one lap, **YOU MUST** notify the RC so we don't score you as coming in last place or elsewhere. Failure to notify Race Committee that you have dropped out of the race will result in scorn and ridicule and **NO LLR Flag** for you!!!

9 ON-THE-WATER CHECK-IN

9.1 All Louie's competitors are politely requested to check in with the boat displaying **Code Flag "L" (yellow & black squares) and a shocking pink flag**. The check-in boat will be inside the breakwall, near and just north of the main harbor entrance.

9.2 Smiling and waving to the check-in crew and the Race Committee is strongly encouraged.

FAILURE TO CHECK IN WILL RESULT IN YOUR BOAT NOT BEING SCORED. WE'RE SERIOUS!!

10 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

10.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

10.3 **Starting lines get crowded – try to make room for everyone – it's Louie's!**

10.4 If your boat is over the starting line at your starting signal and it is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on **VHF channel 69**. If you are over early, you are supposed to turn around and re-start – without inconveniencing any of the boats that started on time. This is not easy – start on time but don't be early.

10.5 The finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

11 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 120 minutes.

11.2 Play nice with all of your competitors. This is a charity event, after all.

11.3 Boats still racing 120 minutes (that's *two hours!*) after the first boat finishes will be scored SOL but their crews will be happily admitted to the party.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 Protests shall be written on an official Milwaukee Ale House cocktail napkin and presented to a Louie's 21st Last Regatta Committee member (if you can find one) within an hour of the boat's finish. A protest hearing may or may not be held before the Awards Ceremony at the sole whim of the Louie's 21st Last Regatta Committee.

12.2 This is a *fun* race; play nice with the other kids in the sandbox.

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13 COURTESY BROADCASTS

- 13.1 The Race Committee may make periodic courtesy broadcasts on **VHF Channel 69**. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts will not be considered as grounds for any whining.
- 13.2 The level of familiarity with racing etiquette will vary from boat to boat. Every Louie's competitor is out to have fun. Obey the basic rules of the road. Look out for the other guy.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 The race shall be scored used the LMPHRF Time on Distance shtick.
- 14.2 Although there are several starts, there will be two separate overall awards.
- 14.3 The Love Rock Section, which is comprised of the Ale, Lager and Stout classes, will be scheduled to sail **TWICE** around the Beer Can Course. They will be scored with their own first, second and third place overall winners.
- 14.4 The Solomon Juneau Section, which is comprised of the Rum and Margarita classes, will sail **ONCE** around the Beer Can Course. They will be scored with their own first, second and third place overall winners.
- 14.5 In addition to overall prizes, each boat in Louie's is entered in its own division. If your boat races, you have won your division! A lovely first place flag will be awarded to each division winner. Remember, everyone in Louie's is a winner!

17 PRIZES

17.1 The Love Rock Section

- First Place Overall in the Love Rock Section wins the Louie's Last Cup, and a large handmade Louie's anchor cribbage board with a set of Louie's Last Regatta cards and a "Night at Milwaukee Brewing Company". This package includes a private brewery tour for the crew and a \$50 gift card to Glass and Griddle for snacks afterwards. The crew will get a growler and fill for each attendee to take home and a \$100 merchandise credit to the Milwaukee Brewing Company Store.
- Second Place Overall in the Love Rock Section wins a medium handmade Louie's anchor cribbage board with a set of Louie's Last Regatta cards and a private brewery tour at Milwaukee Brewing Company. Included in the tours are growlers and fills for the crew as well as a \$50 merchandise credit to the Milwaukee Brewing Company Store.
- Third Place Overall in the Love Rock Section wins a small handmade Louie's anchor cribbage board with a set of Louie's Last Regatta cards in addition to a private brewery tour for the crew at Milwaukee Brewing Company.

17.2 The Solomon Juneau Section

- First Place Overall in the Solomon Juneau Section wins a large handmade Louie's anchor cribbage board with a set of Louie's Last Regatta cards and a "Night at Milwaukee Brewing Company". This package includes a private brewery tour for the crew and a \$50 gift card to Glass and Griddle for snacks afterwards. The crew will get a growler and fill for each attendee to take home and a \$100 merchandise credit to the Milwaukee Brewing Company Store.
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Each boat that races will have won its division and will receive a Louie's Last Regatta flag.

17.3 The CUTLASS

The boat deemed to have the most intriguingly attired crew will be determined by how many votes they receive, \$1 will equal 1 vote. All entries must be turned in to the check in table at South Shore Yacht by 5:15 p.m. to be counted. The winners of the cutlass will receive 2-for-1 Marcus Theatres movie passes for the crew.

