



Firecracker Cup

Lake Lanier Sailing Club

2021 Fleet Races

Sailing Instructions (Sis)

(Adapted to US Sailing Rules 2021 - 2024)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The events are governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.

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 scheduled start time of the first race of that day on the official bulletin board in the LLSC Pavillion.
- 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 ("RC").

3. COMMUNICATION 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] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make a voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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 Pavillion.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1-minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 **Skippers Meeting 10:00 AM** Saturday, June 26, 2021 - VHF Channel 72
- 6.2 **First Warning 11:55 AM**
- 6.3 Races held on Saturday will constitute a completion of the Regatta. If 3 races are not completed, Sunday races may be held.
- 6.4 **Sunday, First warning 11:55 AM.**
- 6.5 The schedule for all fleet races and club regattas is posted on the LLSC website at www.llsc.com

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**.

MWRL: modified windward-leeward course, where the leeward mark is to the **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 RC 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 weathermark (**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 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 are not restricted by the start and finish lines. Race Committee may designate the start and finish line as 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.

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 the Club Pavillion 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 Race Committee 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 Race Committee 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 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SCORING (CONTINUED)

15.4 One-design fleets will be scored using standard one-design methods. The Auxiliary Fleet will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Distance.

15.5 The Triple Crown events include the Governor's Cup, Firecracker Cup, and Commodore's Cup. Triple Crown will be scored as handicap races using PHRF or Portsmouth systems and follow the award policy stated in the LLSC By-laws, Section 2-5 and 7e.

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 the Race Committee vessel.

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.

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