

LMYRA 2022 Spring Series Sailing Instructions (SI)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series shall be governed by "The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024" except as modified by this SI.
- 1.2 Boats shall be entered by going to and completing a Regatta Network (RN) registration, receive a LMYRA PHRF handicap rating and pay the annual or current series race registration fee. A request for a new rating or rating change at registration or during a series must be done 72 hours prior to the first or next race. The Rating Committee Chairman (RCC) must receive notification of any change in sail inventory or equipment that may affect a rating at least 72 hours prior to the race in which the change is effective. The RCC is Ray Gresham, 803 513 7250, RTGresham51@aol.com.
- 1.3 A boat whose registered skipper is on the race committee (RC) for scoring credit shall not compete on that day.
- 1.4 All boats shall obey their respective class rules unless noted and approved on the LMYRA PHRF Rating Form. Each boat shall display sail numbers per RRS Appendix G-IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS or risk not being scored. A sail number change shall be submitted to the RCC and the LMYRA Scorer at least 72 hours before its use.
- 1.5 If a sail number change is made on a boat, the boat shall notify RC Signal Vessel (RC SV) at check-in providing the old sail number and the new sail number.
- 1.6 Only one headsail shall be used at a time. Spinnakers are not headsails. Exceptions may be made for cutter rigs. Staysails in the foretriangle are considered headsails.
- 1.7 Whisker poles shall be fixed to, or otherwise in contact with, the mast. Each boat is permitted only one sail inventory change (a size change that would affect ratings, e.g., changing from a 110 percent to a 130 or 155 percent genoa) per series. The Ratings Committee Chairman (RCC) must receive notification of any sail change in sail inventory at least 72 hours prior to the race in which the sail is effective.
- 1.8 Any boat using sails not conforming to those registered may be subject to disqualification by the Protest Committee after a hearing initiated by the RCC.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 EACH SKIPPER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND ACTIONS OF HIS/HER BOAT AND CREW.
- 2.2 Each skipper shall make their own decision to sail or not to sail in rough conditions (RRS 4).
- 2.3 Boats shall comply with all applicable laws regarding required items of safety including, but not limited to wearable, approved life jackets (PFD) for each person on board. A throwable device must be accessible for immediate use.
- 2.4 It shall be the responsibility of individual skippers and crew to decide whether or not to wear PFD's. However, the RC SV may display Flag Y (red & yellow angled stripes) with one sound before the warning signal which specifies that all competitors shall wear a PFD.
- 2.5 Each boat shall have a working motor and enough fuel/energy to return to harbor.
- 2.6 It is the obligation of any boat that withdraws to notify the RC, if possible. You may use **VHF Radio Channel 66 (Ch 66)**. Please refrain from using Ch 66 when the RC is conducting starts.
- 2.7 Each boat should have a VHF radio on board tuned to receive safety info and RC communications on Ch 66. LMYRA strongly recommends that each boat have a working radio on board and tuned to Ch 66 for their own personal safety and for others by scanning Ch 16. (ref.: CSC Emergency Response Guidelines).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SI

- 3.1 Competitors shall be notified of any changes to this SI by e-mail one week prior to taking effect.
- 3.2 If a scheduled race is cancelled by LMYRA for any reason, LMYRA will e-mail to the competitors by 0900 of the day of the race. Failure to receive the notice is not grounds for redress.
- 3.3 Once on station, RC will attempt to transmit countdowns, course changes, etc. before and during the race on Ch 66 per RRS 41(c).
- 3.4 Changes to the SI may be given on the water from the RC SV orally or on Ch 66 when the "L" flag ("come within hail") is hoisted with one sound before the next warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The "L" flag will be lowered when, in the opinion of the RC, all competitors have been hailed. Failure of a competitor to receive and not understand the change is not grounds for redress.

4. SCHEDULE

| Race No. | DATE | COURSE | STARTING AREA (<i>*Details in SI 10.1</i>) |
|----------|--------|---------------|--|
| | 19 Feb | Skippers Meet | 1 PM (1300) CSC Front Porch |
| 1 | 5 Mar | Island Race | West of Shoal Marker 293* |
| 2 & 3 | 12 Mar | Buoy Races | Between Dam & Jim Spence Islands |
| 4 | 9 Apr | Island Race | West of Shoal Marker 293* |
| 5 | 16 Apr | Island Race | West of Shoal Marker 293* |
| 6, 7 | 23 Apr | Buoy Races | Between Dam & Jim Spence Islands |
| 8 | 7 May | Island Race | West of Shoal Marker 293* |
| 9 | 21 May | Island Race | West of Shoal Marker 293* |

5. **CHECK IN:** Before the first warning signal of the day, each boat will sail pass the stern of the RC SV on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail number. They shall continue to do so until their sail number is verbally acknowledged. If a second buoy race is run no additional check in is required.
6. **STARTING TIME:** The start time for the first race of the day will be 1100. Using RRS Rule 26 the first class flag will be raised at 1055. The RC may use a gather signal (multiple sounds) at 1054. The starting order will be determined by the RC. The RC may attempt to announce class starting and countdown timings.
No starting sequence of the classes will be started after 2:00pm.

