



Notice of Race

Barefoot Sailing Club and Lake Lanier Sailing Club

2026 Joan Holcomb Memorial Woman Skippers Race

Saturday May 16, 2026 (Rescheduled after no wind 3/14/26)

1. Event Details

Barefoot Sailing Club and Lake Lanier Sailing Club is proud to announce the Woman Skippers Race in memory of Joan Holcomb, BFSC's 1994 Commodore and LLSC's 2002 Commodore. The Race is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026 and is co-hosted by BFSC and LLSC. Barefoot Sailing Club is the organizing authority for this regatta. Notice is hereby given that all participants, including spectators, officials, and support personnel, participate in this event solely at their own risk.

2. Rules

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

3. Sailing Instruction

The Sailing instructions will be available on the Barefoot Sailing Club website (www.barefootsailingclub.org) and the Lake Lanier Sailing Club website at <https://www.llsc.com> before Saturday May 16, 2026.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- a. The Race is open to all keelboats with PHRF rating and centerboard/Portsmouth rated boats.
- b. It is a requirement that a woman helm the boat.
- c. A woman is also to be making the strategic and tactical decisions for the race.
- d. The remainder of the crew can be made up of women and men.
- e. All boats must have a valid PHRF Certificate issued by the Lake Lanier PHRF Committee (contact your club representative)

5. Anticipated Fleets

(May change based on boats registered the morning of the race)

- SPINNAKER – Flat Start
- NON-SPINNAKER/CRUISER – Flat Start
- SPORTBOAT – Flat Start

6. Communication

- a. The online official notice board is located at BarefootSailingClub.org.
- b. All boats shall, if practical, carry a VHF radio.
- c. On the water, Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio as well as search and rescue instructions (RRS 37).
- d. The channel will be stated in the SIs or provided by the Race Committee on the day of racing.
- e. While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

7. Fees

- a. Registration will be \$30 per boat. See attached registration form.
- b. All entry forms and fees must be submitted to BFSC before the Skippers Meeting

8. Schedule

- a. Registration- All entry forms and fees must be submitted at LLSC clubhouse by 8:55am
- b. Skipper's meeting- 9am at LLSC clubhouse
- c. First and successive races-
 1. Keelboats, 11am in vicinity of "X" mark.
 2. Centerboard boats, 11am in vicinity of "T" mark
- d. No races will be started after 4 pm
- e. The schedule for all fleet races and club regattas is posted on the BarefootSailingClub.org website

9. Courses

Courses and starting order of each race for each course (keelboat and centerboard) will be posted on the back of the race committee barge/pontoon boat.

10. Scoring

- a. The scoring system for all boats will be time-on-distance using the PHRF handicap system, all boats should have a current PHRF certificate (contact club PHRF representative).
- b. The centerboard fleets will be scored using the time-on-time Portsmouth handicap system.
- c. The scoring system for all racing is RRS A4, low point scoring system.
- d. Fleet awards will be determined by the total of all races. No throw out will be given, this changes RRS section A2.1.

11. Prizes

Trophies and fleet awards will be awarded to the top finishers in each category and will be given after the races at the LLSC clubhouse.

12. Risk Statement

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Registration Form Woman Skippers Regatta Saturday March, 2026

Skipper Information

(Name)

(Email)

(Street Address) (Phone)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Names of crew members: _____

Boat Information

Fleet/Class: PHRF _____ Non-Spin _____ Sportboat _____

Keelboat- _____
(Make/Type) (Boat Name) (Length) (Sail #)

(LLPHRF Rating #) (LLPHRF Certificate #)

Fees

Entry Fee.....\$30

Please enroll on line or bring the completed and signed form, along with a check/cash (payable to **BFSC**) for the amount above to the Skipper's meeting.

I understand that I am participating in the Woman Skippers Race by my own choice and at my own risk. I alone am responsible for the seaworthiness of my boat, and my decision to participate is based solely on my own judgment of the conditions.

(Signature) (Date)