

## GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

LSYC 2017

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 All races held by Lakeshore Yacht Club will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 Canadian Yachting Association (RRS)
- 1.2 All boats racing at Lakeshore Yacht Club shall have a copy of the LSYC 2017 Sailing Instructions and a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 on board.

### 2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the appropriate entry fee to the Fleet Captain 72 hrs before the start of the first race of the series they intend to enter
- 2.2 Failure to be properly registered within the 72 hours deadline may lead to these boats not being scored
- 2.3 Race registration forms can be requested from [fleetcaptain@lsyc.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@lsyc.com)
- 2.4 As per Appendix G of the RRS: Main sail must include identification
- 2.5 All boats shall be equipped as per the current 'Safe Boating Guide'.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors (as well as any change or addition to the sailing instructions) will be posted on the Official Racing Notice Board located inside the clubhouse

### 4 SIGNS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed from LSYC Clubhouse Patio & accompanied by appropriate sound signal(s)

### 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Wednesday Evening Races will not have a Skippers Meeting prior to the race start.  
**SPRING & SUMMER:** The warning signal for the first start will be no earlier than 6:30pm.  
**FALL:** The warning signal for the first start will be no earlier than 6:15 pm.
- 5.2 **DISTANCE RACES** will have a Skippers Meeting starting no earlier than 10am.

### 6 CLASSES & FLAGS

- 6.1 Basic divisions will be split per White Sail and Spinnaker.
- 6.2 Start flags for each division will be posted on the Official Racing Notice Board prior to the start of the first race of each series.
- 6.3 Boats will not fly a class flag, Canadian Flag, burgee or other flag
- 6.4 Divisions for the **DISTANCE RACES** will be decided upon at the skippers meetings

### 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Wednesday night racing area is located approximately 1 nautical mile south west of the entrance to LSYC

### 8 COURSES

- 8.1 The LSYC Race Course will be set by the Race Committee for the Wednesday Night Racing Series using the race marks as set out in the race course diagram located on [lsyc.com](http://lsyc.com) under Competition
- 8.2 The courses for the **DISTANCE RACES** will be decided upon at the Skippers meeting

### 9 STARTING & FINISH SIGNALS & LINES

- 9.1 All signals shall be taken from the visual signals. The Failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded  
For each race, the Race Committee will apply ISAF Racing Rule 26 in combination with a modified ISAF Appendix C3.1 for the start of all races.

- 9.2 The Race Committee will give an attention signal and shall notify all boats with an F flag 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal and goes down 1 minute prior to the first warning signal.
- 9.3 The starting and finish line will be between the signal boat & Racing course mark 0 or a tetrahedron
- 9.4 The race committee may, no later than the warning signal, trail a mark from the stern or bow of the RC boat at the starboard end. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the RC boat. No boat may pass between the trailing mark and the RC boat.
- 9.5 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS)
- 9.6 No boat may use its engine after it's division prep flag or it will be disqualified (DSQ).

## 10 RECALLS

- 10.1 When individual recalls are signaled, the race committee shall promptly display Flag X with one sound and may (at its discretion) attempt to hail the boat name/sail numbers of the recalled boat(s). Failure of the Race Committee to hail or failure of a boat to hear the hail of its boat name/sail number will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly. This changes RRS 29.1

## 11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 The time limit for *DISTANCE RACES* will be discussed at the skippers meeting.
- 11.2 The Race Committee has the authority to terminate a race at any time due to safety concerns.
- 11.3 The Race Committee has the authority to terminate any race after start due to lack of wind.
- 11.4 There shall be a curfew on the Wednesday Night races of 9:30 pm
- 11.5 Competitors not finishing within 20 minutes of the first competitor in their class/division will be scored in place, at the discretion of the Race Committee

## 12 PROTESTS

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. They will hail "Protest" and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to do so will result in the protest being discarded.
- 12.2 A boat intending to protest shall attempt to notify the RC boat of its intent to protest and identify the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1
- 12.3 Protests shall be written on current RRS Protest forms available from the Race Committee and shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks on Wednesday Nights.
- 12.4 An Arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident provided there are no injuries or significant property damage
- 12.5 Protests will be heard as soon as reasonably possible.

## 13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that first place shall be awarded 0.75 points
- 13.2 Wednesday Night Racing Series: **SPRING & SUMMER**  
If 7 races of a series are sailed 2 will be dropped.  
If 6 races of a series are sailed 1 will be dropped.  
If less than 5 races of a series are sailed all will count.
- 13.3 Wednesday Night Racing Series: **FALL**  
If 6 races of a series are sailed 1 will be dropped.

If less than 5 races of a series are sailed all will count.

13.4 A series must have at least one race sailed to be a series.

13.5 **DISTANCE SERIES Races**

If 9 races are sailed there will be 4 drops

If 8 races are sailed, there will be 3 drops

If 7 races are sailed, there will be 2 drops

If 6 or less races are sailed there will be no drops

Fleets are started and divided as in Rule 6.1.

#### 14 SCORING CODES

**DNC:** Did not start; did not come to the starting area = Fleet + 1

**DNS:** Did not start (other than DNC and OCS) = Division + 1

**OCS:** Did not start; on the course side of the starting line =Division +1

**DNF:** Did not finish = Division + 1

**RAF:** Retired after finishing = Division +1

**DSQ:** Disqualification = Fleet + 1

**RDG:** Redress given = As per redress

**Fleet:** is defined as the total number of boats that have come to the starting area for the division, in that series.

**Division:** is the number of boats in the division for that race.

#### 15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible. Failure to do so will result in the boat being disqualified for that race.

15.2 Attention is drawn to RRS 49.2 and is required for all boats originally fitted with lifelines.

#### 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in any racing entirely at their own risk . (See RRS 4, Decision to Race) Lake Shore Yacht Club, or anymember of the Race Committee crew will not accept any liability for material damage/personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after a race.

#### 17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance that allows the boat to compete in races

17.2 All boats competing must carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance

17.3 All boats competing must provide a copy of their insurance policy prior to racing.

#### 18 EXCLUSION ZONE

18.1 Competing boats are only allowed into the exclusion zone once the Warning Signal for their division has been sounded. Boats should avoid the exclusion zone during the starts of other classes, in keeping with Rule 2 and 24.1

18.2 The Exclusion Zone is described as 100 foot perimeter extending from the starting line in all directions, surrounding the surrounding area in a rectangle

#### 19 VHF COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor VHF 74 for all events, unless otherwise instructed at the Skippers Meeting or posted on the Official Racing Notice Board