

Overnight Race

Lake Murray Yacht Racing Association

June 7, 2025

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1. The series is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change in the SIs will be posted online on the Official Notice Board (Regatta Network) not less than 48 hours before it takes effect. A courtesy email will be sent to all registered competitors to notify them that a change has been made.
- 2.2. Oral changes to the SI may be made on the water from the Signal Vessel, audibly and/or on VHF Ch 66, after code flag "L" has been hoisted with one sound in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Code flag "L" will be lowered when, in the opinion of the Race Committee (RC), all competitors have been hailed. Failure of a competitor to receive or understand the change will not be grounds for redress.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.lmyra.net/regatta-network>.
- 3.2. On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 66, hereafter called the Communication Channel. Communications may include course designations, starting time notifications or countdowns, postponements, Individual Recalls, course changes, or changes to the SIs.
- 3.3. Notification of a course change by using appropriate signals at a rounding mark may be augmented by courtesy VHF communications. Failure of a competitor to receive a notification by radio will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.4. If the scheduled race is cancelled by the organizing authority, notice will be posted on Regatta Networks no later than 0900 on the day of the race, and courtesy emails will be sent to registered competitors.
- 3.5. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CSC yardarm and announced on the Communication Channel.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1. A single pursuit race is scheduled to start on Saturday June 7, 2025, with time zero at 1900 hrs.

6 Racing area

- 6.1. The racing area is the waters of Lake Murray. The starting area will be immediately south of the Columbia Sailing Club.

7 Courses

- 7.1. The course will be decided by the PRO and announced on the VHF Communication Channel. The course will be designated by a series of rounding marks having the symbols as defined below and shown on the diagram of addendum A. All marks will be rounded to port unless otherwise indicated.

8 Marks

- 8.1. All rounding marks will be islands, except for mark V, which will be a Rounding Mark Vessel. Marks are designated by the following letters, and positions are shown in the lake chart of Appendix A.
 - C** = Counts Island (aka Wessinger Island) including all shoal markers
 - D** = Doolittle Island (aka Lunch, Bomb, Bird) including all shoal markers
 - F** = The finishing line (orange buoy & yellow buoy), crossing in the direction from the last mark
 - G** = Goat Island
 - J** = Jim Spence Islands, including all three islands and all shoal markers
 - M** = Midway Islands, including both islands and all shoal markers
 - V** = Rounding Mark Vessel, consisting of one or more boats of the Power Squadron anchored together, displaying anchor light(s), south of Ebert Island at coordinates 34°5.988'N, 81°15.994'W.
- 8.2. Mark V will carry a search light. When requested by hail on the Communication Channel, Mark V will shine the light into the sky for 3 seconds, then execute a slow back and forth sweeping motion just above the water in the direction towards the prior mark for approximately 5 seconds.

9 Check In

- 9.1. Before the race, each boat shall check in with the RC at the starting area.

10 The Start

- 10.1. The starting time for each boat will be determined by its PHRF rating, with higher handicaps starting earlier and lower handicaps starting later. The schedule of starting times will be published on the official notice board no later than Thursday June 5, 2025. The schedule will show starting times for each of several different course options. The course to be sailed will be chosen by the Principal Race Officer according to weather conditions.
- 10.2. The official time clock will be synchronized to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). No visual or audible signals will be made, but the current time will occasionally be announced on the VHF Communication Channel. The RC may notify boats that their start time is approaching.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between an orange tetrahedron buoy on the CSC dock at the starboard end, and a yellow tetrahedron buoy at the port end.
- 10.4. Boats whose starting time is more than five minutes later shall stay more than 100 yards away from the starting line, and stay clear of boats whose starting times are less than five minutes later.
- 10.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting time and she is identified, the RC will hail her sail number on the VHF Communication Channel. No recall flags will be flown.

- 10.6. A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her scheduled starting time will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 Course Restrictions

- 11.1. Mark V shall be treated as an Obstruction. Any competitor that touches mark V will be scored DSQ without a hearing.
- 11.2. A line running northeast from Goat Island to the nearby mainland shall be treated as an obstruction.
- 11.3. Except for Goat Island, any island that is not a mark of the course on a particular leg may be taken to either side.

12 Progress Checkpoint

- 12.1. Mark V will serve as a progress checkpoint. As each competitor rounds mark V, they shall call out their sail number to personnel onboard mark V, who will record the time and sail number and report these to the RC.

13 Change of the next leg of the course

- 13.1. Course changes will not be made.
- 13.2. After expiration of the time limit, the course may be shortened to a rounding mark ahead of the leading boat.

14 The Finish

- 14.1. The finishing line is between an orange tetrahedron buoy on the dock at CSC and a yellow tetrahedron buoy in the water.
- 14.2. If the course has been shortened, the finishing marks will be the staff of code flag S on an RC vessel and either a nearby mark of the course or a yellow tetrahedron.

15 Penalty System - The One Turn and Two Turns penalty system of RRS 44 applies.

16 Time Limits

- 16.1. The Race Time Limit is the time limit for the first boat to sail the course. The Shorten Time Limit is the time after which RC may elect to shorten the race. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.
- 16.2. The Race Time Limit is 11 hours from time zero, or 0600 hrs on Sunday June 8, 2025. The Shorten Time Limit is 8 hours from time zero, or 0300 hrs on Sunday June 8, 2025. The Finishing Window is two hours.
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 16.4. If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position relative to any nearby boats, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 Hearing Requests

- 17.1. If possible, immediately after finishing, verbally report to the Race Committee your intent to file a protest, giving your sail number and the sail number(s) you are protesting. Failure to notify RC will not invalidate your protest.
- 17.2. Email protests (Hearing Request) to George Murray at spraygsm@gmail.com before the filing time limit of 2359 on the Monday following the race.

- 17.3. Hearing Request forms are available on the Official Notice Board (Regatta Network).
- 17.4. Following receipt of a Hearing Request, the protest committee will send notices by email no later than 2359 on Wednesday to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

18 Scoring

- 18.1. A boat's score is her finishing position.

19 Safety

- 19.1. The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether to start or continue racing.
- 19.2. Boats shall comply with all applicable laws regarding required safety equipment including, but not limited to navigation lights, wearable, approved life jackets (PFD) for each person on board and a throwable floatation device that is accessible for immediate use.
- 19.3. Boats shall have a VHF marine band radio tuned to the Communication Channel to receive race information. Competitors should also scan Ch 16 and give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger (see RRS 1.1 – Helping those in danger).
- 19.4. Each boat shall have a working motor and enough fuel/energy to return to harbor.
- 19.5. Each boat shall have and use a VHF marine band radio tuned to the race committee communication channel while racing. Competitors are encouraged to also monitor channel 16.
- 19.6. The race will be abandoned if the National Weather Service issues a storm warning for portions of Richland, Lexington, Newberry or Saluda counties that include Lake Murray. An alert or watch is not the same as a warning.
- 19.7. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If possible, immediately notify race committee using VHF Ch 66.
- 19.8. Additional safety information and protocols may be published as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions.

20 Revision Record

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Addendum A – Marks of the Course

