

Lanier Auxiliary Racing Committee (LARC)
Sailing Instructions
Winter, Summer, & Fall series 2022

1. Rules

The races will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS). The Series is designated Category A.

2. Entries

- a. Eligible skippers are entered by being a registered member of any organizing authority, the Barefoot Sailing Club, Lake Lanier Sailing Club (Keelboat Fleet), or the University Yacht Club. Skippers should complete a registration form at each of the skipper's meetings.
- b. Skippers may enter any self-righting monohull 19.5 feet LOA or above, that hold a current Lake Lanier Performance Handicap Rating (LLPHR) or a multihull that hold a current Lake Lanier Performance Handicap Racing (LLPHRF) Handicap Certificate. (i.e. no dinghies).
- c. Either the registered skipper, or the designated alternate skipper as submitted in writing to the organizing authority in advance of the race for which the alternate is designated, must be on board for each race of the series. The registered and/or designated alternate skipper may change boats for different series, but shall not change within a series. This means that a single hull must be used within a series. A registered and alternate skipper shall not be assigned to more than one boat during a series. The registered and/or alternate skipper may crew on another yacht, but shall not skipper or helm the other yacht.
- d. All entrants may carry a current copy of the event permit from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is available from the Race Committee or at the skipper's meeting if one was not received when registering with one of the organizing authorities.
- e. A participant in this event shall hold all organizing bodies, its officers, representatives, agents, Race Committee members, and Co-Sponsors harmless for any bodily injury or physical damage that may occur during these events, to include after race and other social gatherings. By their participation, persons involved with these events acknowledge and agree with this provision.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the LARC web site official notice board at LLSCKeelboat.com/LARC.html and will be sent by email to all registrants from previous year. Copies of the sailing instructions will also be available at the Skipper's Meetings.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions, including any change to the schedule of races, shall be posted on the official notice boards of the organizing authorities and at the LLSCKeelboat.com/LARC.html website at least four days prior to the date on which the change will take effect and by email to all registered skippers.

5. Schedule of Races

Winter Series 2022

Race #1 by UYC on Sun. Jan 9
Race #2 by BFSC on Sat. Jan 22
Race #3 by LARC on Sat. Feb 12
Race #4 by LLSC on Sat. Feb 26

Moonlight races- Summer Series 2022

Race #1 by LLSC on Sat. May 14
Race #2 by BFSC on Sat. July 9
Race #3 by UYC on Sat. Aug. 13

Fall Series 2022

Race #1 by LARC on Sun. Sept 18
Race #2 by BFSC on Sun. Sept. 25
Race #3 by UYC on Sat. Oct 29
Race #4/ Awards by LLSC on Sat Nov 12

5A. Winter and Fall series 2022

1. Skipper's meetings are scheduled to be held, but are subject to change, at 11 a.m. prior to each race at the following locations:
 - a. BFSC and LARC and UYC hosted events will be outside Aqualand Ship's Store
 - b. LLSC hosted event will be at the LLSC clubhouse
2. Attendance is recommended to get RC instructions, start times and course (staggered start), starting area and any after-race party location.
3. If you pre-register and send your 1) name 2) sail # 3) PHRF rating 4) club affiliation, you can request a text will be sent with start time and course.
4. Races are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. (warning at 12:55 p.m.). Races are scheduled to start in the vicinity of "X" mark (Island 18), but **may be moved elsewhere at the discretion of the Race Committee**.
5. At each skipper's meeting, the club handling race management for the day will announce whether will host a post-race gathering.
6. The races hosted by Lake Lanier Sailing Club and University Yacht Club will be started using RRS 26 (flat starts).
7. Those races hosted by Barefoot Sailing Club and LARC may be started using staggered starts (pursuit race)
 - a. NOTE: The course and start times shall be established at the skippers' meetings.

5B. Moonlight races- Summer series

1. We are going to eliminate the skipper's meeting at 6pm and move to an email registration by Friday at midnight of your intention to sail the next day.
2. To register, send an email to either stewartdanam@me.com or text me at 404/849-1809. You will need to send me the following information; 1) PHRF rating, 2) skipper's name, 3) sail #, 4) type of boat/name of boat, and 5) club affiliation
3. You will receive a text or email 1 ½ to 2 hours before the base start time, with your staggered start time and the course.
4. Each boat/skipper will need to report their finish time (time of day) within 24 hrs to either stewartdanam@me.com or text me (404/849-1809) to be scored.
5. The base start time is 8 pm, specific start time is given at skipper's meeting. Races are scheduled to start in the vicinity of "X" mark (Island 18), but may be moved elsewhere at the discretion of the Race Committee.
6. All races during the summer/ Moonlight series will be started using staggered (pursuit) starts..

