

-- Suggested Race Courses --

**Wind from the SE (general direction of Marker 1A):**

W-P-W      W      W-R    X      B-X

**Wind from the South (between the Sail Club /Lucky Creek area and Marker 1A):**

W-P-R    W-P-W    W-R    or    W-R-Y

**Wind from the Southwest (from left of the Sail Club in Lucky Creek):**

W-P-R or W-P-R-Y      W-B                      W-P-W                      W-B-X

**Wind from the West (blowing across the channel back towards Marker 2 & PYC):**

W-B                      W-X                      W-B-X

W-T or W-T-W – Set the Starting Line well south of the Shoal Marker area or in the shallow area mid-channel to the SSW of Marker 2. with the pin to the North and the Committee Boat to the South. This would allow you to shorten course at the Finish Line if necessary. Set your weather mark, then set "T" (temporary marker – yellow tetrahedron) to the south of or even past the south of PYC so that the course will lie between Markers 2 and 1A. Set "T" out as far as you can but to where competitors will still be able to see it from the Starting Area.

**Wind from the North (the general area of Beatties Ford Landing):**

W-X                      W-B                      W-B-X                      W-P-W

**Wind from the NNE/NE (the general Direction of R):**

R                                      R-Y

**Wind from the NE/ENE (the general direction of Marker D2):**

W                                      W-P-W                                      W-R                                      W-Y                                      W-R-Y

**Wind from the East (just south of the island at Marker 2):**

W-P-W                      W

-- Separate Courses for Spinnaker vs. Non-Spinnaker fleets --

Sailing Instructions may allow for separate courses to be set for Spinnaker vs. Non-Spinnaker fleets. This could be with both fleets starting together or with two separate starts. If the NOR and/or sailing instructions for the event do not specifically outline this possibility, it is not to be attempted. This configuration provides additional challenges for Race Committee and is not suggested for the inexperienced. If there is only one start, the course for Spin would fly under an "S" flag and the course for Non-Spin would fly under an "N" flag on separate flagstaffs.

Be extra careful about crossovers, i.e., having the fleet(s) cross over themselves or the other fleet(s) as they round a mark and head to the next. Also be sure that you do not have the two fleets finishing over the same line in different directions as would happen with a Spin = B-X-R and Non-Spin = B-X configuration. Also, for Wed Nights, avoid a configuration such as Spin = M-P-M with Non-Spin = M (where M = a Lake Race Mark such as R or B)...This would lead to both fleets crossing the line at the same times, but with some finishing and some merely rounding P to return to M. Remember that the start line and finish line for Wed Nights is the same.

Examples of simple courses might be Spin = B-X and Non-Spin = B or Spin = R-Y and Non-spin = R.

You may consider something along the lines of Spin = M-T-M and Non-Spin = M where T is a temporary mark (yellow tetrahedron), with T set about ¼ or ½ of the way to M. This keeps everyone on the same basic course but stretches out the Spinnaker Fleet course.

If you want to incorporate "P" you could try, for instance, a Spin = W-P-W-M and Non-Spin = W-M.

In any event where the time-on-distance scoring format it used, it is very important to measure the distance to a weather or temporary mark and to figure the distances of the entire course. This could be especially tricky with a M-T-M or similar course. The Wed Night Series is scored using a time-on-time format so measurements are not necessary.

## -- Other hints, tips, and miscellaneous info --

- Unless outlined otherwise in the Sailing Instructions, the Starting Area for OYC events is always in the vicinity of Marker 2. The starting area for the LNKC Twilight Series event is in the vicinity of Marker 4.
- Set the Starting Line in the shallow area across the channel and towards the shoal marker to the West/WNW from Marker 2 or in the shallow area (use the depth finder) in the middle of the channel slightly WSW of Marker 2. Be sure to set the line in an area where the shoal marker will not be a hindrance to the competitors.
- Unless otherwise noted in the Sailing Instructions, the finish line lies between the Committee Boat and Marker 2 for OYC events... **The finish line for the Wednesday Night Series is between the Committee Boat and the pin that had served as one end of the Starting Line.**
- Visualize the entire course, particularly how competitors will round the mark and head to the next one. Avoid having the fleet crossover itself.
- For every course you set, consider where you would shorten course should the need arise. Remember that when considering shortening a race at a rounding mark or channel marker, you are not concerned with when the first will cross the line, but with the back of the pack. **If you are shortening course at a Race Mark or Channel Marker, you must anchor the Committee Boat.** A floating or running Committee Boat does not provide the same finish line for all competitors.
- Always set your starting line square into the wind.
- If you are using a windward mark ("W" – orange tetrahedron set to weather), set it to the center and a minimum of 250 yards, if not ¼ to ½ mile, ahead of the line. **If setting a W-P-W course, you should set up the start/finish line with the pin ("P") to the right side (as you face into the wind) of the Committee Boat to allow for shortening course if necessary.**
- **For twice around courses, the Lakewide Sailing Instructions specify that "W", if used, will not be rounded twice.** You may specify rounding "W" twice by posting two "W" course flags, but not as part of a twice around course. **It is best to simply not use "W" in a twice around course to avoid the confusion.**
- **Do not set a twice around course using "P" as a mark.** Rounding "P" twice is not an option. You are probably thinking of a course like X-P-X which is not the same as X-P twice around.
- Set shorter courses in lighter wind. **If running two races, ALWAYS run a shorter course first.** "W" is an acceptable short course in light wind.
- Measure the distance to "W" and/or "T" (yellow tetrahedron used as a temporary mark) by using a GPS. If you do not have a GPS, ask a competitor to measure the course or simply estimate the distance for the scorer. For the Wed Night Series, which is run in time-on-time format, no measurement is necessary
- See the Race Signals Flags Guide for mark designations and Lake Mark locations