

Weatherby Lake Yacht Club 2017 Racing Series
Spring Series, Summer Series, & Frostbite Series - April 23rd to October 15th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Racing Series will be governed by the rules as defined in ISAF *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*, the *2017-2020 Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association*, the rules of each class concerned (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The rules of each class will apply except that membership in a class organization and current rating certificate is not required. There is no minimum crew requirement. This changes Rule 78.
- 1.3. ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing numbered 35, 78, A2, A4, A5, A9, 61.3, and 62.2 will be changed as indicated in these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be sent by email to registered skippers and co-skippers at the e-mail address listed on their registration form.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - will be either:

- E-mailed to registered participants by 11am on the day it will take effect, or
- Communicated orally on the water by the Race Committee upon the raising of signal flag “L” with one sound prior to the time of the warning signal of any race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - will be displayed at the committee boat on the north side of C Point.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule of races can be found on the WLYC racing website at <http://www.weatherbylakeyc.org>
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1:30 pm.
- 5.3. All Fleets will have 2 races per day (one extra race per day may be sailed as a makeup race if previously scheduled races have not been completed). Reserve days may be used if scheduled races have not been completed or if the Race Committee deems it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.

6. CLASS FLAGS WILL BE:

- Cruiser Fleet - White Flag with capital “C” displayed on each side.
- Santana 20 Fleet - Yellow Flag with “20” displayed on each side.
- Sonar 23 Fleet – Flag with Red / White horizontal stripes on each side.

7. RACING AREA AND THE COURSE:

- 7.1. The photograph in Section 17 shows the race area and general location of course marks.
- 7.2. The specific course will be displayed on the signal board on the race committee boat prior to the warning signal. Course information will be in the following sequence:
 - 7.2.1. The order in which the marks are to be passed (The “X” mark may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee),
 - 7.2.2. The number of laps if more than one (1),
 - 7.2.3. The side on which each mark is to be left as indicated by a red or green signal board.

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8. MARKS

- 8.1. Marks A, B, C, D, E, & F will be white cylinder buoys with 2 orange stripes. An “X” mark will be a round white or orange buoy. See photograph in Section 17.
- 8.2. The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat on the starboard end and a white stick buoy (the pin mark) on the port end. The finishing marks will be the same as the starting marks (sides to be determined by course).

9. THE START AND FINISH

- 9.1. The start line will be between a red pole on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark (the pin mark). The finish line will be between a red pole on the race committee signal boat and white stick buoy (same marks as the starting line).
- 9.2. During a race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying the Past Commodore flag (white anchor and 3 stars on a dark blue background) 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.
- 9.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule **A4**.

10. TIME LIMITS

- 10.1. If no boat reaches the first mark within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 10.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules **35** and **A4**.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 11.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Principle Race Officer at “C” Point within the protest limit.
- 11.2. For all classes, the protest time limit is:
 - 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat has docked after the last race of the day. The RC boat will make 2 short sounds upon docking that will indicate the start of the 30-minute period.
 - The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules **61.3** and **62.2**.
- 11.3. Notices will be sent by e-mail as soon as practical to competitors to inform them of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 11.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be sent by e-mail as soon as practical to affected skippers to inform boats under rule 61.1(b), first sentence.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Eight (8) races must be completed to constitute a series. A race is scored and will count toward fleet standing if at least 3 boats start the race and at least one boat finishes the race. Skippers/co-skippers sailing their registered boats will be scored.
- 12.2. There is no minimum number of races required for skippers / co-skippers. Each series scoring will consider the best scores in 60% of the races held that comprise a series (rounded up to the nearest race). For example:

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- 8 races held – 5 best scores count
- 9 races held – 6 best scores count
- 10 races held – 6 best scores count
- 11 races held – 7 best scores count
- 12 races held – 8 best scores count

12.3. Registered skippers/co-skippers that did not start (**DNS**), did not start (on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and failed to start) or broke rule 30.1 (**OCS**), did not finish (**DNF**), retired after finishing (**RAF**), or were disqualified (**DSQ**), will be scored 1 more point than the number of boats competing in that race. This changes Rules **A5** and **A9**.

12.4. Registered skippers/co-skippers that did not come to the starting area and did not compete (**DNC**) will be scored 1 more point than the number of registered participants at the end of the series. “Registered skippers/co-skippers” in this section is defined as skippers/co-skippers who have sailed at least one race in the series in question. This changes Rule **A5**. Underlined portion added for 2nd and Frostbite Series.

12.5. The latest Portsmouth Yardstick (with appropriate adjustments for Beaufort wind scale) will be used for scoring boats competing in the Handicap Fleet with the following considerations:

12.6. All boats will be handicapped assuming class legal sail inventories and boat specifications.

12.7. Classes that race with three or more One Design boats will be scored amongst themselves on a strict One Design basis with no rating adjustments for “no spinnaker” declarations.

13. CHECK-IN & RETIREMENT

13.1. To qualify as a skipper/co-skipper and receive a score, a skipper must check in with the PRO on the Race Committee boat prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day. Check in will be verbal (e.g. “Sonar, sail # 429, skipper John Smith, checking in, no spinnaker”) and must be confirmed verbally by the PRO. This changes Rule **A2**. See also Section 12.6 above.

13.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the PRO as soon as possible. This can be by phone if necessary to Robert Murray at 816-695-1334 (cell).

14. **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENTS CHECKS** - may be made at any time for compliance with the class rules.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

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17. RACE AREA & MARKS REFERENCED IN SECTION 8.1

