



The OYC Wednesday Night Series

April 22 through August 19, 2009

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 defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), available at www.ussailing.org. The Lake Norman Keelboat Council Lakewide Sailing Instructions (LSI), available at www.lnkc.com, will apply.

Eligibility: Eligible members of Outrigger Yacht Club, Lake Norman Yacht Club and Peninsula Yacht Club may enter a 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 www.lnkc.com, and returning it with the Entry Form. Ratings will not be changed once the series has begun. While racing, a boat shall have on board a person who is eligible to enter a boat in this event unless providing a substitute skipper and crew in order to perform Race Committee (RC) duties. A boat shall not be scored unless all entry requirements are met.

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 by submitting an additional completed Entry Form with their fleet declaration properly noted, but will become ineligible for the overall Series awards. Declarations will not be changed once an entrant begins participation in either half of the Series.

Changing boats: Competitors may change boats for the second half of the Series by submitting an additional completed Entry Form with payment of appropriate fees, but will become ineligible for the overall Series awards.

Schedule of Events: There will be no skipper's meeting. Entrants with questions may 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 22, 2009 through August 19, 2009 inclusive - 6:30 PM Warning Signal.

Scoring and presentation of weekly fleet awards after each race at Midtown Sundries in Cornelius. First half winners will be announced after Race 10. Second half winners will be announced and overall series prizes will be awarded on August 26, 2009 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: There will be one start for both fleets. The Class Flag will be the Numeral Flag 1. 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. The Race Committee Boat (CB), along with any limiting buoy and attachment line placed for the protection of it and its crew, is a starting *mark*. This changes the RRS definition for a *mark* only as it refers to the CB.

Courses: Marks and courses as outlined 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.

Time Limit: All races, if not concluded earlier, will end promptly at 8:30 PM

Protests: Competitors are encouraged to resolve all protest on the water. Otherwise, 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 designate at Midtown Sundries no later than 9:30 PM on the day of the race. A protest hearing will be convened as soon as possible thereafter.

Missing Channel Markers or Course Marks: RC may replace a missing Marker or Course Mark with a temporary floating mark that may not display Flag "M" and without any sound signal(s). This changes RRS 34.

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, but 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, but 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 winner’s mug will be awarded each week to the first place finisher in each Fleet. Overall series prizes will be awarded on August 26, 2009 at a location to be announced. One prize will be awarded for each two boats in a Division with a maximum of three prizes per Division.

Weather cancellations: Participants may check the Bulletin Board found on the OYC website at www.outriggeryachtclub.org for notification of weather cancellations until 4PM on race days. A phone number, if available to be designated on the Bulletin Board on the day of the race, may be provided to call 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.

Mail completed form with appropriate fees to: Doug Riley, 9201 Trestlebrook Court, Huntersville, NC 28078

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: _____

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

Fleet declaration: Spinnaker _____ Non Spinnaker _____

Volunteer for Race Committee: Yes _____ No _____

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

Fees

US Sailing Member: \$50.00 _____ (US Sailing # required)

Second half of Series only: \$25.00 _____

Non US Sailing Member: Add \$5 _____

Late registration: Add \$10 _____ (Postmarked after 4/17/09)

Change boats for 2nd half \$10.00 _____

Total amount enclosed..... _____

I agree to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event, I further 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: _____