

# LMYC Sailing Instructions - Monday Jog and Wednesday Spinnaker Classes

## 1. Rules

Each race in these series shall be governed by ISAF- RRS, CYA (Canadian prescriptions), except where modified by these Sailing Instructions and where modified they shall override.

## 2. Entering and Ratings

**2.1** All yachts must be pre-entered before they are allowed to race. This involves filling out an entry form in full, signing the waiver and paying the fees to race that series and submitting said form and fees to the LMYC Race Director (RD). Finish times will not be taken for a boat not entered. Entry forms are available in the clubhouse, from the Race Director and online, as are these Sailing Instructions. ECPHRF Association ratings/handicaps are used for these series. A copy of the yacht's current rating certificate or being on the ECPHRF Assoc. Paid up members of ECPHRF are allowed to race the yacht ECPHRF has on file without a rating penalty, except those entering JOG need not be members of ECPHRF to race.

**2.2 Invitation:** These races are open to members of LMYC and non members alike, provided said non members are accepted to race by the Race Director.

## 3. Skippering of Yachts

A person may not skipper another yacht in a race or series in which their own boat is registered is the same class, race or series. Due to the nature of racing in the river only LMYC members may skipper boats in these races (except as noted in "Invitation")

## 4. Sail restrictions – for JOG classes only

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

## 5. Race schedule, Race start times

**5.1** All races shall be sailed according to the race schedule decided at the spring racers meeting, or as modified by the RD if necessary.

**5.2** Races that fall on a "holiday Monday" shall be sailed the following Tuesday, except as noted re: Fireworks.

**5.3 Fireworks:** There will be **no** JOG race Monday June 26 due to the annual fireworks display on the Detroit River that evening. Please refer to the Monday/Wednesday race schedule for more info.

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#### Starting times (approximate)

Spring and Summer series:

18:45 Committee boat on station

18:50 Warning Signal and flag raised for A class

Fall series:

18:30 Committee boat on station

18:35 Warning signal and flag raised for A class

## 6. Starting

**6.1** Races shall be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

**6.2** Note: Neither Rule 30.1, 30.2 nor 30.3 will be in effect.

**6.3 The start line** will be between a flag halyard supporting an orange flag on a Committee boat anchored at approximately 42 degrees 12 min. N. Latitude, near the East shore of Fighting Island and a floating marker placed approximately perpendicular to the channel, depending on wind direction and at the discretion of the Race Committee, hence known as RC in these instructions. Once positioned at the start line the RC will hoist an Orange Flag signaling approximately 5 minutes to the Warning Signal of the first start. In addition, a sound signal (horn blast) will accompany hoisting of the orange flag. NOTE: Hoisting of the Orange flag and subsequent horn blast are NOT part of the official starting sequence and are only provided as a courtesy to the racers to signal that the starting sequence is about to begin. The Orange flag will remain hoisted until the last class has started and cleared the starting area. The RC may remove the starting line 4 minutes after the last start has commenced.

**6.4 Official RC time:** the RC will attempt to synchronize their official race timer with the time on their onboard GPS unit and start their start sequence accordingly at 5 minute increments. NOTE: The hoisting of each Class flag signals 5 minutes to that class start and each flag raised or dropped by the RC indicates the RC official timing. Other timing such as **horn blasts or GPS time are NOT the official Race Committee time!**

**6.5 Start Box:** Yachts **not** engaged in their 5 minute start sequence **MUST STAY OUT OF START BOX**. The start box is defined at one end by **the starting line** and at the other end by channel markers **DF 15** and **DF 16**, thus creating an imaginary box. Any yacht not in their start sequence that interferes with a yacht starting may be protested and subsequently disqualified. The start box is pictured on the graphical courses page.

**6.6 Motoring Before the Start:** All yachts must turn off their engines prior to their 5 minute warning signal.

**6.7 Class flags on RC boat and starting sequence:** Class A: Solid yellow flag, Class B: Solid green flag and Class C: solid orange flag. Starts are in that order. Classes B and C start sequences begin at the start of the previous class unless delayed or postponed by the RC. NOTE to Class C: Do not confuse the RC boat on station flag - orange flag - with your class flag

## 7. Committee Boat protection Mark

If the RC boat sets a protection mark, it shall be considered part of the RC boat. Therefore no yacht may pass between said protection mark and the RC boat. Also, anyone hitting said mark is to have hit the RC boat and must abide by the RRS or face protest and disqualification.

## 8. Radio Communication

The RC shall monitor V.H.F. Channel 68 at all times. Any announcements from the RC will be made on Ch68. Also, the skipper of a yacht that drops out of a race must inform the RC asap, preferably by VHF radio, Ch 68.

## 9. Course Display

A number board with the course to be sailed shall be displayed on the RC boat, normally at the bow. These course boards are solid white or yellow with a black number on them such as **1, 2, 3, 4, etc.** If only one board is present then every class sails the same course. If a second board is also present then A class and B class sail the longer course and C class sails the shorter course (that is on the second board).

