

LAKE LANIER SAILING CLUB
2021 FLEET RACES and TRIPLE CROWN EVENTS
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)
March 16, 2021

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Ongoing changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the club website. Changes to sailing instructions that would affect the racing for a given scheduled fleet race day shall be posted no later than one hour prior to the schedule start time of the first race of that day on the official bulletin board in the LLSC pavilion.
- 2.2 Oral changes to sailing instructions may not be made on the water. Changes that have been appropriately made in writing and properly posted may also be announced verbally on the water by the Race Committee.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the LLSC website.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69. The race committee may designate an alternate channel as needed.
- 3.3 [DP] Voice and data transmission from a boat is restricted from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. A boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, except in an emergency or as required by a rule.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the main lawn of the LLSC Pavilion.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The racing schedule is posted on the website under "Event Calendar".

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is posted in the schedule of races on the LLSC website.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags will be described on a board displayed from the stern of the race committee barge prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses may be:

WL: windward-leeward course, set to windward of the RC boat and start/finish area.

WRL: windward-leeward course with a **jibe mark**.

MWL: modified windward-leeward course, where the leeward mark is to **leeward** of the start/finish

OLY: modified "Olympic" course

Alternate course around a combination of fixed buoys and/or temporary marks (no specific designation assigned) and posted on the course board at the stern of the R/C barge.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course to be sailed, along with the number of laps (a lap is not a leg), on a board displayed from the stern of the race committee boat.

8.3 A distant weather mark (**1D**) may be set to facilitate handling faster fleets and if used the race committee will display which fleets are to round **1D**.

8.4 DIAGRAMS in "**Fleet Race Course Diagrams**" indicate the layouts for courses, WL, WRL, MWL, and OLY, including the approximate angle between the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is passed. All marks are to be passed to port unless otherwise noted.

8.5 The start and finish lines are not an *Obstruction* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 'Definitions'. Boats sailing on a windward beat from the leeward mark to the weather mark or sailing downwind from the weather mark to the leeward mark are not restricted by the start and finish lines. Race Committee may designate the start and finish lines as an *Obstruction* by so stating on a whiteboard displayed, along with the course designation, from the stern of the committee boat no later than the warning signal. When the Race Committee has designated the start and finish lines as an *Obstruction*, competitors cannot cross the start and finish lines while racing except to start or finish.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks may be permanent government or LLSC lake marks. In most cases marks will be temporary anchored marks such as balls (colours vary) or tetrahedrons (colours vary).

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 Appendix U may be used when appropriate to the fleet, typically small-boat racing or limited race committee resources.
- 10.3 Order of starts will be posted on a board displayed from the stern of the RC barge prior to the first warning signal of any given race.
- 10.4 If all members of a fleet have finished the race committee may start that fleet regardless of the posted order of starts, even though other fleets may still be racing.
- 10.5 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an ORANGE flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 If the direction of the next leg will be changed the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds. There will not be a new compass bearing, nor will green or red shapes or flags be displayed. The new mark will simply be set. This changes RRS 33(a).

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line is between staff or halyard displaying blue flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 If no boat in a fleet rounds the first mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within two hours of her start, the race for that fleet shall be abandoned. Any boat that fails to finish within 20 minutes after the second boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is greater, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61, a protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest at the conclusion of the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS 61.
- 14.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race committee vessel when docked at LLSC, in club house or RC Shack. Official forms are not required to file a request for a hearing but should follow the same structure as a Hearing Request form. Hearing Requests shall be delivered to the RC Signal vessel.
- 14.3 The time limit for filing a Hearing Request is 30 minutes after the race committee vessel has docked and made one long sound.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, and RRS Appendix V, Alternate Penalties, will apply. It is required that parties involved notify the RC within the Request for Hearing time limit.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The default Scoring System defined in RRS A4 will apply.
- 15.2 Eight races are required to be completed to constitute a Fleet Race series.
- 15.3 One-design fleets will be scored using standard one-design methods. The Auxiliary Fleet will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Distance.
- 15.4 Excluding Triple Crown Events, recognized fleets may adopt their own scoring system.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Fleet racing is a long series lasting the entire racing season. Substitution of crew is allowed on different race days.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 18.1 Trash may be placed aboard race committee vessels.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes are awarded annually at the awards banquet.

20 RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization of official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for the actions of his or her crew and guests. The legal drinking age in Georgia is 21, and minors are not permitted to consume alcohol. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, underage drinking, or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, Committee Member or LLSC Board Member, the Skipper/Owner will be held responsible and the boat, competitor, crew or guest may be subject to expulsion from the regatta by the Event Director.

The Skipper/Owner shall release and hold harmless LLSC; it's Officers, Directors and agents for the Skipper/Owner, his/her crew or guest(s) violation of any of these provisions of these Sailing Instructions.



Fleet Race Course Diagrams



<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">WL</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>START RC FINISH</p> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">WRL</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
<p>WL1: Start - 1 (1D) - Finish WL2: Start - 1 (1D) - 2 - 1 (1D) - Finish</p>	<p>WRL1: Start - 1 (1D) - 2 - 3 - 1 (1D) - Finish WRL2: Start - 1 (1D) - 2 - 3 - 1 (1D) - 3 - 1 1(D) - Finish</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">MWL</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>START RC FINISH</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">OLY</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
<p>MWL1: Start - 1 (1D) - 2 - Finish MWL2: Start - 1 (1D) - 2 - 1 (1D) - 2 - Finish</p>	<p>OLY: Start - 1 (1D) - 2 - 3 - 1 (1D) - 3 - Finish</p>

Note: A distant weather mark, designated as 1D, may be set to accommodate faster fleets. Boats required to round the distant weather mark (1D) will be displayed from a white board on the stern of the committee boat.

Marks may vary in shape and color.