

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

Monday J.O.G. and Wednesday P.H.R.F. Night Race Program

1. Rules

The race series shall be governed by the International Yacht Racing Rules as adopted by I.A.S.F. and the C.Y.A. (except as altered by these sailing instructions) and by LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club rules and/or bylaws.

2. Sailing Restrictions (Applies to J.O.G. only)

Sloop rigged yachts in this class shall not use more than one headsail at a time and that sail shall be attached for its entire luff to the forestay in a fractional rig or the headstay in a masthead rig. Yachts that are permanently rigged as a cutter may use both jib and staysail provided both are attached for their entire length to their respective stays.

3. Starting

Races shall be started in accordance with Racing Rule 26. One horn sound at approximately 6:40 DST will signal 5 minutes to the first class warning. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of each preceding class. The starting line shall be between the RC flag on the committee boat and the starting mark. The starting line shall be at approximately 42 degrees 12 min. N. Latitude. When any part of a yacht's hull crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, she shall return to the prestart side of the line across one of its extensions and start. (Rule 30.1 – "Round the End Rule" except that the code flag "India" shall not be displayed) A yacht starting more than four minutes after her starting signal shall keep clear of all yachts in the upcoming start. The race committee may elect to remove the start line four minutes after the last start signal.

4. Shortening Of Course After Start

The Race Committee may, at its discretion, decide to shorten the course after the start. The preferred finish line for a shortened course shall be between the RC flag on the race Committee boat on the east end of the line and the green spar " DF 7 " on the west end of the line, or the deepwater side of any other aid to navigation and the RC flag on the race committee boat. In all cases the finish line shall never be set south of the green spar " DF 7".

5. The Finish

The normal finish line shall be between the bifurcation spar " DGB " and the flag on the race committee boat.

6. Time Limit

The time limit shall be two hours after their class start for all classes. Yachts finishing more than thirty minutes after the first yacht, in their class finishes or after their time limit, will be scored " DNF " unless they take their own time and report to the race committee.

7. Incomplete Or Cancelled Races

If a race is started but not completed due to expiration of the time limit, all registered yachts that started, in that fleet, will be recorded as “DNF” or if a race is not started on its scheduled day, all registered yachts in that fleet will be recorded as “DNS”. There will be no make up races.

8. Protests

Protests shall be submitted in writing on and only on a “U.S. Sailing / C.Y.A. Standard Protest Form” available from the race committee. Protests shall be lodged with the race committee within one hour of the race committee boat returning to her berth. If possible, please, notify the race committee of your intentions to protest via V.H.F. radio or when crossing the finish line. The Protest Committee shall normally hear protests in the evening of the day following the race. Protest Notices shall be posted in the Club House within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are to protest or are named as witnesses.

9. Alternative Penalties

The percentage penalty, Rule 44.3 of the Racing Rules shall be used. (20% Of the number of boats entered, with a three place minimum scoring difference) OR 720 degree turn penalty, Rule 44.2 of the Racing Rules.

10. Committee Boat And Protection Mark

When a protection mark is anchored between the race committee boat and the starting mark, it shall be considered a mark of the course. (Required side rule 28.1) The race committee boat is considered a mark of the course when the protection mark is absent, any vessel colliding with the race committee boat may be subject to protest by the race committee and may be subject to disqualification by the protest committee.

11. Radio Communications

The race committee shall attempt to monitor V.H.F. channels 9 (primary) and 16 (secondary) at all times. Announcements from the race committee, such as shortening the course, will be made on channel 9. Please keep the race committee advised of any problems on or off the racecourse.

12. Withdrawals

The skipper of any yacht withdrawing from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, preferably via V.H.F. radio.

13. Registration And Rating

A copy of her current rating certificate, unless the yacht is listed by Essex County P.H.R.F. Ass'n, shall accompany a yacht's registration form. Failing this, it shall be assumed that she is unmeasured and a penalty of 10 seconds a mile shall be assessed. Yachts that appear on the starting line without benefit of registering shall be assumed to be unmeasured. Race fees are to be paid prior to the start of the race series or the yacht will be deemed not entered, thus not racing and governed by Rule 22.1. Yachts entering a series already in progress must pay race fees prior to their first start in that series. Yachts racing in the Monday night J.O.G. series do not have to be a member of E.C.P.H.R.F. Ass'n to race.

14. Skippering Of Yachts

A person may not skipper another yacht in a race or series in which their own boat is registered in the same class, race or series. Also, all skippers must be club members. (Note: yachts from any other marina, which register and are accepted to participate, do not require a club member as skipper).

