

OUTRIGGER YACHT CLUB RACING POLICY

PURPOSE: This policy provides guidance for the conduct of the Club racing program. The Vice Commodore, through the Racing Committee, is responsible to insure that all Club racing activities are conducted in accordance with this policy.

RACING COMMITTEE: The Racing Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) Class “A” members and include any members appointed by the Commodore to a post of Fleet Captain. A roster of the Racing Committee will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their January meeting. In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the Bylaws, the Racing Committee will prepare a tentative calendar of racing events for the ensuing year. The tentative calendar of racing events will be posted on the Club web site prior to the Annual Meeting of the Membership. The Racing Committee Chairperson, in coordination with the Social/Cruising Committee Chairperson, will submit the final Club calendar of events for the then current year as to the Board of Trustees at their January meeting for approval. Once approved, the Calendar will be submitted to the Lake Norman Keelboat Council (LNKC) and to the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA).

DELEGATES TO THE LNKC: The Vice Commodore and two (2) additional Class “A” members that he/she shall appoint will serve as delegates to the LNKC. He/She will inform the Commodore and the Chairperson of the LNKC of these appointments in writing by January 15.

RACING RULES: All racing events sponsored by the Club will be conducted in accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing as published by the United States Sailing Association and the Prescriptions of that organization (the Rules), the Lakewide Sailing Instructions as published by the LNKC, and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each event. The foremost tenant of the Rules is sportsmanship. All participants are expected to conduct themselves accordingly and skippers are responsible for the conduct of their crew members during racing events.

HANDICAP RACING: With the exception of one design ~~and centerboard~~ classes, all Club events will be conducted using the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicap system. Notwithstanding the provision in the By-Laws that the Club may establish a Board of Handicappers Committee, the Club recognizes the LNKC as the organization with primary responsibility for establishing PHRF ratings for keelboats participating in racing events on Lake Norman. Any boat entered into an OYC event must have a valid LNKC PHRF certificate.

FLEETS: For events other than designated either spinnaker or non spinnaker specific races and the Top Gun Race, officials will provide competitors the option to race in either the Spinnaker Fleet or the Non spinnaker Fleet. Boats may be grouped into Divisions within the Fleets to promote fair competition. Race officials may provide competitors in the Non spinnaker Fleet the option to race in a Cruiser Division. If race officials offer such an option, a boat, after having met all entry requirements, will be entered in a Cruiser Division solely at the discretion of the race officials.

ENTERING AN EVENT: A person entering a boat in a racing event under the auspices of OYC membership must be a Class “A” Full Member, Class “C” Honorary Member or the spouse/significant other, as designated in the Club roster, of a Class “A” member, and must be in

good standing. A Class “D” Junior Member in good standing may enter a boat in Club sponsored junior racing events.

RACE COMMITTEE DUTIES: From time to time members may be asked to perform Race Committee duties. Although Club members are not obligated to perform Race Committee duties they are encouraged to support the racing program in this manner when able.

CLUB SPONSERED EVENTS: OYC sponsors racing events for Club members only, Lakewide events in which only members in good standing of OYC, LNYC or PYC may participate, and Open events in which sailors, regardless of club affiliation, may participate as specified in the Notice of Race. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an event in which only Club members may participate, to include a Lakewide event, must specify that a boat shall have on board a person who is eligible to enter a boat in that event. For Open events, A person who is not a member of an ISAF member national authority (US Sailing) or an organization affiliated to an ISAF member national authority may obtain a free membership to [Scuttlebutt Yacht Club](#) online to satisfy this requirement but must do so in time to have proof of membership before the event. This detail must be included in all Notices of Race for Open events.

Events to be sponsored by the Club on an annual basis are as follows:

Event	Participation
Top Gun Race (Single Hand)	Lakewide
Wednesday Night Series	Lakewide
150 Bridge Race	Lakewide
Commodore Cup Regatta	OYC

In addition to the events listed above, the Club may sponsor other regattas and racing series during the year. Note: The Icicle Series and the Wilmer Cup Regatta are LNKC sponsored Lakewide events, each to be hosted on an annual rotating basis by Outrigger Yacht Club, Peninsula Yacht Club, and Lake Norman Yacht Club.

Notices of Race: Notices of Race will be approved by the Racing Committee then posted to the OYC schedule with an announcement emailed to all LNKC PHRF-certificate holders, or to OYC Membership only for OYC-only events, at least 5 weeks before the event. At least one subsequent reminder must be sent within two weeks of the event, but no later than 5 days prior.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7-7-16

Summary of most recent changes: Race officials, not competitors, determine who will be in any Cruiser Fleet in OYC races. Detail re Scuttlebutt YC membership for Open events. Detail re timing of notices for events. Racing Schedules will be submitted to SAYRA. All boats entering an OYC event must have a valid LNKC PHRF certificate. No temporary certificates. The Vice Commodore must present the roster of the Racing Committee to the Board at the January meeting.