

2016-2017

Lanier Auxiliary Racing Committee

**Fall/Winter Series
Sailing Instructions**

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Rules

The races will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS). The Series is designated Category A.

Entries

- 2.1 Eligible skippers are entered by being a registered member of any organizing authority, the Barefoot Sailing Club, Lake Lanier Sailing Club (Auxiliary Fleet), Southern Sailing Club, University Yacht Club, or the Atlanta Inland Sailing Club. Skippers should complete a Fall/Winter registration form at one of the skipper's meetings.
- 2.2 Skippers may enter any self-righting monohull 19.5 feet LOA or above, that hold a current Lake Lanier Performance Handicap Rating (LLPHR) or a multihull that hold a current Lake Lanier Performance Handicap Racing (LLPHRF) Handicap Certificate. (I.e. no dinghies).
- 2.3 Either the registered skipper, or the designated alternate skipper as submitted in writing to the organizing authority in advance of the race for which the alternate is designated, must be on board for each race of the series. The registered and/or designated alternate skipper may change boats for different series, but shall not change within a series. This means that a single hull must be used within a series. A registered and alternate skipper shall not be assigned to more than one boat during a series. The registered and/or alternate skipper may crew on another yacht, but shall not skipper or helm the other yacht.
- 2.4 All entrants may carry a current copy of the event permit from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is available from the Race Committee or at the skipper's meeting if one was not received when registering with one of the organizing authorities.
- 2.5 A participant in this event shall hold all organizing bodies, its officers, representatives, agents, Race Committee members, and Co-Sponsors harmless for any bodily injury or physical damage that may occur during these events, to include after race and other social gatherings. By their participation, persons involved with these events acknowledge and agree with this provision.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on all of the organizing authority's web sites official notice boards. Those sites are located on the web pages at <http://www.barefootsailing.org/> , <http://www.llsc.com> , <http://www.southernsailing.org/>, <http://www.universityyachtclub.org/>,

aiscracing.com . Copies of the sailing instructions will also be available at the Skipper's Meetings.

Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions, including any change to the schedule of races, shall be posted on the official notice boards of the organizing authorities at least four days prior to the date on which the change will take effect.

Schedule of Races

Skipper's meetings are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. prior to races hosted by AISC, BFSC, and SSC outside the Aqualand Ship's Store. Skipper's meetings are scheduled to be held at 11 AM prior to races hosted by LLSC and UYC at each club's clubhouse due to the cooler weather. Races are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. (warning at 12:55 p.m.). Verify skipper's meetings and race start times with the official notice board. All races are scheduled to start in the vicinity of "X" mark (Island 18), but may be moved elsewhere at the discretion of the Race Committee. After each race there will be a get together for participants at a location announced at the skipper's meeting. Very light hors d'oeuvres will be served. **After race festivities are BYOB.** For races hosted by UYC, in lieu of a post-race party, a hot breakfast will be served at 10am prior to the 11am skipper's meeting in the UYC Carswell Pavilion. *Come to the skipper's meeting to find extra crew or if you want to crew, find out the location of the after race festivities, obtain fleet flags or sailing instructions, or register.*

Classes and Flags:

Class Flags will be designated by the following Number pennants:

Fleet	Description	PHRF Rating	Class Flag
1	Sport	1 – 120	1
2	Low Spin	1 – 149	2
3	High Spin	150 +	3
4	Cruiser	All	4

Fleet 1 Sport will consist of all planing hull Asymmetrical sport boats.

Fleet 2 and 3 will include non-spin boats with a 15 seconds per mile adjustment.

Any boats which don't specifically fall into one category will have their placement decided by the flag officers of LARC.

The LLPHRF rating assigned to each fleet may be re-assigned at the skipper's meeting of the first race of each series.

