



The OYC Wednesday Night Series

April 23 through August 20, 2008

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

A Lakewide event exclusively for members of:
OYC, LNYC and PYC

Organizing Authority & Host Club:
Outrigger 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 official Outrigger Yacht Club (OYC) bulletin board located at www.outriggeryachtclub.org (the website).

Eligibility: Eligible members of OYC, Lake Norman Yacht Club and Peninsula Yacht Club may enter a qualified keelboat with a current Lake Norman Keelboat Council PHRF Rating Certificate, or a centerboard sailboat of at least 17' 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 properly completing a LNKC PHRF Rating Request Form found at the website and returning it with the Entry Form which will be submitted to the LNKC for a formal rating.** Ratings will not be changed once the series has begun. **A boat shall not be scored until all entry requirements are met.** A boat racing shall have on board a person who is eligible to enter a boat in this event. This final requirement is waived only for purposes of providing a substitute skipper and crew in order to perform Race Committee (RC) duties.

Classes: Entrants will be divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Fleets and may be further divided into Divisions. Entrants may change their Fleet declaration for the second half of the Series, but will become ineligible for the overall Series awards by doing so. Declarations will not be changed once an entrant begins participation in either half of the Series. Entrants wishing to change their declarations must contact Race Chairman Doug Riley at 704-947-0470(h), 704-661-4891(c) or doug_riley@bellsouth.net.

Cruiser-Friendly event: This event will provide for a Cruiser Fleet. This Fleet is for good skippers looking for an excuse to sail but who would prefer not to race. Once the Racing Fleets have cleared the Starting Area, the RC will then hoist a signal flag to show the destination for the Cruiser Fleet. A standard starting sequence, as outlined in the LSI, will follow. Details are further outlined below under “The Start”. The objective is simply to sail to the destination outlined and return to pass between the Race Committee Boat (“RC”) and Marker 2. The other fleets finish between the Committee Boat and the floating finishing mark. Cruisers will be scored only on how many races they start. An award will be presented to the boat who starts the most “cruises” in the Series.

Changing boats: Competitors may change boats for the second half of the Series only by completing an entry form for the second boat and paying the additional entry fee. Participants who change boats during the series will be ineligible for the overall Series awards.

Schedule of Events: There will be no skipper’s meeting. For additional information or clarification contact Race Chairman Doug Riley at 704-947-0470(h), 704-661-4891(c) or by email at doug_riley@bellsouth.net.

Wednesday nights April 23, 2008 through August 20, 2008 inclusive - 6:30 PM Warning Signal in the vicinity of Marker 2. 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 Midtown Sundries, Harborside in Cornelius. First half winners will be announced at Midtown Sundries after Race 10. Second half winners will be announced and overall series trophies will be awarded on August 27, 2008 at a location to be announced.

Scoring: The Full Series, consisting of 18 races, and two Half Series, each consisting of 9 races, will be scored. The Time on Time Low Point Scoring System shall apply 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 each half of the series and for the entire series will be the total of her best race scores for three-quarters (3/4) of all races conducted (rounded to an integer; .5 will be rounded up) in the series or half series for which results are being calculated. Abandoned races will not be rescheduled.

The Start: The starting line will be in the vicinity of Marker 2 between a floating mark and the "RC" flagstaff on the CB. There may be a limiting buoy set in the vicinity of the Race Committee boat for her protection. 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 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 Cruiser Fleet course will be flown shortly after the Racing Fleets have cleared the Starting Area.

The Finish: The finish line will be between the flagstaff of the "RC" Flag on the CB and a floating mark except for in the case of a shortened course. This changes LSI Rule 13 for OYC events. **The Cruiser Fleet will finish between the Committee Boat and Marker 2.**

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 protest on the water according to the 'rules'. If a protest cannot be resolved on the water, the protesting party must inform the CB prior to leaving the Race Area of their intent to submit a written protest. Properly completed protest forms must be submitted to the Race Chairman or his/her designate at the after-race gathering at Midtown Sundries 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.

Safety: Each boat shall be equipped with safety gear, as required by federal, state, and local regulations. 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 may not display flag "M". This changes RRS 34(b). 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. 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 that half of the Series, not to exceed the number of boats that start that race, for tabulation of the Half Series results and 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, for tabulation of the Full Series results. A boat will receive a maximum of one average score for each Half Series and two average scores for the Full Series.

Trophies: The traditional OYC winner's mug will be awarded each week to the first place finisher in each Fleet. Overall series trophies will be awarded on August 28, 2008 at a location to be announced. One trophy will be awarded for each two boats in a Division with a maximum of three trophies per Division. One trophy will be awarded to the Cruiser who starts the most cruises in the Series.

Weather cancellations: If there is a question on the status of the race due to weather, participants may check the Bulletin Board for notification until 4PM on race days. Every attempt will be made to provide a phone number, to be designated on the Bulletin Board on the day of the race, which may be called after 4PM for further updates. Once in the Starting Area, the Committee Boat will monitor VHF Channel 71 and make appropriate signals on the water.

Make checks payable to: The Outrigger Yacht Club

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - ENTRY FORM

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.

You will not be scored until and unless this requirement is met.

Member in good standing of: OYC _____ LNYC _____ PYC _____

Fleet declaration: Spinnaker _____ Non Spinnaker _____ Cruiser (See "Classes"): _____

Volunteer for Race Committee: Yes _____ No _____

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

Fees

US Sailing Member: \$60.00 _____ (Membership # required)

Cruiser (US Sailing Member) \$25.00 _____ (Membership # required)

Second half of Series only: \$25.00 _____ (See "Fees" in NOR & SI)

Non US Sailing Member: Add \$5 _____

Late registration: Add \$10 _____ (See "Fees" in NOR & SI)

Change boats for 2nd half \$10.00 _____ (See "Fees" in NOR & SI)

Total amount 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: _____