

Lake Washington Sailing Club

Summer Series Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing and as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
2. **Rule 44.1** - The Two-Turns Penalty is modified to a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).
- 2.1. **PFDs:** All participants are required to wear a personal floatation device while on the water.
- 2.2. **Bowline/Painter:** Every participating boat must have an attached bowline for the purpose of towing.
- 2.3. **Decision to sail:** Each participant is responsible to sail in a safe manner and to make the decision as to whether the conditions are safe to compete.
3. **Entries:** All participants must have submitted their entry form and payment prior to starting any races.
4. **Classes and Divisions:**
 - 4.1. **One Design Classes:** One-design classes having 3 or more entries will be scored separately as a class.
 - 4.2. **Open Division:** A boat not competing in a one-design class will sail in a Portsmouth handicapped class.
5. **Race committee:** A pre-assigned race committee will handle course setup, starting, scoring and safety. If necessary, a substitute race committee will be assigned prior to the first warning.
6. **Skippers' Meeting:** No skippers meeting will be held. Direct your questions to the fleet captain or a race committee member. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced prior to racing.
7. **Practice Evening:** The first evening of racing in May will be a practice session and not scored in the series.
8. **First Warning:** The first warning will be 6:00 pm. No warning signal will be made after 7:45pm.
9. **Postponements/Signaling:** Postponement and first warning announcement will be communicated verbally by race committee.
10. **Marks:** The marks used for each evening may vary. Consult race committee for clarity.
11. **Start/Finish Line:** The Start/ Finish line will be between a regular mark and a flag on the committee boat.
12. **Starting Sequence:** After announcing course to sail, race committee will raise a hand and vocally count down from 5. When they lower their hand at 0, the 3 minute sequence will start for that race. As an option, race committee may use horns, whistles, flags or sound system unit (Ollie box).
13. **Class Flags:** No class flags will be used. Fleet assignment will be made on the water by race committee.
14. **Mark rounding:** All marks will be rounded to port.
15. **Courses:** Course to be sailed will be announced prior to starting.
16. **Recalls:** Each sailor is responsible for knowing if they are OCS and properly restarting if necessary. Race committee will attempt to hail sailor(s) over early.
17. **Finishing Time Limit:** Each boat must finish within 15 minutes of the first finisher to avoid being scored DNF.
18. **Abandonment:** The race committee will verbally announce abandonment.
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. A minimum of three evenings are required to qualify for series scoring. Entrants coming to LWSC will be scored DNS for any races they did not start. Entrants not attending a particular evening will be scored DNC.
21. **Redress for Committee member(s):** A sailor who is on race committee will get redress for each race missed. 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.
22. **Protests:** Protest must be filed with the race committee within 30 minutes of completion of the last race. Class rules will be relaxed to promote club level racing. Protest hearing if needed will be scheduled for a future night.
23. **Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded at the end of the series.