



## 2024 LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN RACING CIRCUIT

Friday Oct. 25, Saturday Oct. 26, Sunday Oct. 27

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.sailprc.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) and the Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit (LPRC) Bylaws.

**1.2.** US Sailing prescriptions Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.

#### 1.3.

Sailing Instruction No.	Rule Altered herein
1.2	RRS 44.1
4.2	RRS Race Signals
8.1	RRS 60.3
10.3	RRS A4 and A5
10.4	RRS 41 and 62.1
13.3	RRS 35, A4 and A5
14.5	RRS 60.1(a)
15.1, 15.2	RRS A2

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located as follows, and will also be posted on the website <http://www.sailprc.org>:

**2.1.** Race 1 & 2 – at TYC in hallway between Restrooms.

**2.2.** Race 3 – before race at TYC, in hallway between Restrooms. after race at SYC (Notice Board in SYC lobby)

**2.3.** Race 4 & 5- at NOYC – Notice Board in Club House near the bar

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**3.1** 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.

**3.2** Questions regarding the sailing instructions shall be submitted to the PRO or chief judge in writing. Responses will be posted on the official notice board of that day's host club and on the LPRC website.

#### 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
Friday	TYC
Saturday	TYC
Sunday	SYC

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. Spinnaker division is scheduled to sail two (2) custom courses each day, except on Saturday, when it will sail a distance race.

Racer/Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker divisions are scheduled to sail one (1) custom course each day, with the possibility of a second race at the discretion of the Race Committee, except on Saturday, when they will sail a distance race.

5.2. There shall be no make-up races if races are not completed on the scheduled day.

5.3. The scheduled time of the **1st warning signal** for the first race of each day is as follows:

Race	Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal	Description
Race 1	Friday	1355	Custom course at TYC
Race 2	Friday	After Race 1	Custom course at TYC
Race 3	Saturday	1055	Distance race from TYC to SYC
Race 4	Sunday	1055	Custom course at NOYC
Race 5	Sunday	After Race 4	Custom course at NOYC

5.4. On the last day of the Regatta, no race will start after 1400.

#### 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
Racer/Cruiser	Grey
Non-Spinnaker	Lime Green

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.

6.3. Boats shall attach and display a streamer to the backstay while racing. The streamer color shall match the class flag color indicated above. Streamers will be available at 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.

7.1.2. **NOYC** – Approximately 1 nautical mile NNE of SYC near the SYC fixed racing marks.

## **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 times. These distances are not subject to protest or requests for redress. This changes RRS 60.3.

8.1.2. 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. Racer/Cruiser and Non-spinnaker: The race committee signal boat will designate the marks in order. Marks may be fixed or temporary marks. When using temporary marks the weather mark will be designated "4" and the jibe mark will be designated "5". The finish mark will be designated "N."

8.1.4. Distance Course: Attachment C lists the courses, the marks, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Marks shall be rounded such that a boat shall not need to cross her own wake.

**8.2.** Not later than the warning signal, for custom courses only, 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-C will be windward/leeward, with number of laps as shown in Attachment A. The starting mark for all classes will be a large orange sphere. Marks 1a, 1b and 2 will be orange inflatable buoys. Spinnaker A & B will round mark 1b on the first leg and round mark 1a on the third leg; Spinnaker C will round mark 1a on the first and third legs.

**9.1.2.** Distance Race marks will be fixed marks and orange inflatable buoys as described in Attachment C.

**9.1.3.** New marks as provided in 11 "Change of the Next Leg of the Course" will be yellow inflatable buoys.

**9.1.4.** Offset marks will be orange spheres.

**9.1.5.** 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. The finish mark will be designated "N". 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 port-end 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.** After the start of the spinnaker divisions there will be a five-minute delay before the warning signal for the Racer-Cruiser and Non-spinnaker divisions to allow the RC to properly display a new course, distance and bearing. This will only be in effect on Friday and Sunday. **There will be no delay in the sequence on Saturday for the distance race.**
- 10.4. 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.
- 10.5. 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 72 with Channel 68 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 practicable. 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. **Spinnaker:** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark to port of a race committee boat.