6. Classes and Flags:

1. Fleets will be determined after registration of Race 1 of the Fall series. The fleets may be:
 - a. Fleet 1- Sportboat may consist of all planing hull Asymmetrical sport boats.
 - b. Fleet 2 and 3- Low/High PHRF may include non-spin boats with a 15 seconds per mile adjustment.
 - c. Fleet 4 may include cruisers with the following qualifications: Displacement hull with fixed keel, No spinnaker, One headsail at a time (except for cutter designed sailboats), No staysails, Operating inboard/outboard engine, Functioning head and galley, Interior cushions, and Dacron sails.
2. Any boats which don't specifically fall into one category will have their placement decided by the flag officers of LARC.
3. The LLPHRF rating assigned to each fleet may be re-assigned at the skipper's meeting of the first race in each series.
4. Class flags may be designated by Number Pennants

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be any area of Lake Lanier south of Brown's Bridge (map of commonly used marks are attached).

8. The Course

1. Courses will be designated by permanent Corps of Engineers (COE) marks identified on the map or temporary marks consisting of tetrahedrons or balls.
2. Islands 8, 10, 13, and 16 are boundary markers.
3. LLSC and UYC race days (Flat starts)
 - a. Course and fleet starting order will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee boat.
4. BFSC and LARC race days (Pursuit or staggered starts)
 - a) Course, distance and starting area will be posted at the skipper's meeting.
 - b) Staggered start time for each boat using LLPHRF rating and distance will be calculated at the skipper's meeting.
 - c) Competitors should use the official US time at www.time.gov to synchronize their watches.

8A. General Course Information

1. Courses will be designated by the mark's letter and the side of the boat to which the marks are to be left. Example "F-P, D-P, X-P-Finish." "P" (port rounding) will designate if marks are to be left to port. "S" (starboard rounding) will designate if marks are to be left to starboard.
2. If temporary marks are used, the course designation will show the closest permanent mark followed by "T" and the direction the mark is to be rounded. (For example 16TP meaning round the temporary mark closest to Corps of Engineers mark 16 leaving it to port.)
3. The Race Committee may provide separate courses for different fleets.
4. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a part of the course specified may be a designated "gate" through which boats on that course shall sail.
 - a. For this purpose, a gate will be defined as the space created where a line would be drawn between the race committee boat and a nearby mark.
 - b. A direction through the gate, indicated on the course board, shall specify the required side on which to pass the mark, for example: a gate at X mark, moving from D through the gate to F, taking X to Starboard, shall be specified on the course board as "X-S Gate."
 - c. If the gate is used as a rounding mark, boats may round either mark or the race committee boat. This changes RRS rule 28.

9. The Start

9A. The Start for UYC and LLSC race days (flat starts)

1. The starting order of the fleets shall be posted on the race committee boat.
2. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark.
3. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
4. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1

9B. The Start for BFSC and LARC race days (staggered or pursuit start).

1. Races shall be started using the staggered start system.
2. Each boat shall have its own specific start time as determined by each boat's specific PHRF rating and the course length. Start times for each boat will be obtained at the skipper's meeting.
3. The Starting Line is an imaginary line that extends no further than 20 yards and is perpendicular to the first mark. For a proper start, you must start within 20 yards of the proper side of the starting mark as indicated on the official course board.
4. The order of starts for each race is determined by your boats specific start time..
5. Boats that are not starting should keep clear of the starting area as to not interfere with those who are starting.
6. All starts are based upon the honor system as no committee boat is usually available to keep an eye on start times. It is the responsibility of each skipper to synchronize his or her own starting watch with that of the official starting clock posted on the official course board at the skipper's meeting.

10. The Finish

10A. The Finish for LLSC and UYC race days (flat starts)

1. The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark of the course.
2. Races for any one or more fleets may be shortened or abandoned if it appears that no boat will finish by the time limit of 3 hours of the first start or boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the second boat in her fleet OR if the lead boat has not reached the first mark within two hours of the start of that fleet. Fleets shortened will be designated by displaying those fleets' flags and the shorten course flag. This changes rule 32.
3. The Finish Line may be between F mark and the flagpole/ orange flag at LLSC

10B. The Finish for BFSC and LARC race days (staggered or pursuit starts).

1. The Finish Line may also be an imaginary line that extends no further than 20 yards and is perpendicular to the last mark. For a proper finish, you must end your race within 20 yards of the proper side of the finishing mark as indicated on the official course board.
 - a. The Finish Line may be between F mark and the flagpole/ orange flag at LLSC
2. **SF- Short Finish** As part of the published course, one mark will be determined to be the short finish mark. A time will be assigned to that mark if the lead boat does not reach the Short finish mark by the predetermined time. The race will be shortened at that point. NOTE: The rules for a proper finish still apply to a "Short Finish" course. (Example: **11P SF 4pm**, If lead boat does not pass 11 to port by 4pm then the race is shortened at that mark for all boats)
3. Each skipper is responsible for reporting his/her finish time to LARC scorer (Dana 404/849-1809) within 24 hours of finish time.

