

The Back To School Midweek Series

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions
September 5, 2007 through October 10, 2007

A Lakewide event open to the public

Organizing Authority & Host Club: The Lake Norman Yacht Club

Rules: This event will be governed by the "Rules" as outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), available at www.ussailing.org, except as altered by the Lakewide Sailing Instructions (LSI), available at www.lnkc.com, and these Sailing Instructions. Notices to competitors and changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the Lake Norman Yacht Club (LNYC) bulletin board located at www.lakenormanyachtclub.com (the club website).

Eligibility: Anyone may enter a qualified keelboat with a Lake Norman Keelboat Council PHRF Rating Certificate, or a centerboard sailboat of at least 15' LOA with a Portsmouth rating that will be converted to PHRF, by submitting the completed Entry Form with payment of appropriate fees. If the boat does not have a current LNKC PHRF Certificate, a temporary rating must be obtained by completing a LNKC PHRF Rating Request Form found at the website and returning it with the Entry Form. Ratings will not be changed once the series has begun. A boat shall not be scored until all entry requirements are met.

Classes: Entrants will be divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Fleets and may be further divided into Divisions. Those entrants in the Non-Spinnaker fleet expressing a desire to do so will also be scored against others who choose to be grouped into a Cruiser Division.

Changing boats: Participants who change boats during the series will be ineligible for the overall Series awards.

Fees: US Sailing Member \$20.00 (Membership Number Required)
Non US Sailing member Add \$5.00
Late Registration (Any entry submitted once the series begins) add \$10.00

Schedule of Events: There will be no skipper's meeting. Races will be on Wednesday nights September 5, 2007 through October 10, 2007. Warning Signal at 6:30 PM in the vicinity of Marker D7. All races, if not concluded earlier, will end promptly at 8:30 PM. Social gathering and presentation of weekly fleet awards after each race at on the lower patio of Lake Norman Yacht Club (BYOB). Overall series trophies will be awarded at a cookout to be held on October 17 at 6:30 PM on the lower patio of LNYC.

For additional information, contact Race Chairman Eric Rosentreter at 704-663-3491 (leave message) or by email at rosentreter@windstream.net.

Scoring: The Full Series, consisting of 6 races, will be scored using the Time on Time Low Point Scoring System with the following exceptions, which change RRS A9. A boat that did not finish within the time limit or retired after finishing will be scored points one more than the number of boats that finished the race. A boat that did not start or was disqualified will be scored points one more than the number of boats that started the race. A boat's results for the entire series will be the total of her best race scores for five-sixths of all races conducted (rounded to an integer; .5 will be rounded up). Abandoned races will not be rescheduled.

The Start: The starting line will be in the vicinity of Marker D7 between a floating mark and the "RC" flagstaff on the Committee Boat, which, along with any limiting buoy and attachment line placed for the protection of it and its crew, is a starting mark. This changes the RRS definition for a mark only as it refers to the race committee boat. There will be one start for both fleets. The Class Flag will be the Numeral Flag 1. The Preparatory Signal will be the Flag P. Course signals and any flag that makes part of Rule 30 applicable will be displayed separate from the starting sequence signals. This changes RRS 26 and the Preparatory Signals in Race Signals.

Courses: The course marks as stated in the current LSI shall apply. RC may provide separate courses for the Spinnaker and the Non-spinnaker fleets by signaling the Spinnaker Course under Flag "S" and the Non-Spinnaker Course under Flag "N" on separate flagstaffs.

The Finish: The finish line will be between the flagstaff of the "RC" Flag on the Committee Boat and the floating mark acting as the pin on one end of the starting line.

Time Limit: The time limit to the first mark is waived for this event. This changes LSI Rule 14.1.

Protests: Competitors are encouraged to resolve all protests on the water according to the 'rules'. If a protest cannot be resolved on the water, the protesting party must inform the Committee Boat of their intent to submit a written protest before leaving the Race Area. Properly completed protest forms must be submitted to the Race Chairman or his/her designate at the after-race gathering on the LNYC patio no later than 9:30 PM on the day of the race. A protest hearing may convene immediately thereafter or may be scheduled for a later date. The weekly trophy for the affected fleet will not be awarded until all protests are resolved.

Safety: Each boat shall be equipped with safety gear, as required by federal, state, and local regulations. Running lights, as required, must be used during races continuing past sunset. Any boat retiring before finishing is required to inform the RC before leaving the racecourse.

Missing Channel Markers and/or Course Marks: RC may replace a missing Channel Marker and/or Course Mark with a temporary floating mark. This temporary mark is to be respected as the Channel Marker or Course Mark it replaces.

Race Committee Duty: Participants are asked to volunteer to perform RC duties. Participants may be randomly drawn for duty if not enough volunteer. Training will be made available. The LNYC can supply the RC boat as long as a club member is on board. Non-member volunteers must use their own boat.

A boat entered by a participant who performs RC duties during a race in which that boat does not participate will be awarded points for that race equal to the average score (rounded to one decimal place) of all races that boat sailed in the Series, not to exceed the number of boats that start that race.

Trophies: A trophy will be awarded each week to the first place finisher in each Fleet. Overall series trophies will be awarded at a cookout to be held at 6:30 PM on October 17, 2007 on the lower patio of LNYC.

Weather cancellations: If the race can reasonably be called off due to bad weather by 4 PM the afternoon of the race, all participants will be notified by email. Otherwise, the call will be made by the RC on the water.

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ENTRY FORM

Mail completed form with a check made out to "U20 Fleet" to:
Eric Rosentreter, 112 Tall Oak Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117

Skipper's Name: _____
Skipper's Address: _____

Skipper's Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

Boat Name: _____

Boat Make/Model: _____ Length Overall: _____

Sail Number: _____ US Sailing membership # _____

PHRF Certificate Number: _____ LNKC PHRF Rating: _____

If you do not have a LNKC assigned PHRF rating, please go to www.outriggeryachtclub.org, download a PHRF Ratings Request form, complete and return it with this Entry Form to obtain a temporary rating.

Fleet declaration: Spinnaker _____ Non Spinnaker _____

Please score me against others who choose to be grouped in a "Cruiser" division _____

Volunteer For RC: Yes _____ No _____

Preferred dates to volunteer: 1st choice _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Fees

US Sailing Member: \$20.00 _____ (Membership # required)

Non US Sailing Member: Add \$5

Late registration: Add \$10 _____

Total enclosed..... _____

I acknowledge that sailing is an activity that has inherent risk of damage and injury and that I am participating in this event entirely at my own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury, including death, or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage. I also acknowledge that alcoholic beverages may be available during this event and agree that if I or any of my crew or invited guests consume these alcoholic beverages we assume all responsibility for our actions. I certify that the boat listed above is in compliance with all safety requirements and the above information is true and accurate.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____