7. STARTING FLAGS:

- Non-spinnaker Class:** Flag is #1 Pennant (Red Circle on White)
Spinnaker Class: Flag is #3 Pennant (Vertical Red, White and Blue Stripes)

STARTING SIGNALS (RRS Rule 26):

| Minutes Before Starting Signal | Visual Signal | Sound Signal | Means |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 6 | Gather (1 st start only) | Multiple Shorts | Alert for class flag |
| 5 | Class flag | One | Warning signal |
| 4 | P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag | One | Preparatory signal |
| 1 | Preparatory flag removed | One Long | One minute |
| 0 | Class flag removed | One | Starting signal |

- 7.1 For buoy races the second race starting sequence may start immediately after the finish of the first race.
 7.2 RC may change order of starts and/or combine classes for any start. **Always be alert for your class flag.**
8. **THE START FINISH LINE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL BOATS EXCEPT WHEN RC SIGNAL VESSEL POSTS ON THE RC SV STERN COURSE BOARD THE LETTER “G” (“Gate” is between yellow tet and RC SV, aka Start/Finish Line).** RC will attempt to advise all competitors on the radio when Mark G is used.
9. **MARKS AND COURSES:**
 9.1 **MARKS.** All rounding marks shall be orange tetrahedrons (tet) or islands (see attached map).
 9.2 **COURSES.** The course shall be displayed on the rear of the RC SV prior to the Warning Signal. Starting and finishing marks may be on either side of the RC SV. RC may choose a different course for each class(es) start by posting the course at the stern of the RC SV and may announce on VHF 66 before the class warning signal.

10. STARTING:

10.1 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the RC SV and a yellow tet.

The starting area for buoy races shall be between the dam and Jim Spence Islands.

For island races the starting area (34 deg 04.190 N, 81 deg 17.110 W) will be approximately 0.2 miles due west of Shoal Marker 293.

10.2 Follow RRS 24.1: A boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing (boats within four minutes of their start).

11. FINISHING: The finish line shall be between an orange flag on the RC SV and a yellow tet. If the course is shortened, the finish line will be a yellow tetrahedron or an island rounding mark and a shorten course flag S with two sounds on a RC vessel as the first boat of any class finishes.

12. RACE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS: RC will attempt to communicate to boats using Ch 66. Postponements, Individual Recalls, General Recalls, Shorten Course, Abandonment, Change of Course and course description may be announced on Ch 66 after the appropriate sound signals and flags have been displayed on a RC vessel. RC will attempt to notify competitors at the rounding marks of changes using a RC vessel with appropriate signals. However, failure to receive an RC announcement on the radio by a competitor is not grounds for the competitor to ask for redress.

13. RACE COMMITTEE FLAGS AND SIGNALS:

POSTPONEMENT: RRS 27.3 - **Answering pennant** (red and white vertical bars) and two sound signals. This signal shall be lowered with one sound signal one (1) minute before warning signal for the next start.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL: RRS 29.1 - Hoisting of **Code Flag X** (blue cross on white field) and one sound signal immediately after the starting signal shall indicate that one or more yachts have started prematurely or have infringed Rule 30.1 one minute rule. The RC may attempt to hail each yacht that is over early by either hailing and/or using Channel 66.

GENERAL RECALL: RRS 29.2 - **First Substitute** (blue pennant with yellow triangle) and two sound signals. Shall indicate a general recall for all starting yachts. This signal will be lowered with one sound signal sixty (60) seconds before a new start is begun.

CHANGE NEXT LEG OF COURSE: RRS 33 – **Code Flag C** (blue, white and red horizontal stripes) and two sound signals.

SHORTEN COURSE: RRS 32 - **Code Flag S** (square, white with blue center) and two sound signals.

ABANDONMENT: RRS 32.1 - **Code Flag N** (checkered blue and white squares) and three sound signals. An abandoned race may be re-sailed at a later time or date.

14. SHORTEN COURSE:

14.1 The RC may shorten to a rounding mark (orange tet, an island or a yellow tet substituting for an orange tet) of the course or on any point on the rhumb line to the next rounding mark or old finish line.

14.2 If the race is shortened to an island which is rounding mark of the course, the RC will either use a sighting mark on the island or a orange or yellow tet as one end of the finish line and the RC vessel shorten course flag S as the other end.

14.3 If the race is shortened to a point on the rhumb line, a RC vessel will signal the shortened course by displaying flag S with two sounds and attempt to inform competitors on Ch 66. A RC vessel may be stationed at the last rounding mark to hail and advise competitors of change. The failure of a competitor to hear the hail from a RC vessel or the Ch 66 broadcast of the course being shortened by the RC is not grounds for a redress. Modifies RRS 32.