Racing Area

The racing area will be in Flowery Branch Bay, Chattahoochee Bay,

8A. The Course (for UYC, AISC and LLSC race days)

- 8.1 Courses will be designated by permanent Corps of Engineers marks identified on the map or temporary marks consisting of 4' orange tetrahedrons or 2' round red or orange balls and/or yellow tetrahedrons. Islands 8, 10, 13, and 16 are boundary markers. The course selected will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee boat. Competing boats are hereby instructed to maintain a clockwise pattern around the committee boat (under mainsail or power only) while checking in and observing the course instructions.
- 8.2 Courses will be designated by the mark's letter and the side of the boat to which the marks are to be left. Example "F-P, D-P, X-P-Finish." "P" (port rounding) will designate if marks are to be left to port. "S" (starboard rounding) will designate if marks are to be left to starboard. If temporary marks are used, the course designation will show the closest permanent mark followed by "T" and the direction the mark is to be rounded. (For example 16TP meaning round the temporary mark closest to Corps of Engineers mark 16 leaving it to port.)
- 8.3 The Race Committee may provide separate courses for different fleets.
- 8.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee, a part of the course specified may be a designated "gate" through which boats on that course shall sail. For this purpose, a gate will be defined as the space created where a line would be drawn between the race committee boat and a nearby mark. A direction through the gate, indicated on the course board, shall specify the required side on which to pass the mark, for example: a gate at X mark, moving from D through the gate to F, taking X to Starboard, shall be specified on the course board as "X-S Gate." If the gate is used as a rounding mark, boats may round either mark or the race committee boat. This changes RRS rule 28.

8B. The Course (for BSC and SSC race days)

- 8B.1 The course will be posted on the official course board and will be displayed during the skipper's meeting. If temporary marks are used, the course designation will show the closest permanent mark followed by "T" and the direction the mark is to be rounded. (For example, 16TP meaning round the temporary mark closest to Corps of Engineers mark 16 leaving it to port.)

9A. The Start (for UYC, AISC and LLSC race days)

- 9A.1 The starting order of the fleets shall be posted on the race committee boat.
- 9A.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark.
- 9A.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and All boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 9A.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1

9B. The Start (for BSC and SSC race days)

- 9B.1 Races shall be started using the staggered start system.
- 9B.2 Each boat shall have its own specific start time as determined by each boat's specific PHRF rating and the course length. Start times for each boat will be obtained at the skipper's meeting.
- 9B.3 The Starting Line is an imaginary line that extends no further than 20 yards and is perpendicular to the first mark. For a proper start, you must start within 20 yards of the proper side of the starting mark as indicated on the official course board.
- 9B.4 The order of starts for each race is determined by your boat's specific start time.
- 9B.5 Boats that are not starting should keep clear of the starting area as to not interfere with those who are starting.
- 9B.6 All starts are based upon the honor system as no committee boat is usually available to keep an eye on start times. It is the responsibility of each skipper to synchronize his or her own starting watch with that of the official starting clock posted on the official course board at the skipper's meeting.

10A. The Finish (for UYC, AISC and LLSC race days)

- 10A.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark of the course.
- 10A.2 Races for any one or more fleets may be shortened or abandoned if it appears that no boat will finish by the time limit in SI #11, OR if the lead boat has not reached the first mark within one hour of the start of that fleet. Fleets shortened will be designated by displaying those fleets' flags and the shorten course flag. This changes rule 32.

10B. The Finish (for BSC and SSC race days)

- 10B.1 The Finish Line is an imaginary line that extends no further than 20 yards and is perpendicular to the last mark. For a proper finish, you must end your race within 20 yards of the proper side of the finishing mark as indicated on the official course board.
- 10B.2 As part of the published course, one mark will be determined to be the short finish mark. A time will be assigned to that mark if the lead boat does not reach the short finish mark by the predetermined time. The race will be shortened at that point. Note: The rules for a proper finish still apply to a "Short Course" finish.
- 10B.3 All skippers responsible for keeping up with their own finish times. Once again, this is based on the honor system.
- 10B.4 As part of the published course, a motor-up time will be determined. If a boat does not finish the race by the predetermined time, the race is over for that skipper and the boat will receive a

Did-Not-Finish (DNF) for the race.

Time Limit

Boats failing to finish within 4 hours of the first start, or boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her fleet finishes shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS rule 35 and A4.1.

