

2020 LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN RACING CIRCUIT

Saturday Oct. 24, Sunday Oct. 25

Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit Committee consisting of Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans Yacht Club, Pontchartrain Yacht Club, Tammany Yacht Club, Corinthian Sailing Association 105 N Roadway Drive

New Orleans, LA 70124

LPRC Web address: http://www.saillprc.org/

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit (LPRC) Bylaws, and the GYA PHRF By-Law rules.
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the website at http://www.saillprc.org
- 3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted two (2) hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the club where the race starts as follows:

Day	Club
Saturday	TYC
Sunday	TYC

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. PHRF Spinnaker class is scheduled to sail two (2) custom courses on Saturday, and one (1) distance race on Sunday.

- **5.2.** PHRF Racer/Cruiser and PHRF Non-Spinnaker divisions are scheduled to sail one (1) custom course on Saturday with the possibility of a second race, weather permitting. They will sail one (1) distance race on Sunday.
- **5.3.** The scheduled time of the 1st warning signal for the first race of each day is as follows:

Race	Day	1 st Warning Signal	Description
Race 1	Saturday	1155	Custom course at TYC
Race 2	Saturday	After Race 1	Custom course at TYC
Race 3	Sunday	0955	Distance race from TYC to NOYC

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Classes will start using the class flags as indicated below:

Class	Class Flag
Spinnaker A	White
Spinnaker B	Yellow
Spinnaker C	Light Blue
Spinnaker D	Purple
PHRF Racer/Cruiser	Grey
Non-Spinnaker	Pink

6.2. Divisions will be divided into classes based upon participation prior to the skippers meeting. Class breaks will be posted after the Skipper's meeting.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The racing area will be Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana NOAA Chart 11369. The Starting area for each club will be in the vicinity of:
 - 7.1.1.**TYC** South of Bayou Liberty #2 and west of the Hwy 11 bascule bridge.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. Custom Courses

- 8.1.1.Distances: The actual distances of the race course will be computed by the race committee for the purposes of calculating corrected PHRF times. These distances are not subject to protest or requests for redress. This changes RRS 60.3.
- 8.1.2.PHRF Spinnaker: The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.1.3.PHRF Racer/Cruiser and PHRF Non-spinnaker: The race committee signal boat will designate the marks in order. Marks may be fixed or temporary marks. The finish mark will be designated "N."

- 8.1.4.Distance Course: Attachment C lists the marks that may be used. The order in which the marks are to be passed will be announced by the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 and posted on the back of the boat. Marks shall be rounded such that a boat shall not need to cross her own wake.
- 8.2. Not later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing and approximate distance to the first mark.

9. MARKS

9.1. Custom Course

- **9.1.1.**The course for Spinnaker A-D (pending number of entries) will be windward/leeward as shown in Attachment "A." Marks 1a and 1b will be orange inflatable buoys. Mark 2 will be an orange ball.
- **9.1.2.**In the case of only two Spinnaker classes, Spinnaker A will round mark 1b on the first leg and round mark 1a on the third leg; PHRF Spinnaker B will round mark 1a on the first and third legs.
- **9.1.3.**In the case there are 3 or more Spinnaker classes, Spinnaker A and B will round mark 1b on the first leg and round mark 1a on the third leg. Spinnaker C and D will round 1a on the first and third legs.
- **9.1.4.**New marks as provided in 11 "Change of the Next Leg of the Course" will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- **9.1.5.**Offset marks will be orange spheres.
- **9.1.6.**Mark N will be a green inflatable buoy.
- **9.1.7.**PHRF Racer/Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker classes will use inflatable green buoys and/or fixed marks as designated on the race committee signal boat. Inflatable buoys, if used, will be designated "4" if a windward mark, or "5" if a gybe mark, as necessary. Marks shall be rounded such that a boat shall not need to cross her own wake.

10. THE START

- **10.1.Starting Line** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the portend starting mark.
- **10.2.**Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets. [DP]
- **10.3.Starting Time Limit** Boats starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4.Recalls The race committee intends to recall OCS boats by hailing sail numbers or boat names after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and RRS 62.1. The race committee will use the VHF radio and/or a loud hailer to hail. The race committee will operate on and monitor VHF Channel 68 with Channel 69 as an alternate.
- 11. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1.Custom courses

- 12.1.1.**PHRF Spinnaker**: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark to port of a race committee boat displaying the PHRF A class flag.
- 12.1.2.**PHRF Racer/Cruiser and PHRF Non-Spinnaker**: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby green "N" mark to port of a race committee boat displaying the PHRF Racer/Cruiser and PHRF Non-Spinnaker class flags.
- 12.2. **Distance course** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

- **13.1.**The time limit for each race will be:
 - **13.1.1.**PHRF Spinnaker Custom Courses: Two and one half (2.5) hours.
 - **13.1.2.**PHRF Racer/Cruiser and PHRF Non Spinnaker Custom Courses: Four (4) hours.
 - **13.1.3.** Distance Course: Seven (7) hours.
- **13.2.**If no boat in a class finishes within the above time limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- **13.3.**Boats failing to finish within the following time limits after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
 - **13.3.1.**Custom courses: Thirty (30) minutes.
 - **13.3.2.** Distance course: Ninety (90) minutes.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- **14.1.**Protest forms are available at the race offices of TYC for Saturday races and NOYC for the Sunday race.
- **14.2.**Protests shall be delivered to a member of the race committee or Protest Chairman within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat docks.
- **14.3.**Notices will be posted on the official notice board on the website within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of protest time.
- **14.4.**Breaches of SIs 10.2 and 16 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- **14.5.**Hearings may be held prior to the end of the protest time limit.
- **14.6.**On the last day of the regatta, protests may be heard after the awards ceremony.