15. TIME LIMITS: For island races the time limit is 3 hours for each class. For buoy races the time limit is 1.5 hours for each class. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first finisher in their class shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

16. PROTESTS: The protesting boat must:

- 16.1 Immediately hail “Protest” and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 61.1a) to inform the offending boat that she is being protested.** (This gives the offending boat a chance to acknowledge and exonerate themselves). Failure to hail protest and display a red flag ASAP will result in your protest being rejected.
- 16.2 If possible, verbally report your intent to file a valid protest to the RC** immediately after finishing giving your sail number and the sail numbers you are protesting. Failure to do so will **not** invalidate your protest.
- 16.3 File the protest in writing** (as required by RRS 61) and postmarked no later than Monday following the race to the Protest Committee Chairman. E-mailing the protest is also acceptable but must be received by Monday night before 2359.

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY:

- 17.1** If you accept responsibility for the protest, then, you shall make two complete 360 degree turns (two tacks and two gybes) in the same direction at the first reasonable opportunity per RRS 44. You must notify the RC of your turns when you finish. However, if you caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by your breach your penalty shall be to retire.
- 17.2** If you touch an anchored or finish mark (RRS 31), you shall exonerate yourself by promptly making a 360 degree turn penalty. However, if your boat has gained a significant advantage in the race by touching the mark your penalty shall be to retire (RRS 44).

18. SCORING:

- 18.1** There will be two classes for this series, a Spinnaker Class (Class Flag is International Signal Flag #3) and a Non-Spinnaker Class (Class Flag is International Signal Flag #1). Within each class there may be two or more divisions, based on the number of boats that register for the series. Scoring will show the overall results for each class and also results of each division.
- 18.2** Boats that came to the starting area but did not *start* - DNS, on course side - OCS, did not finish – DNF, retired after *finishing* – RET or was disqualified - DSQ shall be scored one more than the number of the boats in its division that came to the starting area and checked-in. A boat that did not come to the starting area and check in shall be scored – DNC shall be scored one more than the number of boats entered in the series in its fleet (RRS A9: RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA).
- 18.3** A registered skipper shall be given a 1st place for the first race of the day when they serve on RC. If a second race is scheduled and completed the skipper’s boat will be scored DNS for the second race.
- 18.4** A maximum of three registered skippers can get credit for any given race day.
- 18.5** A registered skipper’s boat shall be scored for only one day of volunteer RC work per series.
- 18.6** Series ties will be broken per RRS Appendix A8.
- 18.7** When boats have checked in and the race is not started or is abandoned and is not restarted the same day, a checked in boat shall be given a score (DNS) of one more than the number of boats that checked in their fleet. This shall be considered a race sailed and will not be re-sailed RRS 90.3(a). A scheduled race day where the RC does not leave the dock due to extreme weather, or other causes, may be “resailed.”
- 18.8** If a scheduled race is not started (e.g., no wind) or started and then abandoned, the competitors and any RC volunteers eligible to receive a 1st place finish for that race shall be scored “scored DNS per SI 18.7. The number of DNS points assigned to each competitor and eligible RC volunteers will not include the additional count of eligible RC volunteers, if any, in their class or division.
- 18.9** All boats assigned TLE will be scored one more than the last place finisher in their class or division. The scorer can use recorded times to determine if the 30 minute time limit was exceeded.

18.10 The number of races that will be counted will be determined by the following table:

| Number of races sailed | Scored Races counted for series total |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10 | 6 |
| 9 | 6 |
| 8 | 5 |
| 7 | 5 |
| 6 | 4 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 4 | 3 |

19. LETTER DESIGNATIONS FOR DROP MARKS AND ISLANDS:

Lake Murray Map on Appendix A

- A** = Orange tet southwest of the large tower at the dam
- B** = Orange tet between Lands End and the dam
- C** = Counts Island (Wessinger Island) includes all shoal markers
- D** = Doolittle Island (aka. Lunch, Bomb, Bird)
- E** = Orange tet south of Susie Ebert Island (no racing around the island)
- F** = The finishing line (orange flag on RC vessel & a yellow tet) A boat finishes when she crosses the finishing line from the course side.
- G** = Sail through (start and finish line) to the next mark of the course.
- J** = Jim Spence Islands (Includes all three Jim Spence Islands)
- K** = Orange tet west of Rocky Key
- L** = Orange tet leeward of finishing line or upwind mark "W"
- M** = Midway Islands (both islands and shoal markers)
- R** = Orange tet used as a reaching mark.
- S** = Orange tet north of Spence Key
- W** = Orange tet directly upwind from the starting line

Note: Boats shall not sail between Goat Island & Mainland.

20. COURSES: RC SV will display the course using the letters listed above on the stern and may announce on Ch 66.

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