

LONG LAKE YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR CLASS MC 2011
(Adopted 4/9/11)

1. RULES

- 1.1. All Races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All boats competing in LLYC races, through their willingness to enter and participate thereby automatically agree to abide by all governing rules.
- 1.3. The Sailing Committee is a committee of skippers elected by the sailors. The Race Committee are the "judges" responsible for on the water management of the races.

2. RACING SCHEDULE

- 2.1. The LLYC MC racing schedule will be as published by the LLYC MC Class as determined at LLYC Annual Meeting.
- 2.2. A minimum of two boats must present themselves in the starting area for a valid race.

3. RESCHEDULING OF RACES

- 3.1. Any race may be rescheduled at least 5 days in advance with the consent of the boats eligible to race. The Chair will be responsible for notifying all boats.

4. SAILING EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. Sailing equipment, including hulls, spars, sails, etc., may be replaced, altered, and/or substituted during the season, providing the equipment is properly authorized by the MC Scow Class.
- 4.2. Each boat must display its registered number on its sails by June 20 or have prior permission from the Sailing Committee. A boat shall notify the RC at the finish if it is racing under a non-registered sail number.

5. COURSE SETTING PROCEDURE

- 5.1. The Race Committee will make every effort to run all races to port. Unless designated with the course signal, all marks will be left the same direction as the starting mark.
- 5.2. Courses, starting and other signals will be displayed on the Race Committee boat.

6. COURSES AND COURSE SIGNALS

- 6.1. The course diagrams with identifying letters shown in these instructions indicate the types of courses to be sailed and the method of designation. The identifying course letter will be displayed on the Race Committee boat before or with the warning signal, along with a number indicating the number of laps, complete or partial, to be sailed to the finish. No compass headings will be used. The approximate minimum course length will be targeted to last 50 minutes to 1 hour. Offset marks may be used at the weather mark at the discretion of the Race Committee. When used, offset marks shall be rounded each lap of the course.
- 6.2. Only the following courses are to be sailed: Figure 8, WT, and W
- 6.3. The Race Committee may set a gate instead of Mark 2 for any Windward/Leeward course. If a gate is to be used, the course designation will include '-G' (e.g., W-3+-G) and boats shall sail between Mark 2S and Mark 2P from the direction of the last mark and round either Mark 2S to starboard or Mark 2P to port, as shown on the COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS page.

7. SHORTENED COURSE

- 7.1. Rule 32 is modified in that a course will not be reduced in length by reducing the number of laps or by moving the marks closer together once the race has started. No minimum course length.

8. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 8.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the Class flag (or Orange flag, if used) on the race committee boat and the starting mark.
- 8.2. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying the blue finishing flag (or Orange flag, if used) and the finishing mark. The line will be approximately 100 feet long and will be as close to right angles as possible from the last mark.

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9. **STARTING SIGNALS AND TIMES**

9.1. These starting signals will be displayed from the Race Committee boat at the stated scheduled times:

SIGNAL	FLAG	SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE START	SATURDAY	SUNDAY & OTHERS
PREWARNING	NO FLAG	4 SHORT	6	10:54am	8:39am
WARNING	CLASS FLAG DISPLAYED	1 SOUND	5	10:55am	8:40am
PREPARATORY	I FLAG DISPLAYED	1 SOUND	4	10:56am	8:41am
ONE-MINUTE	I FLAG REMOVED	1 LONG	1	10:59am	8:44am
START	CLASS FLAG REMOVED	1 SOUND	START	11:00am	8:45am

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INDIVIDUAL RECALL

1.1. To recall individual premature starters when most premature starters can be identified, the Race Committee will hail and/or broadcast each boat identified by number ASAP.

2. **GENERAL RECALL**

2.1. When a general recall has been signaled, a new warning signal will be made one minute after the lowering of flag "First Substitute" (triangular, yellow on blue) with one sound.

3. **CHANGING MARK LOCATION**

3.1. When changing the course after the start, the race committee will lay a new mark and will lift the original mark as soon as practicable.

3.2. A change of course will be signaled on the leg before the leg being changed by a race committee boat that will display Flag C, if possible, and sound a horn periodically and will hail and/or broadcast the direction change (right or left) to the new mark. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the changed leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

4. **POSTPONEMENT**

4.1. A race may be postponed for the following reasons:

4.1.1. Unfavorable weather conditions.

4.1.2. Shifting winds, drifting judges boat, or other conditions which may result in an unfair race.

4.1.3. Any other reason determined by the Race Committee.

4.1.4. When requested to do so by the Sailing Committee.

4.2. The length of a postponement shall be as short as possible. However, the maximum length of a postponement shall be as follows: (a) Saturday races = 60 minutes, (b) Sunday and Other (4th of July, Labor day, etc) races = 60 minutes, Except that if at the end of the postponement period the Race Committee has established a course and a starting line, it may extend the postponement up to 10 minutes.

4.3. Postponement is signaled by raising the Answering Pennant ("AP" = trapezoidal, red and white vertical stripes) with two sounds. "AP" is lowered with 1 sound. Warning or other signals will be made one minute thereafter.

