



THE WILMER TROPHY REGATTA

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

October 31 – November 1, 2015

A lake wide event open to members of OYC, PYC, & LNYC
to benefit the Lake Norman Keelboat Council

Organizing Authority & Host Club: Peninsula Yacht Club

Introduction

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, displayed at LNYC. 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, displayed at PYC. 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 and the courses for the Non-Spin Fleet will be a minimum of 5 miles each. There will be a time limit of 3 hours for both fleets. To qualify for either Trophy a boat must be domiciled on Lake Norman.

Eligibility

Members of Outrigger Yacht Club, Lake Norman Yacht Club and Peninsula Yacht Club maintaining rights to do so may enter a boat with an 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.

Fees

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| US Sailing Member | \$35.00 (Membership Number required) |
| Non US Sailing Member | Add \$ 5.00 |
| Late Registration fee | Add \$10.00 (Postmarked after 10-26-15) |

Schedule of Events

There will be no Skipper's Meeting. Competitors with questions may contact Race Chairman Paul Doucette at Paul.LKNSailing@gmail.com or 704-879-1463.

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| October 31, 2015 | 10:30 AM | Warning signal, Race #1 |
| November 1, 2015 | 10:30 AM | Warning signal, Race #2 |

RC may determine to hold both races on one day or the other if weather forecasts show a threat of not finishing one day within the time limit due to lack of wind. RC may make this determination as late as on the water to hold a second race on Saturday and will display Flag "L" to call all boats within hail to communicate the decision.

Registrants will be informed as to where we will meet after racing on Sunday for results and trophy presentation.

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 may 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 flagstuffs.

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 for awarding of either Trophy.

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 and these Sailing Instructions are met.

Complete and mail or deliver this form with appropriate fees to:
Peninsula Yacht Club, Attn: Harry Smith, 18501 Harbor Light Boulevard, Cornelius, NC 28031
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 10-26-15

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: _____
