



THE WILMER TROPHY REGATTA

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

November 5 & 6, 2011

A Lakewide event open only to members of OYC, PYC, & LNYC

To benefit the Lake Norman Keelboat Council

Organizing Authority & Host Club: Outrigger Yacht Club

Intro: Hank Wilmer established the Wilmer Trophy Regatta “to determine the Champion of Cruiser racers domiciled on Lake Norman”. The winner of the Spinnaker Fleet will be named Champion of Cruisers and have their name engraved on the perpetual Wilmer Trophy. The winner of the Non-Spin Fleet will be named Champion of Non-Spin Cruisers and have their name engraved on the perpetual LNKC Non-Spin Champion of Cruisers Trophy. These trophies may be displayed in the winner’s home Club until the next championship is held. This event is a benefit for the Lake Norman Keelboat Council to raise funds in order to maintain the Permanent Race Marks and PHRF handicap administration on Lake Norman.

Rules: This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), available at www.ussailing.org, the Lake Norman Keelboat Council’s (LNKC) Lakewide Sailing Instructions (LSI), available at www.lnkc.com, the Wilmer Trophy Deed of Gift and these Sailing Instructions. The courses for the Spinnaker Fleet will be a minimum of 8.9 nautical miles each with a time limit of three hours. Non-Spinnaker boats may compete for the Wilmer Trophy, but must register for and race in the Spinnaker fleet. **Otherwise, the courses for the Non-Spin Fleet will be a minimum of 5 miles with a 3 hour time limit. To qualify for either Trophy, a boat must be domiciled on Lake Norman. One race will constitute a regatta for awarding of either Trophy.**

Eligibility: Members of Outrigger Yacht Club, Lake Norman Yacht Club and Peninsula Yacht Club maintaining rights to do so may enter a boat with a LNKC PHRF Rating Certificate by completing and returning the Entry Form along with payment of the appropriate fees. If the boat to be entered does not have a current LNKC PHRF Certificate, one must be obtained by properly completing a LNKC PHRF Rating Request Form (found at www.lnkc.com) and returning it with the Entry Form at least one week prior to the day of the first race. Otherwise, registration must be received no later than the day before the race to be valid. While racing, a boat shall have on board a person who is eligible to enter a boat in this event. A boat will not be scored unless all entry requirements are met.

Classes: Entrants shall be divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Fleets and may be further split into divisions.

<u>Fees:</u> US Sailing Member	\$35.00 (Membership Number required)
Non US Sailing Member	Add \$ 5.00
Late Registration fee	Add \$10.00 (Postmarked after 10-24-11)

Schedule of Events: There will be no Skipper's Meeting. Competitors with questions may contact Race Chairman Doug Riley at doug_riley@bellsouth.net or 704-661-4891.

November 5, 2011	10:30 AM	Warning signal, Race #1
November 6, 2011	10:30 AM	Warning signal, Race #2

Regatta results and awards at 2PM or immediately after racing is completed on Sunday at the **Akropolis Restaurant**.
The Akropolis is located at Exit 28 in Cornelius.

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 Course: The LNKC Race Marks as outlined in the LSI will be used. RC **will** provide separate courses for the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets by signaling the Spinnaker Course under Flag "S" and the Non-Spinnaker Course under Flag "N" on separate flagstaffs.

Scoring: The PHRF Handicap System will be used and the Time on Distance Low Point Scoring System A2 shall apply, except that all races shall be scored. One race will constitute a Regatta.

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 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.

Protests: Competitors are encouraged to resolve all protests on the water according to the rules. If the protest cannot be resolved on the water, the protesting party must inform the Committee Boat prior to leaving the Race Area of their intent to submit a written protest, then properly completed protest forms must be submitted to the Race Committee within 60 minutes after their arrival at the dock after the race.

Trophies: The name of the overall winner in each Fleet will be engraved into the Wilmer Trophy and the Lake Norman Non-Spin Champion of Cruisers Trophy respectively, given that the requirements of the deed of gift are met. The winners will display the trophy in their home Yacht Club until the next Championship. If neither race qualifies under the requirements outlined above, neither trophy will be awarded. Division winners will be awarded framed Certificates of Achievement recognizing their efforts

Complete and mail this form with appropriate fees to:
Doug Riley, Race Chairman, 9201 Trestlebrook Court, Huntersville, NC 28078

Make checks payable to the Lake Norman Keelboat Council

The Wilmer Trophy Regatta

ENTRY FORM

Skipper's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email address: _____

Boat Name: _____

Boat Make/Model: _____ Length Overall: _____

Sail Number: _____

US Sailing Membership Number: _____

LNKC Certificate Number: _____ PHRF Rating: _____

If you do not have a LNKC assigned PHRF rating, go to www.lnkc.com to download a LNKC PHR Ratings request form. Complete the form and return it with this Entry form to obtain a valid rating certificate.

Yacht Club Affiliation (Member in good standing): OYC _____ LNYC _____ PYC _____

Fleet Registration: Spinnaker _____ Non Spinnaker _____

Fees: _____ \$35.00 US Sailing Member, Membership number required

_____ \$ 5.00 Additional for Non-US Sailing members

~~_____ \$10.00 Additional late fee for any entry not postmarked by 10-31-11~~

In consideration of this entry acceptance, I hereby agree that the safety of my yacht and her crew, and the decision, whether or not to start or continue to race is my responsibility and not that of any person sponsoring or undertaking such race or activity. I hereby waive any and all claims against the Organizing Authority and Host Club for this event and any of their officers or directors, or any member. I agree that this waiver is fully binding on my heirs, representatives, successors and assignees. I will inform all crewmembers of any yacht, which I sail in any such race, or activity of their responsibility for safety. I acknowledge that alcoholic beverages may be available to me during this event and agree that if I, or any of my crew and/or invited guests, consume these alcoholic beverages we assume all responsibility for our actions and will not operate a motor vehicle. I accept that I will be racing under the PHRF rating system, that I will race under the rules as sanctioned by US Sailing, and that I am in compliance with all safety requirements and that all of the above information is true and accurate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____
