



The West Marine Wed Night Series

April 20 through August 17, 2011

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

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

Organizing Authority & Host Club:
Outrigger Yacht Club

SPONSORED BY: 

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, and these Sailing Instructions.

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 by completing and returning the Entry Form along with payment of the appropriate fees. If the boat to be entered does not have a LNKC PHRF Certificate, a temporary rating may 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 competitor's first race in the Series (to qualify for a rating, the boat must be a ballasted, self-righting monohull of at least 20 feet in overall length). The LNKC Board of Handicappers will provide a temporary rating for this event and use the form to develop a permanent rating for the boat in question. Ratings will not be changed once the Series has begun. Race registration must be received no later than the day before the competitor's first race in the series. 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 volunteer Race Committee (RC) duties. A boat will not be scored unless all entry requirements are met. Boats not registered are required to stay out of the starting area.

Classes: Entrants will be divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Fleets and may be further divided into Divisions. Entrants may change their fleet declaration by submitting an additional completed Entry Form with their new fleet declaration properly noted.

Changing boats: Competitors may change boats by submitting an additional completed Entry Form with payment of appropriate fees. The new boat will be scored separately from the original in tallying Series totals.

Schedule of Events: There will be no skipper's meeting. Entrants with questions may contact Race Chairman Doug Riley at 704-947-0470 or by email at doug_riley@bellsouth.net.

Wednesday evenings, April 20, 2011 through August 17, 2011 - 6:30 PM Warning Signal.

Scoring and presentation of weekly awards immediately after each race at a location to be determined.

Scoring: The Time on Time Low Point Scoring System shall apply with the following exceptions, which change RRS A9. A boat that does not finish within the time limit will be scored points one more than the number of boats that finished the race. A boat that did not start, was disqualified, or retired will be scored points one more than the number of boats that raced that race. A boat's results 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. 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.

Courses: 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 distinct flagstaffs. The number of times to round “W” in any “W-P” course may be denoted by a numerical flag, for instance **W-P-2 = W-P-W, W-P-3 = W-P-W-P-W, etc.** This changes LSI Rule 6.3.

Time Limit: All races, if not concluded earlier, will end promptly at 8:30:00 PM

Protests: Competitors are encouraged to resolve all protests on the water according to the rules. Otherwise, prior to leaving the Race Area the protesting party must inform the CB of their intent to submit a written protest. Properly completed protest forms must be submitted to the Race Chairman or his/her designate by mail postmarked, or by email dated, the day after the race being protested. 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: **This event depends upon participants volunteering 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 raced in the Series, but not to exceed the number of boats that raced that race. A boat may receive a maximum of two average scores for the series.

Trophies: Each week’s fleet winners will be awarded the traditional Wednesday Night Series mug ASAP after racing. Overall series prizes will be awarded on August 24, 2011. One prize will be awarded for each two boats in a Division with a maximum of three prizes per Division. **Prizes are donated by Series sponsor West Marine® of Cornelius, NC.** If any winner wishes to receive a trophy as well as their prize, please inform the Race Chairman.

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. Once in the Starting Area, the Committee Boat will monitor VHF Channel 71.

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

Make checks payable to: The Outrigger Yacht Club

or register and pay online at: <http://www.outriggeryachtclub.org/2011WNS.php>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - ENTRY FORM

Skipper's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

Boat Name: _____

Boat Make/Model: _____ Length Overall: _____

Sail Number: _____ US Sailing membership # _____

LNKC PHRF Certificate Number: _____ LNKC PHRF Rating: _____

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

Fleet declaration: Spinnaker _____ Non-Spinnaker _____

Preferred dates for RC Duty: 1st choice _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

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

Non-US Sailing Member: + \$5 _____

Late registration: + \$10 _____ (Postmarked after 4/13/11)

Change boats: \$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: _____