17.4 THE MAGGIE BERSCH TROPHY

The boat who raised the most funds overall will be awarded the Maggie Bersch Trophy and win two custom Louie's apparel items of your choice and Louie's 21st annual t-shirts for the crew.

17.5 THE DEBBIA CUP

The boat raising funds from the most individual donors in excess of \$15 will be awarded the Debbia Cup and will win two custom Louie's apparel items of your choice and Louie's 21st annual t-shirts for the crew.

17.6 THE LOUIE'S PHILOSOPHY

Sail hard, have fun, play nice with the other sailors and come to the post-race celebration with your Green Louie's Challenge Envelope stuffed to the brim.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Cheat-Sheet for Starting Signals for Louie's Last Regatta

The race will be started by using the following signals. Times will be taken from the visual signals. The Race Committee shall count down over the radio.

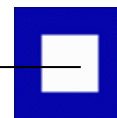
- The fleet will be divided into 5 classes
- Each class will have its own start and its own color of flag (courtesy of North Sails)

The order of start with Class Streamers and Class Flags will be:

Ale Class (blue streamer on backstay) Scheduled warning 12:00 Scheduled start 12:05	Blue flag	
Lager Class (white streamer on backstay) Scheduled warning 12:05 Scheduled start 12:10	White flag	
Stout Class (purple streamer on backstay) Scheduled warning 12:10 Scheduled start 12:15	Purple flag	
Rum Class (yellow streamer on backstay) Scheduled warning 12:15 Scheduled start 12:20	Yellow flag	
Margarita Class (green streamer on Backstay) Scheduled warning 12:20 Scheduled start 12:25	Green flag	

The First Warning signal will be at 12:00 on Saturday

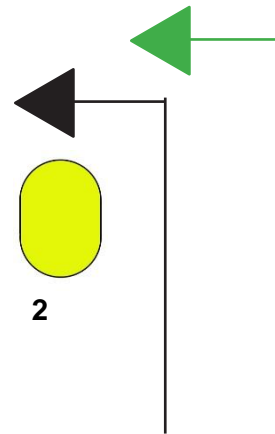
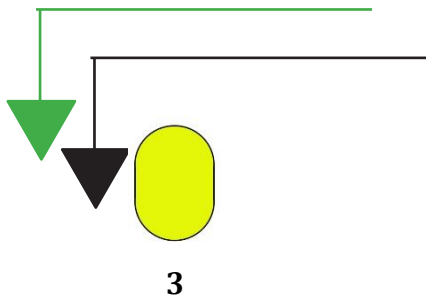
Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class Flag up; one sound	5
Preparatory	P flag up; one sound	4
One-minute	P Flag down; one long sound	1
Starting	Class Flag down and sound*	0



*The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made simultaneously with the starting signal of the preceding class.

If for any reason, the Race Committee needs to postpone the starting sequence, the RC shall display the AP Flag (red & white striped pennant) with two sound signals and the starting sequence is halted. When the RC is ready to start the sequence again, it will take down the AP flag with one sound signal and one minute later shall start the starting sequence again with the Warning Signal.

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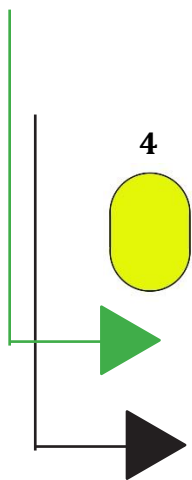
Course "Love Rock"

Course "Solomon Juneau"



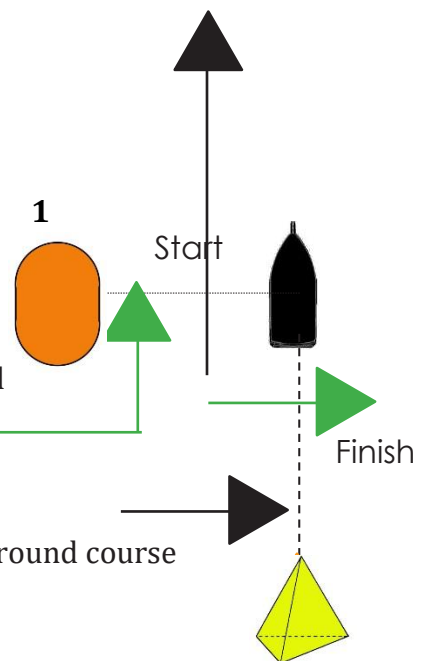
- Start(1)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- Finish

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- Finish



Love Rock sections finish after 2 times around course

Solomon Juneau sections finish after 1 time around course





Race Area

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* - Check-in Boat

Milwaukee Bay

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