Withdrawal

Boats withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

Protests

- 13.1 A protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee or the LARC president Sean O'Connor of intent to file a protest immediately upon finishing the race. This changes RRS rule 61. The protestor must clearly identify the protested boat(s) to the Race Committee, but shall not interfere while the Race Committee records other finishes.
- 13.2 Protest forms are available on the US Sailing web page at <http://www.ussailing.org>. They will also be available at the party after the race.
- 13.3 Protests should be delivered to one of the officers of LARC, within 2 hours of the protestor's finish at the after race party OR may be delivered not later than **11:59 p.m. of the day following the race** in which the protested incident occurred. Fax or e-mail is acceptable. This changes rule 61.3. Protests should be addressed to the **Chairman of LARC Sean O'Connor, or Protest Chairman Phil Eastman**.
- 13.4 Protest hearings may be held at the after-race event within one hour of it being filed if **protestor and protest are present and agreeable to the hearing**. The officer receiving the protest shall gather a committee and hold the protest at the event, in a separate room if possible.
- 13.5 In the event of extenuating circumstances which may prevent a protesting boat from meeting the deadline above, the organizing authorities may, at their discretion, choose to accept the protest, provided the protesting boat has met the following requirements:
 - 13.5.1 Protestor shall notify the appropriate organizing authority, as above, of intent to file a protest no later than 11:59 pm of the day following the race in which the protested incident occurred. This shall include approximately how soon the protest will be sent.
 - 13.5.2 Protestor shall mail or e-mail the written protest and notify the appropriate organizing authority when the protest is sent.
 - 13.5.3 Protestor shall indicate, on the protest form, the extenuating circumstances which prevented compliance with Item 12.3 above.
- 13.6 Protest hearings not held at the event are scheduled for the Tuesday immediately following the race in which the incident occurred. All parties to protests will be notified of the scheduled protest not later than the day preceding the Tuesday for which the protest is scheduled.
- 13.7 Protest hearing dates and times may be changed only at the discretion of the appropriate organizing authority and/or the protest chairman. Skippers with conflicts may designate an alternate representative by contacting the appropriate organizing authority at least 24 hours

in advance.

Scoring

- 14.1 The time-on-distance method of PHRF handicapping will be used. The Low Point scoring system, RRS rule A2, will apply, with the exception that the suggested wording from RRS rule AS will replace the second paragraph of RRS rule A2.2 as follows: Boats not so scored that came to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of all boats that came to the starting area. Boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 14.2 For the Fall and Winter Series, 5 races are scheduled each, of which 2 shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 One throw out will be given for each Series. This changes RRS rule A2.
- 14.4 For any one race, a maximum of two skippers from different fleets will be given race credit for acting as Race Committee, provided that the skipper or the designated alternate skipper of each boat is actually present on the race committee. Each boat will be awarded the average of that boat's race positions after throw outs have been removed from the results. No boat will be allowed to receive more than one race committee credit in any one series, nor may any boat participate in the race in which it is also acting as Race Committee. The Race Committee shall provide the race results to the official scorekeeper within 24 hours to receive the Race Committee credit.

Trophies

- 15.1 Trophies will be awarded for each series.
- 15.2 Overall trophies will also be awarded to the boats in each fleet with the lowest combined score based on its final position in the Fall Series and Winter Series. There will be one overall trophy for each fleet. For a skipper to qualify for the overall awards, the boat raced in each series must be of the same model and same LLPHRF rating. Ties in this "two race" overall series will be broken according to rule A8.1 but not A8.2. If a tie still remains, it will be broken by using the individual races from both series with existing throw outs, considering them to be one series and using rule A8.1 and A8.2.
- 15.3 A Club Championship Trophy will be awarded according to the following rules:

At registration the skipper of each boat shall declare the club under whose burgee they will be sailing in the LARC Fall and Winter series. Each skipper must be a member in good standing of that club. The registered club affiliation cannot be changed throughout the LARC Fall and Winter series.

The scoring method to determine the club championship result in the combined series is as follows:

Boats ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each fleet in each race will accrue 3 points, 2 points and 1 point respectively for their club. If fewer than 3 boats compete in any race, only those boats scored will accrue points towards the club championship.

Race committee points awarded to the participating member for race committee duty are

exempted from the Club Championship Trophy scoring.

At the end of the Fall and Winter series, the points awarded to each club for each race will be totaled. The Fall and Winter series championship will be awarded to the club with the highest points total at the end of the LARC series.

A trophy will be awarded to the winning club.

Replacement of Crew

16.1 Substitution of crew is allowed at any point in between races

16.2 Either the registered skipper or the designated alternate skipper must be on board for each race of the series. The registered and/or designated alternate skipper may change boats for different series, but shall not change within a series. A registered and alternate skipper may crew on another boat, but shall not skipper or helm the other boat.

Trash

Any boat seen by the Race Committee throwing trash into the lake may be giving a 20 percent scoring penalty. Such penalty will not be grounds for redress.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the races. By their participation, any persons involved with these races acknowledge and agree with this provision.