12.1.2.

**Racer/Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker:** When using fixed marks, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby fixed mark indicated at the start. When using inflatable green buoys, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby green "N" mark to port of a race committee boat. The finish boat for Racer/Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker will display the Racer/Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker class flags.

- 12.2. Distance course** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue 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.** Spinnaker Custom Courses: Two (2) hours.

**13.1.2.** Racer/Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker Custom Courses: Three (3) hours.

**13.1.3.** Distance Course: Six (6) hours for each Class

**13.1.4.** If no boat in a class finishes within the above time limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.

- 13.2.** 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.
- 13.2.1.** Custom courses: Thirty (30) minutes for Spinnaker boats, forty-five (45) minutes for Racer/Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker boats.
- 13.2.2.** Distance course: Ninety (90) minutes for each Class.

#### **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1.** Protest forms are available at the race office of TYC for Friday races, on the Notice Board at SYC for Saturday race and race office of NOYC for Sunday races.
- 14.2.** Competitors shall notify the finishing vessel of their intent to protest upon finishing, or as soon as possible after retiring.
- 14.3.** Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee or Protest Chairman within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat docks.
- 14.4.** Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the official notice board at TYC (Friday), SYC on Saturday, and NOYC on Sunday within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of protest time. Protests hearings on Friday will be at TYC; at SYC on Saturday and NOYC on Sunday.
- 14.5.** Breaches of SIs 10.2 and 16 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 14.6.** Hearings may be held prior to the end of the protest time limit.
- 14.7.** 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.** Boats will be scored using ORA-1 Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker ratings, depending upon the Division entered.
- 15.3.** Scoring for Boat of the Day awards will use the Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2 with no races discarded.
- 15.4.** Scoring for overall Spinnaker, and Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta will be the total of her race scores with no score discarded.
- 15.5.** 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."
- 15.6.** 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.** First, second, and third place awards will be given in each class with five (5) or more boats on the starting line for the regatta. First place awards will be given if a class has less than five (5) boats.

**17.2.** First place awards will be given for individual races on Friday and Sunday. First, second and third place awards will be given for the distance race on Saturday. Daily trophies and "Boat of the Day" prizes will be awarded at the end of each day's racing and is scheduled for approximately 90 minutes after the Committee boat docks.

**17.3.** "Best Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" perpetual trophy will be awarded on the last day of the regatta.

**17.4.** "Best Non-Spinnaker Boat of the Regatta" award may be awarded on the last day of the regatta if eight (8) or more Non-Spinnaker boats register and sail in that division.

**17.5.** "Best Racer/Cruiser Boat of the Regatta" perpetual trophy will be awarded on the last day of the regatta.

**17.6.** The Julian Richards Memorial trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of Spinnaker Class A as determined by the series results.