15. SCORING

- **15.1.**The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no score discarded. This changes RRS A2. Each class will be scored separately.
- **15.2.**Scoring for Boat of the Day awards will use the Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2 with no races discarded.
- **15.3.**Scoring for overall Spinnaker, and Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta will be the total of her race scores with no score discarded.
- **15.4.**In the event a race is abandoned for a class or classes within a fleet, all boats in the fleet will discard that race for the purposes of scoring "Boat of the Regatta."

15.5.If Scoring Ties cannot be broken using RRS A7 and A8, greatest cumulative corrected seconds per mile ahead of its nearest competitor in the boat's class, with no races discarded will be used.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- **16.1.**All boats must be in compliance with the United States Coast Guard's required safety equipment. Notwithstanding these requirements, the Committee strongly recommends compliance with the requirements of Category 3 under ORC.
- 16.2. Prior to the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail the boat name and sail number [DP]. This discretionary penalty shall not exceed two points added to a boat's finishing position for the first race of the day.
- **16.3.**A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the starting club's office immediately after arrival ashore. [DP]

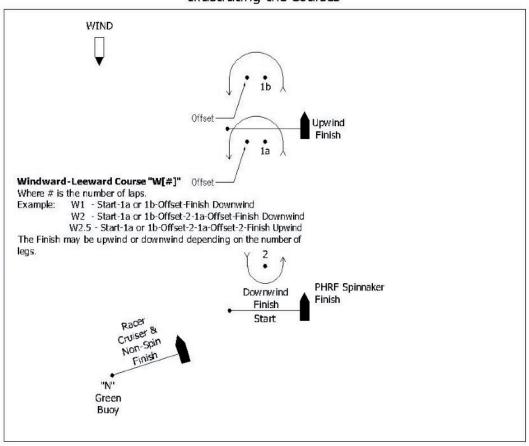
17. PRIZES

- **17.1.**Trophies will be awarded to the boats finishing in the top three positions for each race each day as soon as possible after the protest filing period expires. First place awards will be given if a class has less than five boats.
- **17.2.** Daily prizes will be awarded for "Boat of the Day" following individual race trophies.
- **17.3.**Overall Regatta Class trophies will be awarded on the last day of the Regatta to the boats finishing in the top three positions in their class for the series.
- 17.4.ORR-ez overall first, second, and third place awards will be given for boats in the PHRF Spinnaker and Racer/Cruiser divisions that choose to be scored using ORR-ez if five or more boats in each division choose ORR-ez. First place awards will be given if there are less than five boats in each division.
- **17.5.**Overall "Best Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" award will be awarded on the last day of the regatta.
- **17.6.**Overall "Best Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" award may be awarded on the last day of the regatta if enough Non-Spinnaker boats participate, at the discretion of the LPRC Committee.
- **17.7.**Overall "Best Racer/Cruiser Boat of the Regatta" award may be awarded on the last day of the regatta if enough Racer/Cruiser boats participate, at the discretion of the LPRC Committee.
- 17.8. The Julian Richards Memorial trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of PHRF Spinnaker Class A.
- **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. CONTACTS

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Attachment "A" Illustrating the Courses



ATTACHMENT B South Shore Marks

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South Shore Marks

Top number is compass bearing; Bottom number is distance in nautical miles.

(Positions subject to variation) Revision 1, April 2014

New Orleans Yacht Club

ATTACHMENT C Distance Race from TYC to NOYC

COURSE

The course will be announced prior to the start on VHF channel 68 and posted on the back of the Race Committee boat. Marks shall be rounded such that a boat shall not need to cross her own wake. The distance will be determined by the race committee and is not subject to protest.

MARK DESCRIPTION LIST:

Start:

The race committee will set the starting line such that Mark 1 is one half nautical mile (1/2 NM) upwind of the starting line. The pin end of the starting line will be an orange inflatable buoy.

Mark 1:

Orange inflatable buoy

"J" Mark

SYC fixed buoy "J". Approximate position of "J" mark: 30° 02.5' N, -090° 03.1' W, or approximately 0.8nm North of the UNO Kiefer Arena.

"1S"

Fixed mark at Causeway South hump. Approximate position of "1S": 30° 07.635' N, 90° 07.107' W

Finish

SYC fixed buoy "A". Approximate position of "A" mark: 30° 02.00' N, 090° 06.20' W.