2019 Firecracker Cup
July 6 – 7**, 2019
Lake Lanier Sailing Club
Flowery Branch, Georgia

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES**
   1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing.
   1.2. All National One Design Fleet Rules will apply for respective One-Design Fleets.
   1.3. The following rules found in Lake Lanier Sailing Club's current By-Laws will apply.
      1.3.1. By-laws Section 3 B and E
      1.3.2. By-laws Section 4 A, B, C, and F
      1.3.3. By-Laws Section 5 A-D
   1.4. The following RRS will be changed:
      1.4.1. RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are not in effect.
      1.4.2. RRS 33 is changed; see SI 11 "Changing the Next Leg of the Course".
      1.4.3. RRS 35 is changed; see SI 13 "Time Limits".
      1.4.4. RRS 61 is changed; see SI 14.1 "Protests and Requests for Redress".

2. **ADVERTISING**
   2.1. Competitor advertising will be un-restricted.

3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
   3.1. Regatta is open to all eligible LLSC members in good standing.
   3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form in advance of the regatta or may register at check in on Saturday 7/6/2019.
   3.3. Keelboats MUST register with a valid Lake Lanier PHRF rating.
   3.4. Three boats must be in the starting area to constitute a Class Start.
   3.5. Boat's LOA must be greater than 10ft.

4. **Classes of Boats**
   4.1. This is a handicap scored regatta utilizing the Lake Lanier PHRF Rating Table and the US Sailing Centerboard, Sailboard and Multihull Yardsticks. There will be no separate one design starts.
   4.2. Classes recognized for separate starts shall be limited to PHRF Displacement, PHRF Sportboat, PHRF Cruising, Portsmouth Centerboard, Portsmouth Multihull, Portsmouth Sailboard and require minimum of 3 boats in starting area per Class.
   4.3. Sub-classes including one design fleets or handicap groupings that also meet the 3-boat minimum will start with appropriate class in 4.2 and recognized as "First to Finish" within the sub-class.
   4.4. If three boats are not present in the starting area, classes may be combined and scored separately.
   4.5. Helmsman eligibility for the Triple Crown.
      4.5.1. A skipper must place first in the same Fleet and type boat in all three events
      4.5.2. There must be 3 boats racing, per race, per Class, in all three events.

5. **FEES**
   5.1. There are no entry fees for racing.

6. **QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**
   6.1. This is the 2nd of 3 regattas that qualify for the LLSC Triple Crown Award.

7. **SCHEDULE**
   7.1. Online Event Registration (including Racing, Meals) is open now and closes July 3rd.
   7.2. Onsite Registration is available if only sailing from 930 until 1020 Saturday 07/06/19.
   7.3. Competitor's Meeting: Saturday 07/06/2019 at 1030.
   7.4. 1st Warning Signal Saturday 07/06/2019 at 1130. We will attempt to race 4 races.
   7.5. No race will begin later than 1630 on Saturday 07/06/2019.
   7.6 Social hour: 1745 Dinner: 1830 Fireworks: 2130
   7.7 NOTE **Racing will be held on Sunday only if there is no racing Saturday 7/06/2019**
   7.7. **1st Warning Signal Sunday 7/07/2019 at 1030 only if there is no racing on Saturday 7/6/2019**.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
   8.1. The sailing instructions will be available online in the member portal at www.LLSC.com

9. **VENUE**
   9.1. Lake Lanier Sailing Club and the starting area will be in or near Chattahoochee Bay.

10. **THE COURSES**
   10.1. The courses will be discussed at the Competitors Meeting.

11. **PENALTY SYSTEM**
   11.1. Penalties at the time of the incident:
   The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
   11.2. Penalties after the race:
   After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
   11.3. Decisions of the [protest committee] [international jury] will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. **SCORING**
   12.1. The low point scoring system will be used.
   12.2. All races will be scored.
   12.3. Keelboats will be scored using the PHRF rating system using time-on–distance correction factors.
   12.4. Centerboard, Multihull and Sailboards will be scored using the US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick.
   12.5. Each Class must score one race to constitute a regatta for that Class.

13. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**
   13.1. The race committee will use channel VHF 69 or an alternate designated recreational channel to make courtesy broadcasts. Failure to hear or understand a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

14. **PRIZES**
   14.1. Prizes will follow the award policy stated in the LLSC By-Laws, Section 5.
   14.2. Awards will be given for First to Finish in the different sub-fleets if not receiving a Class place award.

15. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
   15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

16. **FURTHER INFORMATION**
   16.1. For further information please contact Peter Kowalski, Event Chair, at fs3754@gmail.com.

Firecracker Regatta
Saturday, July 06, 2019
Closed Event
Registration: 0930-1020
Skippers' Meeting: 1030
Warning Gun: 1130
Social Hour: 1745
Dinner: 1830
Fireworks: 2130
Sunday, July 07, 2019**
Warning Gun: 1030
**only if no there are no races
on Saturday