

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Thursday Night Racing Series

Series 1: June 11, 18, 25, 2020

Series 2: July 2, 16, 23, 2020

Series 3: July 30, August 6, 13, 2020

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.3 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form.
- 1.4 Appendix "P" Special Procedures for Rule 42" shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (Flying Juniors). A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to all sailors.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board the back patio of the Seahorse Lounge.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least one hour before the first race of each day.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole or yardarm at the Club or from the Race Committee Boat if docked in the host club harbour.
- 5.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee
- 6.2 Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a Thursday Night Race:

Thursday
1600-1700 Registration at the Seahorse Lounge
1700 Skipper's Meeting at the Seahorse Lounge (Attendance Mandatory)
1730 Warning Signal for the first race to follow

7. CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF STARTS FOR THE FIRST RACE: For the first race of each day, classes will start in the following order and the following flags will be used as class flags during starting sequences:

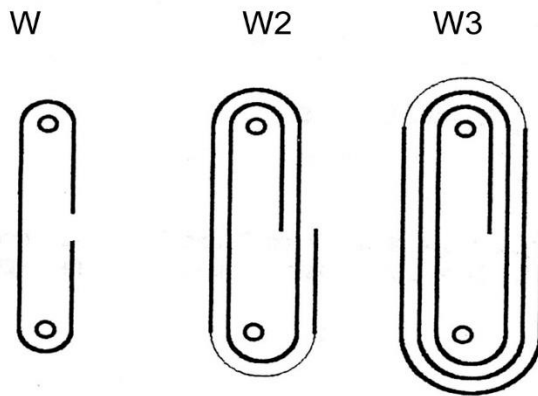
8. RACING AREA: Racing will be held just outside the Lakewood Yacht Club breakwater on Clear Lake.

9. **CHECK IN ON THE WATER:** Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee.

10. **RACE COURSES:**

10.1 There will be three types of race courses as follows: "W" (windward/leeward) – windward, leeward, windward to finish. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "W".

10.2 The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.



10.3 Unless a race is shortened in accordance with the Rules, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the windward leg. During the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange flag on a staff, the start/finish line will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored points equal to DNF, unless they properly unwind.

10.4 The Finish Line will be between the Race Committee Boat and a mark off the Port side of the Race Committee Boat

11. **MARKS:**

12.4 The marks for the day of racing will be announced at the Skippers Meeting

13. **THE START:**

13.1 A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.

13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.

13.3 A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1.

13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

14. **RECALLS:** Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

- 15 THE FINISH:** The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark off the Port side of the Race Committee Boat.
- 16 TIME LIMIT:**
- 16.1** The time limit for each race will be 30 minutes for the first boat to finish.
 - 16.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit but no more than a score of DNF.
 - 16.3** At its discretion, the Race Committee may finish any boat in place and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies Rules 32 & 35.
 - 16.4** A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of the start. This modifies Rule 32.
- 17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**
- 17.1** A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing.
 - 17.2** An Optimist boat intending to protest must fly a protest flag in accordance with 61.1(a). This changes Rule 61.1(a) (2).
 - 17.3** Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse, and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative there within sixty (60) minutes after the Signal Boat from the Competitors race course docks.
 - 17.4** The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.
 - 17.5** A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 10, 19, 20 & 21. This changes Rule 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than SI Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
 - 17.6** Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used. This modifies Rules 63.1 and 63.2.
- 18 SCORING:**
- 18.1** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more, but not ten (10), races are completed; if ten (10) races are completed her two worst scores will be excluded.
 - 18.2** To qualify for the overall 2018 Lakewood Yacht Club Youth Championship, boats must sail in at least two of the three individual regattas. Overall scores from each individual regatta of the series will be used employing The Low Point System. The boat with the lowest score will be declared the overall winner of the 2018 Lakewood Yacht Club Youth Championship
- 19 DISPOSAL OF TRASH:** Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.
- 20 SAFETY:**
- 20.1** Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing.
 - 20.2** A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse.
- 21 SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:**
- 21.1** Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least Two Hundred (200') feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start a race until after the competitor has finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

The Race Committee, in its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.

21.2 Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

21.3 Optimist Green Fleet: Notwithstanding 21.1, coaching of Green Fleet Optimist skippers while racing is permitted, however coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. Coaches shall provide fair and consistent support to all competitors, not just their team or sailor.

Above all, HAVE FUN!