

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 to include those members appointed by the Commodore to the post of Fleet Captain. In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the bylaws, the Racing Committee will prepare a tentative calendar of racing events and the projected racing program income and expenses for the ensuing calendar year. The tentative calendar of racing events will be submitted to the Lake Norman Keelboat Council (LNKC) and posted on the Club web site prior to the Annual Meeting of the members. The Racing Committee Chairperson, in coordination with the Social/Cruising Committee Chairperson, will submit the final Club calendar of events and the racing program budget projections for the then current year to the Board of Trustees at their January meeting.

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 competitor who does not have a LNKC PHRF Rating Certificate for his or her keelboat, and who desires to enter the boat in racing events, will be required to submit the Lake Norman Keelboat Council PHRF Rating Request form available on the Club web site. While the request for a Rating Certificate is being processed, a single event rating may be issued by a LNKC handicapper allowing the requestor to participate in Club racing. The race

chairperson reserves the right to deny entry of any member who chooses not to submit a request for a Rating Certificate for his or her boat.

FLEETS: For events other than designated non spinnaker 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 will 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 competitor, and if so entered will be scored in both the appropriate PHRF Non spinnaker Division and the Cruiser Division.

ENTERING AN EVENT (See rules 75 and 86): 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. The OYC Race Committee Boat Procedures Manual at www.outriggeryachtclub.org is available to assist members in the performance of these duties.

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. 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 participate in an Open event if designated as the person in charge by the member or organization that entered the boat in the event (See rule 46). Events to be sponsored by the Club on an annual basis are as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Participation</u>
Top Gun Race (Single Hand)	OYC
Pursuit of Sailing Regatta	Open
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. There will be no entry fees assessed for the Top Gun Race or the Commodore’s Cup Regatta. The Vice Commodore in coordination with the 3

Commodore will determine the entry fees for all other Club sponsored events.
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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 10, 2009.

Summary of most recent changes: Revised to detail that the Vice Commodore will be one of the three (3) delegates appointed to the LNKC.