

## Latitude Series Sailing Instructions - 2021

Schedule of Races Races will take place The skipper's meeting shall take place under the Ithaca Yacht Club (IYC) South Pavilion, 45 minutes prior to the start on each race day, at 1:15pm. The race start shall be at 2:00pm.

### Equipment

- All boats must carry a GPS capable of displaying their latitude.
- All boats must carry device capable of recording their finish time (preferably GPS time.)
- All boats must carry a VHF device.

### The Start

- The start line is from the IYC flagpole to Mark A, and from Mark A on a bearing of 90° true all the way across the lake. Boats registered in the CLCF 'A' fleet must start west of Mark A. Other boats may start anywhere on the start line.
- The start time will be based on GPS time. The race committee will give a sound signal at 5 minutes before the start. They may attempt to broadcast a countdown on VHF channel 80a. There will be no visual signals, and no sound signals other than the 5 minute warning.

The courses depending on wind conditions, one race course will be chosen by the fleet captain (courses A-E with A being for the lightest winds; E being for heaviest winds) and announced at the skippers' meeting. The attached table shows PHRF ratings on the left column, and the five course letters along the top. Boats use their rating and the posted course letter to determine the latitude they have to sail to. Boats shall sail in a roughly northerly direction, around the latitude and longitude shown in the table and verified by GPS. They shall then sail back to the finish. \*\*Boats shall make a note of the time they reach their turning latitude. No races will start after 3:30pm.

The Finish The Finish line is between mark A and the IYC flagpole. The first boat over the line is the winner. Finish times should be recorded and sent to the Assistant Fleet Captain.

Time Limit The time limit for the first race is for the first boat to finish is three (3) hours after the start. If no boats finish the race before three hours after the start, the turnaround times shall

be used to determine the finish order. If the first boat finishes before the three hour mark, all other boats may finish without any time limit.

Postponement The race committee will announce either at skippers' meeting, or via VHF (channel 80a) if the race is to be postponed. The race committee will attempt to broadcast the time of the new start on VHF channel 80a.

1. **Rules.** The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. **Entries.** Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee. Entries are accepted at any time during the series.

Boats may be hauled out of the water between days of races.

3. **Notices to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the IYC south pavilion.

4. **Signals Made Ashore.** No signals will be displayed on shore. The Race Committee (or RC) may postpone the race by making an announcement at the competitors' meeting or by VHF radio, and may start a race at any time.

5. **Schedule.** Dates of races are shown in IYC sailing calendar on their website and on the Cruising Fleet website.

A competitors' meeting will be held at the IYC south pavilion, forty-five minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on each day of racing (1:15).

The race each day is scheduled to start at 2:00pm

No race will start after 3:30 PM.

6. **Courses and Marks.** The courses will be around described in Appendix A, or other objects announced by the RC. The course will be announced by the race committee at the competitors' meeting or by VHF radio.

7. **Start.** The start line will be between the IYC flagpole and the nearby fixed mark, or other marks announced at the competitors' meeting or by VHF radio. The time of the start of the race will be at the exact scheduled UTC time (for the first race each day) or at another time announced by VHF radio. The RC will attempt to make a sound signal approximately 5 minutes before the start, however, the start time

shall be determined by UTC time, not by the sound signal.

8. **Finishing.** The finish line will be between the IYC flagpole and the nearby fixed mark, or other marks announced at the competitors' meeting or by VHF radio. Competitors shall record their finish times and report them to the RC as soon as possible after racing each day.

The RC may finish a race when one boat is still racing, by announcing on VHF that the boat still racing is awarded a score equal to the number of boats that finished plus one.

9. **Shortening course and change of course.** The RC may shorten or change the course by announcement by VHF radio at any time during a race.

The RC may set a new finish line at one of the marks of the current course, if the announcement is made before the first boat has reached that mark. In this case the finish line shall be an imaginary line extending 5 boat lengths from the mark at right angles to the course from the previous mark and leaving the finishing mark on its original required side.

The RC may add or delete marks from the course provided the announcement is made before any boat has rounded the mark prior to the added or deleted mark.

10. **Time Limit.** The time limit for the first race each day will be three hours for the first boat to finish.
11. **Taking a penalty at the time of an incident.** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
12. **Communication.** The RC may broadcast its announcements on VHF channel 80 (US band). Failure of a boat to hear an announcement broadcast in this manner shall not be grounds for redress or protest.
13. **Protests.** A boat initiating a protest shall notify the RC over VHF of its intent to lodge a protest. Protests shall be delivered to the RC or its designee within one hour after the last boat finishes the race. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable at the IYC clubhouse or south pavilion.
14. **Scoring.** The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the racing rules will be used. Rule A9 will apply.  

If 6 or more races are completed, each boat's two worst scores will be excluded from her series score. This amends The Racing Rules of Sailing.
15. **No Spinnaker Rule.** Any boat may elect to compete on a given day without using a spinnaker, and receive a rating adjustment of 12

second bonus per mile. Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, the skipper of a boat electing to compete under the No-Spinnaker Rule must notify the Race Committee. Notification may be given for a particular day, or for the whole series of races.

Clarification: A spinnaker is defined for this series as a free-flying sail that does not have a fixed luff. In other words, (if running a double headsails) a headsail that is tacked to the deck and hauled aloft via halyard by its head, if not hanked to the headstay/fed into a headstay foil/etc **IS** classified as a spinnaker as it has a non-fixed luff, and is therefore free flying. The amount of rating adjustment shall be determined by the CLCF Rating Committee, as appropriate for the type of boat.

Race times must be presented/recorded with a "NO SPINNAKER" demarcation in order to help insure proper scoring.

16. **Special Considerations.** In the interest of the Fleet and in the spirit of competition, the RC may modify these rules of racing before or during a race and for any or all races that day if all of the racing boats competing in those races be in agreement.