

LMYRA Couples Race

Lake Murray Yacht Racing Association

July 19, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

- 1.1. This race is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS), and as modified by this Notice of Race (NOR), and the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. Boats that receive a PHRF rating based on their one-design class rules must conform with their one-design class measurements.
- 1.3. [DP] Each boat shall display sail numbers in accordance with RRS Appendix G. Any request to change sail numbers shall be submitted to the LMYRA Scorer at least 72 hours before the new numbers are used.
- 1.4. Neither spinnakers nor whisker poles may be used.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 12 July 2025 on the Notice Board of Regatta Networks at URL: <https://www.lmyra.net/regatta-network>.

3 Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at URL:
<https://www.lmyra.net/regatta-network>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 66 and 16.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio channel 66, or audibly after hoisting code flag "L".
- 3.4. [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 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to all cruiser-class sailboats as defined in the LMYRA Bylaws as monohull, ballasted, self-righting sailboats, at least 20' in length, with a cabin and operable engine.
- 4.2. Crew shall consist of one male and one female.
- 4.3. Boats must have received a PHRF rating assigned by the LMYRA Rating Chair. A boat that does not have an LMYRA rating shall submit a rating request via email to macexfil@gmail.com not less than 72 hours prior to the registration deadline.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by registering online at Regatta Network, and paying either the registration fee for this race or the annual fee.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1. One race is planned. The race will be sailed as a pursuit event, with handicaps taken at the start based on PHRF rating and the planned race distance. The starting time of the scratch boat will be 7:00 PM. A table showing the starting times for each competitor will be published on the official notice board.

6 Course

- 6.1. The course will be defined by floating marks, with a target sailing time of 60-90 minutes.

6.2. The starting area will be immediately south of the Columbia Sailing Club.

7 Ratings

7.1. Ratings of registered boats will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

8 Scoring

8.1. Finishing positions will be assigned based on order of crossing the finish line.

8.2. The low point scoring system as defined in RRS A4 will apply for each class, or if a class is subdivided, for each division.

9 Prizes

9.1. The number of prizes awarded will be approximately 30% of the number of registered competitors.

10 Safety

10.1. The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether to start or continue racing.

10.2. Boats shall comply with all applicable laws regarding required safety equipment including, but not limited to, navigation lights, approved life jackets (PFD) for all persons onboard and a throwable floatation device that is accessible for immediate use.

10.3. All competitors shall have a VHF marine band radio tuned to Ch 66 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).

10.4. Each boat shall have a working motor and enough fuel/energy to return to harbor.

10.5. 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.

10.6. 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.

10.7. Additional safety information and protocols may be published as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions.

11 Insurance

11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12 Revision Record

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