## 10. The Finish Line

**10.1 The standard finish line** shall be between Bifurcation marker **DGB** and the flag on the RC boat, which will be anchored to the East of DGB, unless course is shortened

## 11. Shortening the Course After Start

**11.1** The RC may, at their discretion, decide to shorten the course after the start. This could be due to a lack of wind or imminent dangerous weather. The RC, if sensing a possible shortened course, will motor downstream and if choosing to shorten the course they may hoist **code flag "S" and give 2 horn blasts**. Once they position themselves at a shortened course finish line they shall hoist a solid blue flag signifying that they are on station at the finish line. The RC boat shall be located on the opposite side of the channel from a marker in the DF channel near Turkey Island. The way to sail the shortened course is to round the bottom mark of a course and sail upstream to the new finish line which the RC, depending on the chosen course, could use **DF3, DF4, DF6, DF7, DF8, DF9 OR DF12** as a shortened course finish line marker, **but the RC shall attempt to use DF7 whenever possible. Also, the RC shall attempt to signal a shortened course prior to the first boat rounding the bottom mark and heading up stream.**

## 12. Time Limit

The time limit for each class shall be 2 hours after their start. If no boats in their class finish within the 2 hour limit, the race will be re-sailed. If 1 or more boats finish within 2 hours, the race is official and times will be recorded for the rest of the class. The committee boat will remain on station for 30 minutes after the first finisher after which they may leave. Any yachts finishing more that 30 minutes after their time limit must take their own finish time and present it to the RC asap so not to be recorded as DNF.

## 13. Abandoned Races

If a race is started but not completed due to time limit or abandonment, all yachts that started will be recorded as "DNF". If The RC chooses to abandon the race they may hoist the code flag "N" followed by 3 horn blasts. This will signify that the race has been abandoned and will be re-sailed on another day. The RC may also use their V.H.F. radio to inform the racers of the abandonment.

## 14. Race postponed on Shore

From time to time, due to the threat of **imminent** severe and dangerous weather, a race may need to be postponed until another day. The RC and or RD will attempt to decide by 18:00 the day of the race if they wish to postpone the race. All things will be considered before making this decision. At this time LMYC doesn't have a suitable messaging system in place to inform skippers so they can inform their crew of the decision to race or not. All skippers and crew should assume the race will take place and should show up at LMYC regardless of weather forecasts. Rain or heavy winds will not be a deciding factor in whether to race or not.

## 15. Protests

**15.1** Protests shall be submitted in writing on a **US Sailing/CYA Standard Protest Form only**. These forms are available from the race committee or online. Protests must be lodged with the RC within 1 hour of the RC boat returning to her berth. Also, if possible please notify the RC of your intentions to protest via V.H.F. radio or when crossing the finish line. A Protest Committee will normally hear protests on the next evening following day of the race. Protest Notices shall be posted in the Club House within 30 minutes of the RC of when they receive the protest form. This is to inform the parties of the protest when and where a hearing will take place and allows the parties of the protest to gather witnesses if so desired.

## 16. Alternative penalties

The percentage penalty, Rule 44.3 of RRS (20% of the number of boats entered, with 3 place minimum) or 720 degree turn penalty, Rule 44.2 of RRS apply.

## 17. Scoring

**17.1** Scoring shall be according to the "Low Point System" as set out in Appendix A2, A4 and A9 of the ISAF RRS. The season shall be split into a **Spring, Summer** and **Fall** series. Each series will consist of 6 races. These series will be combined to form an **Overall** series.

**17.2** A yacht may discard 1 race score that each series, for series scores and may discard any 3 race scores, from any series, for their overall score. In other words, they will be scored on their best 15 out of 18 scores for the **Overall** series. Ties are broken according to Appendix A8.1

Appendix A9 example:

DNS – Did Not Start – points received = 1 point more than # of boats that came to starting area

DNF – Did Not Finish – points received = 1 point more than # of boats that came to starting area

DSQ – Disqualified – points received = 1 point more than # of boats that came to starting area

DNC – Did Not Come to Starting Area – Points received = 1 more point than number of boats registered in that series

## 17.3 Disqualification

A yacht that has been disqualified by a protest committee in a race must use the race score in which the DSQ happened in her scoring for that series and for the Overall series.

## 18. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Our RC are all volunteers. They make mistakes, just like you. Anyone from a boat racing in a series who badgers the RC for an error in the starting sequences, or for any other reason, may be protested, under Rule 69.1 (a) by the RC and subsequently that yacht may be disqualified from that race!

## 19. Make up races:

In the event that a race is cancelled or abandoned, that race will be re-sailed on a day selected by the race director. Any boat that is registered and has paid the fee to race in that series is entitled to race in the make-up race.

## 20. Course Descriptions (please also refer to graphical race course page)

**Course #1:** Downstream from the start line leaving Bifurcation marker “DGB” and Turkey Island to port. Round green spar “DF3” to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation mark “DGB” to port and the RC boat to starboard.  
(Handicap Distance 4.46 Nautical Miles)

**Course #2:** Downstream from the start line leaving bifurcation mark “DGB” and Turkey Island to port. Round green spar “DF1” to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation mark “DGB” to port and RC boat to starboard.  
(Handicap Distance 5.43 Nautical Miles)

**Course #3:** Downstream from the start line leaving bifurcation mark “DGB” and Turkey Island to port. Round green spar “DF1” to starboard, red nun “D84” to port, red/green structural buoy “DFB” to port and red spar “DF2” to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between “DGB” to port and RC boat to starboard.  
(Handicap Distance 6.37 Nautical Miles)

**Course #4:** Downstream from start line leaving bifurcation mark “DGB” and Turkey Island to port. Round red spar “DF2” to starboard, red/green structural buoy “DFB” to starboard, red nun “DF 84” to starboard and round “DF1” to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation mark “DGB” to port and RC boat to starboard.  
(Handicap Distance 6.37 Nautical Miles)

**Course #5:** Downstream from start line leaving bifurcation mark “DGB” and Turkey Island to port. Round red spar “DF6” to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation mark “DGB” to port and RC boat to starboard.  
(Handicap Distance 2.95 Nautical Miles)

**Course #6:** Downstream from the start line leaving bifurcation mark “DGB” and Turkey Island to port. Round red spar “DF2” to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between bifurcation mark “DGB” to port and RC boat to starboard.  
(Handicap Distance 5.43 Nautical Miles)