4. MT- **Motor Time** As part of the published course, a Motor Time will be determined. If a boat does not finish the race by the predetermined time, the race is over for that skipper and the boat will receive a Did Not Finish (DNF) for the race. (Example: **MT is 4pm**, if you have not finished the race by 4pm then start your motor, because you are DNF)

11. Time Limit

Boats failing to finish within 3 hours of the first start or boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the second boat in his/her fleet shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS rule 35 and A4.1.

12. Withdrawal

Boats withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. This is very important because we want to keep this sport as safe as possible and it helps to know what has happened to all registered boats.

13. Protest

1. A protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee or the LARC administrator, Dana Stewart, of intent to file a protest immediately upon finishing the race. This changes RRS rule 61. The protestor must clearly identify the protested boat(s) to the Race Committee, but shall not interfere while the Race Committee records other finishes.
2. Protest forms are available on the US Sailing web page at <http://www.ussailing.org>. They will also be available at the party after the race.
3. Protests should be delivered to one of the officers of LARC, within 2 hours of the protestor's finish at the after race party OR may be delivered not later than **11:59 p.m. Of the day following the race in which the protested incident occurred**. Fax or e-mail is acceptable. This changes rule 61.3.
4. Protests should be addressed to the **LARC administrator Dana Stewart, or Protest Chairman Edith Collins**.
5. Protest hearings may be held at the after-race event within one hour of it being filed if protestor **and protested are present and agreeable to the hearing**. The officer receiving the protest shall gather a committee and hold the protest at the event, in a separate room if possible.
6. In the event of extenuating circumstances which may prevent a protesting boat from meeting the deadline above, the organizing authorities may, at their discretion, choose to accept the protest, provided the protesting boat has met the following requirements:
 - a. Protestor shall notify the appropriate organizing authority, as above, of intent to file a protest no later than 11:59 pm of the day following the race in which the protested incident occurred. This shall include approximately how soon the protest will be sent.
 - b. Protestor shall mail or e-mail the written protest and notify the appropriate organizing authority when the protest is sent.
7. Protestor shall indicate, on the protest form, the extenuating circumstances which prevented compliance with Item 13.7 above.
8. Protest hearings not held at the event are scheduled for the Tuesday immediately following the race in which the incident occurred. All parties to protests will be notified of the scheduled protest not later than the day proceeding the Tuesday for which the protest is scheduled.
9. Protest hearing dates and times may be changed only at the discretion of the appropriate organizing authority and/or the protest chairman. Skippers with conflicts may designate an alternate representative by contacting the appropriate organizing authority at least 24 hours in advance.

14. Scoring

1. The time-on-distance method of PHRF handicapping will be used.
2. The Low Point scoring system, RRS rule A4, will apply, with the exception that the suggested wording from RRS rule A4 will replace the second paragraph of RRS rule A4.2 as follows:
3. Boats not scored that came to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of all boats that came to the starting area (DNF).
4. Boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series (DNC).
5. For the Winter, Moonlight and Fall series, 3-4 races are scheduled each, of which 1 race shall be completed to constitute a series.
6. If 3 or more races are scored for each series, a throw out will be given. This changes RRS rule A2.
7. For any one race, a skipper may be given race credit for acting as Race Committee for a flat start race, when requested, provided that the skipper or the designated alternate skipper of the boat is actually present on the race committee.
8. Each boat will be awarded the average of that boat's race positions after throw outs have been removed from the results. No boat will be allowed to receive more than one race committee credit in any one series, nor may any boat participate in the race in which it is also acting as Race Committee.
9. The Race Committee shall provide the race results to the official scorekeeper within 24 hours to receive the Race Committee credit.

15. Trophies

1. Trophies will be awarded for each series, time and place to be announced.
2. At registration, the skipper of each boat shall declare the club under whose burgee they will be representing in that year's LARC series.
3. Each skipper must be a member in good standing of one of the following clubs: Barefoot Sailing Club, Lake Lanier Sailing Club or University Yacht Club..
4. The registered club affiliation cannot be changed throughout a LARC series.

16. Replacement of Crew

Substitution of crew is allowed at any point in between races. Either the registered skipper or the designated alternate skipper must be on board for each race of the series. The registered and/or designated alternate skipper may change boats for different series, but shall not change within a series. A registered and alternate skipper may crew on another boat, but shall not skipper or helm the other boat.

17. Trash

Any boat seen by the Race Committee throwing trash into the lake may be given a 20 percent scoring penalty. Such penalty will not be grounds for redress.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the races. By their participation, any persons involved with these races acknowledge and agree with this provision

