



## 2021 Thistle Old Goat Regatta

September 11 & 12, 2021

Lake Lanier Sailing Club and Thistle Fleet 79  
Flowery Branch, GA, USA

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

1.1 The US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as altered by these Sailing Instructions and the rules of the Thistle Class will govern the regatta. The regatta is a sanctioned TCA event and designated Category A.

#### **2. ENTRIES:**

2.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority. Skippers must be an Active member of the Thistle Class Association (TCA) and boats must be registered with the TCA.

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board found online at Regatta Network event site.

#### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one and one half hours before the scheduled start of the days racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 10:00 p.m. the day before it will take effect. If possible, a text message will be sent to all registered helmspersons.

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the LLSC flagpole located between the clubhouse and the lake.

5.2 When displaying Code Flag "AP" ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP description.

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES (5 Races scheduled)**

6.1 Day and Date Time of Warning Signal

Saturday 9/11 1300 hours (Successive races will follow at discretion of the Race Committee)

Sunday 9/12 0930 hours (Successive races will follow at discretion of the Race Committee)

6.2 There will be a competitor meeting at 1130 hours on Saturday, September 11

6.3 There will be No warning signal after 1230 hours Sunday, September 13th.

#### **7 CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 The class flag will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

#### **8 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

8.1 The race committee will use channel VHF 69 or an alternate designated recreational channel to inform competitors of safety information and to hail boats that are on course side of the starting line (OCS) at the start. Failure to hear or understand a broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

#### **9 THE COURSES**

9.1 The diagrams(s) in Appendix A show the course(s), including the order in which marks are to be passed as well as the side on which to pass each mark. The course selection will be displayed from the committee boat either before the warning signal or with the warning signal.

9.2 Numbers in the description identify the number of legs in each course.

9.3 An offset mark will be set to port of the weather mark and need not be honored on the 4<sup>th</sup> leg of a WLTW course.

9.4 A Leeward Gate "G" may replace a single leeward mark in the Illustrations. The letter "G" will replace "L" in the course description and boats must pass between the marks that form the gate. EX: WG4, WG5 or WGTW will have a Leeward Gate. If WGTW or WG4, only the port most Gate mark (when looking upwind) need be honored at the end of the WGTW 5<sup>th</sup> leg or 4<sup>th</sup> leg of WG4.

9.5 Boats finishing a race will always pass between a gate formed by the Finish boat to starboard and nearby mark to port unless shortened course at a gate.

- 9.6 The approximate compass bearing from the committee boat to Mark W may be displayed from the race committee boat before or with the preparatory signal.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks will be described at the skippers' meeting.

## **11 CHECK IN**

- 11.1 Each boat shall check-in at the Race Committee boat before the first race each day.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the orange flag on signal boat representing the starboard end of the starting line, and a tetrahedron or, a boat displaying an orange flag, representing the port end of the starting line.
- 12.3 A stand-off mark may be tethered to an on-station RC boat. Any boat touching this mark will have broken RRS 31 and shall act in accordance with RRS 44.1.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her start signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5 and the Definition of Start.
- 12.5 Race Committee will attempt to hail boats OCS, but failure to do so or a competitor's failure to hear a hail are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS rule 29.

## **13 CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 13.1 In addition to following RRS 33, when changing the course after the start, the race committee will lay a new mark and will lift the original mark as soon as practical.
- 13.2 In a subsequent change of course when a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag, or Code Flag S if applicable, RRS 32.2. Boats should cross the finish line in the direction from the last mark. If shortened at a leeward gate, the finish line will be sighted between the two gate marks. RC boats may sight line from un-anchored vessels or be anchored at or near a gate mark. Both gate marks may remain in place in the water or be placed onboard an anchored finish boat.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit will be 2 hours for the lead boat.
- 15.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes MAY be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will receive a score equal to the number of boats that have finished within the time limit + 2 not to exceed the number of boats in the race.
- 15.3 Sailing Instructions 15.1 and 15.2 change RRS 35, A4, and A11.

## **16 PROTESTS**

- 16.1 Protests shall be written and filed within 45 minutes of the docking time of the RC boat and must be presented at the RC boat within the time limit.

