

Lake Washington Sailing Club

2012 Summer Series Sailing Instructions

1. Rules: The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules or decisions of each class concerned, and these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
2. Decision to sail: It is the responsibility of each participant to sail in a safe manner and to make the decision as to whether the conditions are safe to sail in.
3. PFDs: All participants are required to wear a personal flotation device while on the water.
4. Bowline/Painter: Every participating boat must have a line 3/16" diameter or larger of at least 10 feet in length attached to the boat and ready at all times for the purpose of towing.
5. Entries: All participants must have submitted their entry form and payment prior to starting any races.
6. Classes and Divisions: One-design classes having 3 or more entries will be scored separately. Any boat not competing in a one-design class will sail in a Portsmouth handicapped class. Note that a committee may not be present to record finishing times or positions, in that case, the responsibility lies with each sailor. See remainder of sailing instructions for clarity on this.
7. Race committee/Designated Sailor: Each evening one of the sailors from each fleet will act as the on the water committee for that fleet. They are henceforth called the designated sailor. On some evenings they will operate from a committee boat, on others they will be sailing with the fleet. See the remaining items for how races are handled.
8. Skippers' Meeting: On most nights, no skippers meeting will be held. Please consult the designated sailor for any clarifying questions. If changes are being made, they will be communicated to the group informally either on land or on the water prior to racing each evening. It is the responsibility of each skipper to know their class and designated sailor.
9. First Warning: The first warning will be at 6:00 PM unless postponed by the designated sailor.
10. Marks: The marks used for each evening may vary. Consult the designated sailor when in doubt.
11. Start/Finish Line: The Start/ Finish line will be between a regular mark and either the committee boat, or a second regular mark, or some other designated landmark as described by the designated sailor.
12. Starting Sequence: No flags will be used. The designated sailor will raise their hand and vocally count down from 5. When they lower their hand at 0, the 3 minute sequence will start for that fleet. No other signals need be made. However if the designated sailor is operating from a committee boat, they may use flags or horns to give more clarity.
13. Class Flags: No flags will be used. The designated sailor for each fleet will be responsible for the starting sequence for their fleet.
14. Mark rounding: All marks will be rounded to port.
15. Courses: The courses will be determined each evening and described by the designated sailor. No flags or other signals will be used. Each class' designated sailor will vocally announce the course for the next race shortly before the starting sequence.
16. Recalls: Each sailor is responsible for knowing if they were OCS and properly restarting if necessary. When the designated sailor is operating from a committee boat, they will vocally announce OCS's.
17. Finishing Time Limit: Each boat must finish within 15 minutes of the first finisher to avoid being scored DNF.
18. Abandonment: The designated sailor will announce them vocally.
19. Number of Races: Up to 5 races will be sailed each evening.
20. Scoring: The RRS Appendix A low point scoring will be used with 1 throwout for every 5 races for evening scoring and 1 throwout for every 4 races for series scoring. For the purpose of RRS A9, coming to the starting area will be defined as an entrant who brings one's boat to LWSC that evening and will be scored DNS for any races they did not start. Boats that do not come to LWSC on a particular evening will be scored DNC for that evening's races.
21. Score keeping: Each boat is responsible for knowing their finishing position in their class and communicating it to the designated sailor at the end of the evening. Boats sailing in an open class are responsible for knowing the elapsed time of each race so that the handicapping can be calculated. When the designated sailor is operating from a committee boat, they will score the races.
22. Redress for designated sailor: The designated sailor will get redress for each race missed while operating the committee boat. For dates in May, it will be the average score of races finished in May. For June and beyond it will be the average score of the races finished in the 4 weeks prior to the date of the races missed.
23. Practice Days: There will be one practice day, the first day, May 3rd. On that day regular racing will be conducted, however it will not be scored for the season.
24. Protests: Protest must be filed within 30 minutes of racing to the designated sailor. The hearing will be scheduled for a future night.
25. Trophies: Trophies will be awarded at the end of the series as specified in the NOR.