15. Course Display

A number board with the course to be sailed shall be displayed from the race committee prior to the warning signal for the first start. This number board shall have a black number on a white background. If a second board is displayed, it shall have a black number on a yellow background and shall apply to Class "C" only and the number shown on the white board shall apply to class "A" and "B". If only one board is displayed, it shall apply to all classes.

16. Course Descriptions (See the last sheet for a graphical descriptions)

Course #1: Down Stream from the start line leaving bifurcation spar "DGB" and Turkey Island to port. Round green spar "DF3" to port. Head upstream, leave Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation spar "DGB" to port and the committee boat to starboard.
(Handicap Distance 4.46 Nautical Miles)

Course #2: Down Stream from the start line leaving bifurcation spar "DGB" and Turkey Island to port. Leave green spar "DF3" to starboard. Round green spar "DF1" to port. Head up stream, leaving green spar "DF3" to port, Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation spar "DGB" to port and the committee boat to starboard.
(Handicap Distance 5.43 Nautical Miles)

Course #3: Down Stream from the start line leaving bifurcation spar "DGB" and Turkey Island to port. Leave green spar "DF3" to starboard. Round green spar "DF1" to starboard, red nun "D 84" and red structural buoy "D 82" and red spar "DF 2" to port. Head up stream, leaving green spar "DF3" to port, Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation spar "DGB" to port and the committee boat to starboard.
(Handicap Distance 6.37 Nautical Miles)

Course #4: Down Stream from the start line leaving bifurcation spar "DGB" and Turkey Island to port. Leave green spar "DF3" to starboard. Round red spar "DF2" to starboard, red structural buoy "D 82" and red nun "D 84" and green spar "DF 1" to port. Head up stream, leaving green spar "DF3" to port, Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation spar "DGB" to port and the committee boat to starboard.
(Handicap Distance 6.37 Nautical Miles)

Course #5: Down Stream from the start line leaving bifurcation spar "DGB" and Turkey Island to port. Round red spar "DF 6" to port. Head up stream, leave Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation spar "DGB" to port and the committee boat to starboard.
(Handicap Distance 2.95 Nautical Miles)

A ONE (1) DAY PRIOR NOTICE DISPLAYED IN THE CLUBHOUSE SPECIFYING ALL COURSE INSTRUCTIONS MAY ANNOUNCE AN OPTIONAL COURSE.

17. Scheduling

All races shall be sailed according to the calendar agreed to by the skippers at the April Skippers meeting. Start times are approximate and may be delayed at the discretion of the race committee. Races that fall on a “ holiday “ Monday shall be sailed on the following Tuesday. There will be no make up races.

18. Scoring

Scoring shall be according to the “Low Point System” as set out in Appendix A2, A4 and A9 of the International Racing Rules. The season shall be split into a **Spring, Summer** and **Fall** series. Each series will consist of 6 races. These series shall also be combined to form an **Overall** series. A yacht’s best 5 out of 6 finishes are used for each **Spring, Summer** and **Fall** series and her best 15 out of 18 are used for the **Overall** series. Ties are broken in accordance with Appendix A8.1. Abbreviations for scoring records will be according to Appendix A11.

DNS - Did Not Start

DSQ - Disqualified

DNC - Did Not Come to starting area

DNF - Did Not Finish

RDG - Redress Given

OCS - On Course Side at Start

19. Disqualification

A yacht that has been disqualified by a protest committee may not use the race in which she has been disqualified as a throw out for either a season series or for the overall series.

20. Rule 51 - the Racing Rules of Sailing (adopted 2010)

"Rule 51" Movable Ballast is changed so that boats shall be nominated with "non moveable ballast" or with "A Canting Keel" or "Water Ballast Tanks". A boat nominated with non moveable ballast and a boat with a lifting keel shall comply with Rule 51 as written in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008. Lifting Keels shall be locked in the down position and may not be moved whilst racing. Rule 51 is modified to allow boats with movable/variable ballast systems to compete. Boats must comply with ISAF Appendix K (www.sailing.org) and Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations revised clauses 6.1 (K) and 6.2 (K) (www.yachtingnz.org.nz).

21. Awards

If there are 5 or more yachts registered in a class, first, second and third place flags shall be awarded for each of the three series, 4 yachts in a class will be awarded first and second places and 3 yachts in a class will be awarded a first place flag only.

Revisions

April, 2007 – 7. Incomplete or make-up races was changed from if a race is not started on its scheduled day, it shall be rescheduled on the next make-up date and all registered yachts shall be eligible to compete.