5. **ABANDONMENT**

5.1. Before or after the starting signal, the Race Committee may abandon a race because of foul weather endangering the boats, or because of insufficient wind, or because a mark is missing or has shifted, or for any other reasons directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition. The Flag N (blue and white checkered) over Flag H (vertical 1/2 White & 1/2 Red) is hoisted, accompanied by three sounds that the race is abandoned all boat should seek shelter. In the event of foul weather, the Race Committee will attempt to notify each boat individually.

5.2. The Race Committee may abandon a race after the start on the first lap of the course when the necessary and appropriate change of course due to a windshift is impossible without affecting the length of the course. The Race Committee may restart this race if the Warning Signal can be displayed within postponement period. When the Race Committee intends to restart, it shall be so signaled by raising Flag N alone with 3 sounds.

6. **TIME LIMITS**

6.1. In any race, should the leading boat complete the course in the actual time of less than exactly 2 hours, it shall be a valid race.

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- 6.2. The Race Committee may abandon a race after the start on the first leg of the course when the first boat that has started correctly fails to reach the windward mark within 30 minutes.
7. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES
- 7.1. The two-turns penalty, rule 44, will apply. A boat that takes a penalty shall report that fact to the Race Committee at the finish. A boat that does not comply with the above requirements, but acknowledges an infringement prior to a hearing or at the hearing prior to the decision, shall be penalized 50%, but not less than six places.
8. SCORING SYSTEM
- 8.1. Without prior approval by the Sailing Committee, series points and awards will be given to only those boats that are skippered by members of the Long Lake Yacht Club. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score in accordance with rule A1.3. The lowest total score wins.
- 8.2. A boat scored DNS (Did not start other than DNC and OCS), OCS (Did not start; on the course side of the starting line and broke rule 29.1 or 30.2) shall be scored as the number of boats registered. DNF (did not finish), or RAF (retired after finishing) shall be scored the finishing place one more than the number of boats ranking as starters for that race.
- 8.3. A boat which is scored SCP (took a scoring penalty under SI 16) shall not be scored worse than one more than the number of boats ranking as starters in that race.
- 8.4. A boat which is scored DSQ (disqualification) will be scored for the finishing place two more than the number of boats ranking as starters for that race.
- 8.5. Canceled races may be resailed with the agreement of the registered MC skippers.
- 8.6. The High-Point Trophy will be awarded on the basis of total (low) points accumulated for the Saturday and Sunday series with no throw-outs taken into consideration.
- 8.7. Boats (sailors) representing the LLYC at an MC Regatta, as a crew or skipper at sanctioned regattas in other ILYA classes, or other sailing-related events, will be assigned average points for up to two races per series with prior consent of the majority of MC registered skippers. Average points will be calculated for the boat (sailor) for each series for all races he/she sailed through the end of August (excluding the DNS for the absence).
- 8.8. A "New MC Sailor" race may be held over the 4th of July weekend with a registered MC sailor as crew, weather permitting. The new sailor need not be a member of the LLYC. The MC Fleet will award the winner with a participation award of nominal value to be funded on a voluntary basis.
9. PROTESTS
- 9.1. Any boat protesting another or wishing to enter a protest for any other reason must follow rule 61 with the following provisions or exceptions:
- 9.1.1. A boat infringed against must hail "protest" immediately, which is normally immediately after the incident. Upon finishing she shall notify the Race Committee.
- 9.1.2. A boat which has taken a penalty (720 penalty turn) during a race shall notify the Race Committee at the finish.
- 9.1.3. A written protest will not be required in the event that both 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 are met.
- 9.2. Hearing of protests will follow the procedures outlined in Part 5 and Appendix L of the rule book.
- 9.3. In the event that the infringing boat does not acknowledge the infringement or there has been a collision which results in serious damage to either boat, a written protest, which includes all information as outlined in rule 61, shall be filed with the Chief Judge.
- 9.4. The Chief Judge shall serve as a Protest Committee.
- 9.5. Protest hearings will be at the club's weekly meeting.
- 9.6. In the event of a protest involving rules 2 and/or 69, the protest committee pool shall be the Chief Judge and the Sailing committee members.
10. LIFE JACKETS
- 10.1. At the finish line of any race, the Race Committee may request that one or more boats selected at random show their life jackets. When Code Flag "Y" (Yellow and Red Diagonal Stripes) is displayed with two guns (or horns), the helmsmen and crews shall thereafter wear life jackets throughout the race or until the signal is struck. It is the responsibility of the helmsman or crew to wear life jackets when conditions warrant, whether or not Code Flag "Y" is displayed.
- 10.2. The penalty for failure to display life jackets when so requested by the Race Committee or for failure to wear life jackets when required by the display of Code Flag "Y" shall be disqualification.

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11. LLYC CLASS MC FLEET BYLAWS

11.1. The following rules have been adopted by the MC Fleet Sailors:

11.1.1. A registered Class MC boat is entitled to one vote regarding all matters pertaining to MC sailing.

11.1.2. The Class MC Sailing Committee will be elected as per Article VI of the LLYC Constitution and Bylaws.

11.1.3. An annual meeting of the Class MC Skippers will be held at the LLYC Annual Spring Meeting to review the sailing instructions and hold elections. Additional meetings of the registered MC skippers may be called at any time by the Sailing Committee.