## **17 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT**

- 17.1 The rules of RRS Appendix V shall apply (Alternative Penalties)

## **18 SCORING**

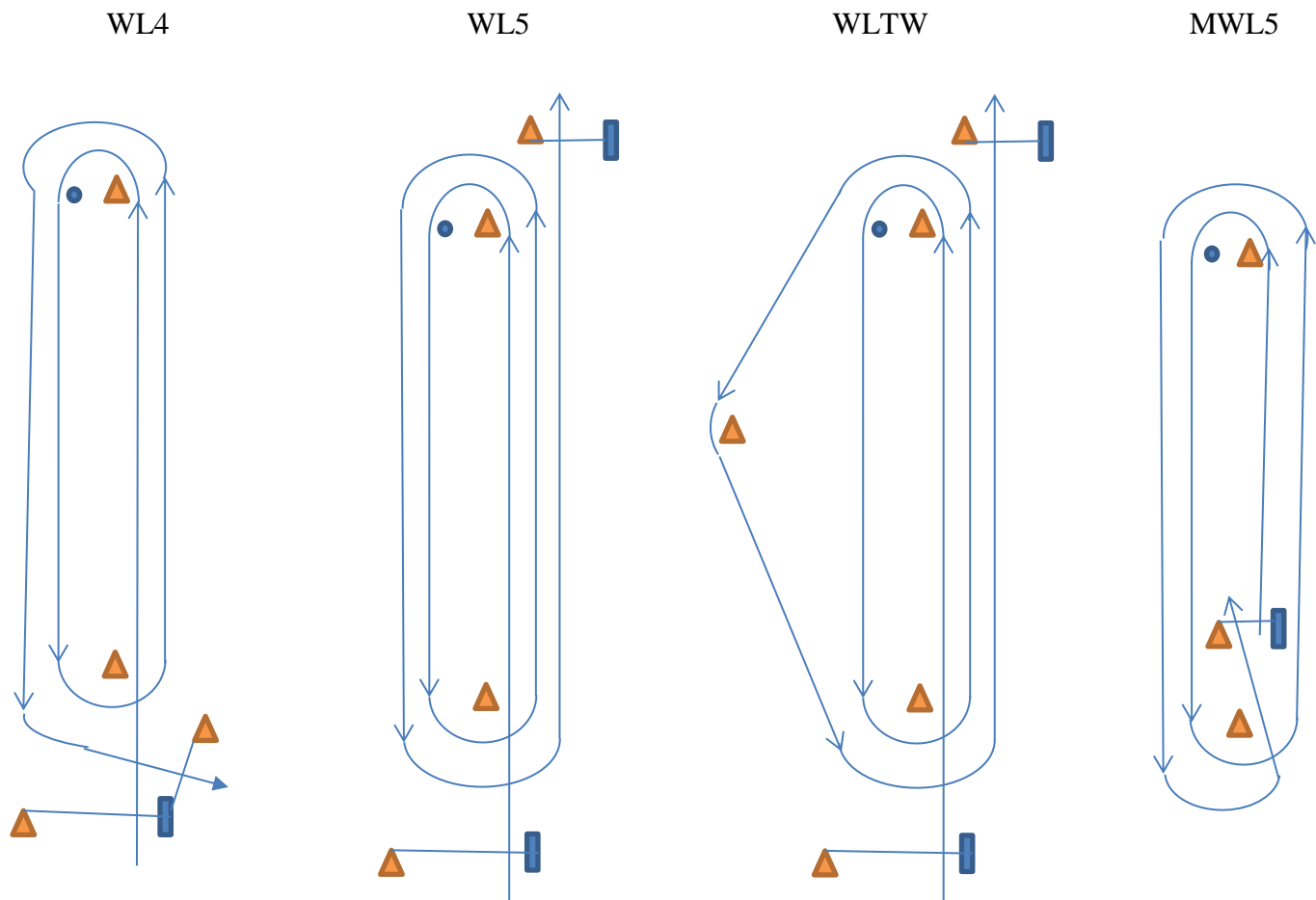
- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. All races sailed will be scored.

## **19 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 Decision to Race. Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and, by participation, agrees to sail and utilize the host club facilities at his or her own risk. The race organizers 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/her crew and guests. 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 Club 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 the Club, its Officers, Director's and agents for the Skipper/Owner, his/her crew or guest(s) violation of any of the provisions of these Sailing Instructions. Each yacht must conform to the safety equipment specified in the TCA Bylaws and in the regatta invitation and the laws of the State where the event is held.

## APPENDIX A



A Leeward Gate may be substituted in place of a single leeward mark.  
The course name will replace the "L" with a "G" if a leeward gate is used.

The Gate will be used at the end of leg 2 of WG4 and WGTW.

The port most gate mark (looking upwind) must be taken to port at the end of leg 4 of WG4 and leg 5 of WGTW