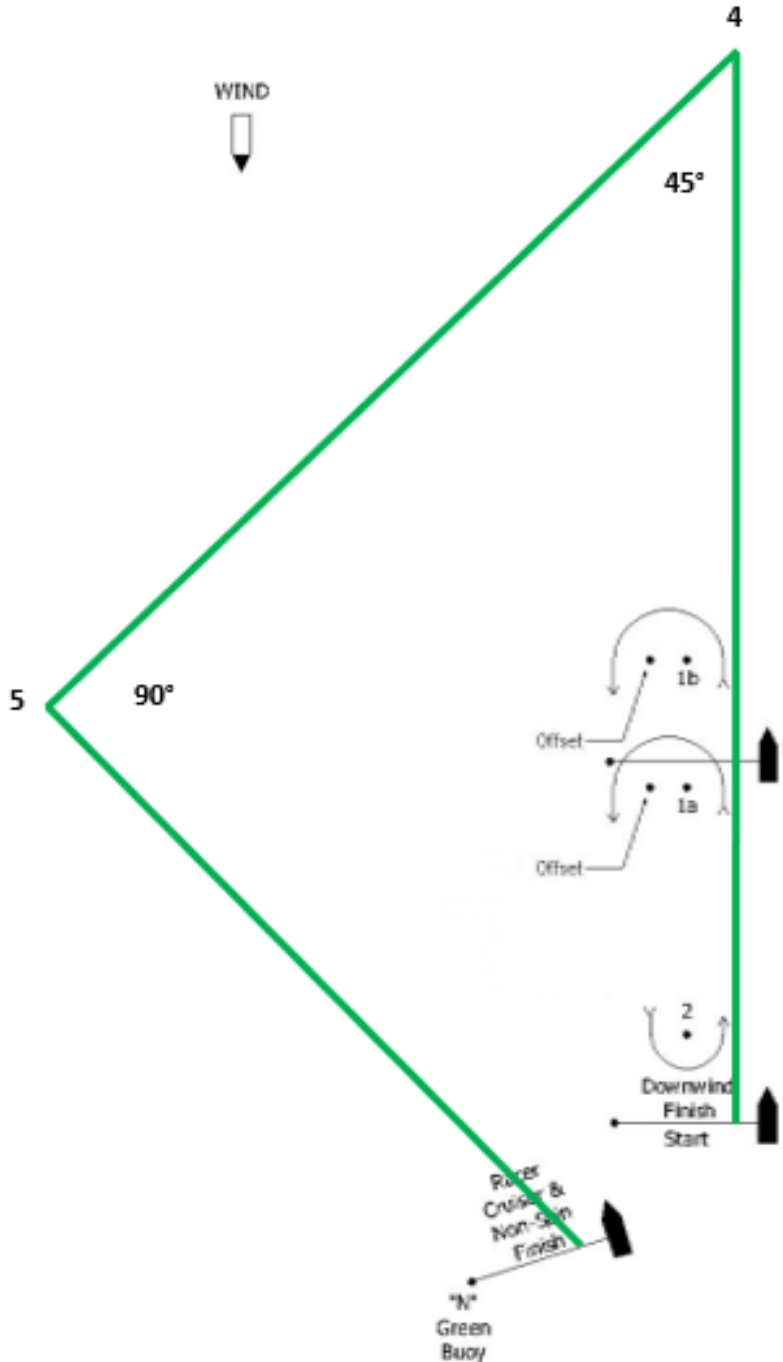
**17.7.** In the event that all classes in a division do not finish a race due to time limits or a race is abandoned, that race will not count in determining the Boat of the Regatta for that division. Failure of one fleet to finish will not affect the other divisions.

**18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 3, 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 Course Diagram



If Racer-Cruiser and Non-spinnaker classes use inflatable buoys, the windward mark will be designated "4" and the gybe mark "5"

The leg from "4" to "5" will be approximately the same length as the leg from "5" to "N".

Mark 1b will be set 1.25 to 1.75 times longer than the distance from Mark 2 to Mark 1a. Classes A and B shall round Mark 1b on the first leg and Mark 1a thereafter. Other classes shall ignore Mark 1b.

**Windward-Leeward Course** – numeral shown after "W" indicates the number of laps. For Example:  
W2 – Start – 1a or 1b – offset – 2 – 1a – offset – finish                      SPINNAKER FINISH  
W2.5 – Start – 1a or 1b – offset – 2 – 1a – offset – 2 – finish                      UPWIND FINISH

# ATTACHMENT B South Shore Marks

## South Shore Marks

# GO TO MARK

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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# **ATTACHMENT C**

## **Distance Race from TYC to SYC**

### **COURSE**

The course will be announced prior to the start on VHF Channel 72 and posted on the Race Committee Signal 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.

### **2. 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 sphere.

**Mark 1:** Approximate position 30° 12.315' N, 89° 51.958' W or approximately 0.8 nm S of the Bayou Liberty #2.

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

**"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. Round "J" mark leaving "J" to the port side.

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