

**ATLANTA INLAND SAILING CLUB**  
*(The Organizing Authority)*  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES I and Series II**  
**Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia**  
**April 15-September 9, 2009**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 Rules**

The series shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012). The following rules have been changed: 35, 61, A4.1, A8.1 and A8.2.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the AISC web page at <http://www.SailLanier.com/aisc>.

**3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted four (4) days prior to the day it will take effect, including any changes to the schedule of races.

**4 Schedule of Races**

The warning signal will be at 6:50 p.m. Races will be on each of the following dates: April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, and June 16. Races for Series II shall be on the following dates: July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25, September 1, and September 8.




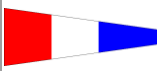

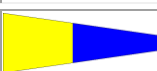



**5 Class Flags**

Class flags shall be the number pennants from the International Code Flag System corresponding to the fleet numbers. Competitors are responsible for recognizing their fleet flag. The race committee may also designate fleet flags by posting the fleet designations on the white board on the back of the committee boat.

## **6 Fleets**

### **6.1 LLPHRF Fleets**

Fleet designations may change depending on final registrations.

	<b>Description</b>	<b>LLPHRF Rating</b>	<b>Start Order</b>	<b>Code Flag</b>
Fleet 9	Performance Cruiser	any	1 (6:55 PM)	
Fleet 1	Low Sportboats (Flying Tiger, Columbia 32) with PHRF < 87, Multihull boats	< 87	2	
Fleet 2	Spinnaker PHRF up to 120	< 121	2	
Fleet 3	Small Sportboats -- Melges 24, Elliott 770, Viper 640 and other trailer-able sportboat w/PHRF >= 87	87 and Higher	3	
Fleet 4	Spinnaker PHRF 121 to 157	121 to 157	4	
Fleet 5	Spinnaker PHRF 158 to 173	158 to 173	4	
Fleet 6	Spinnaker PHRF 174 and higher	174 and higher	5	
Fleet 7	Non-Spinnaker Low	180 or Lower	5	
Fleet 8	Non-Spinnaker High	181 or Higher	5	

### **6.2 “Nearly One Design Fleets”**

All boats shall be scored in one of the above fleets. If three or more boats of the same type, with the same PHRF rating, and in the same fleet are registered by the fifth race of either Wednesday night series, there will be one additional “nearly one-design” trophy given per series. This trophy is given only as a courtesy and does not obligate the boats to any additional class rules other than as required by PHRF.

## **7 Racing Area**

The racing area shall be as shown in the attached Lake Lanier chart. Boundaries include Island 13, Island 16 and Island 10.

## **8 The Courses**

### **8.1**

Courses shall be designated by individual marks identified on the attached map or temporary marks. The courses will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee boat. Competing boats are requested to maintain a clockwise pattern around the committee boat (under mainsail or power only) while checking in and observing the course instructions.

### **8.2**

The Race Committee may provide different courses for different fleets. All fleets should be started with upwind starts. All fleets except cruiser should be windward/leeward as much as the wind permits. The non-spin fleets should be given a shorter course to facilitate those fleets finishing in a timely fashion. Also the Performance Cruiser fleet should be given a course in an alternate direction from the other fleets to avoid unnecessary congestion.

### **8.3**

Each line on the course board will specify one mark to round. It will specify the name of the mark and the direction to round the mark. For example, "F P" would mean to round "F" mark, and to leave it to the port side of the boat when rounding it.

### **8.4**

At the discretion of the Race Committee, a part of the course may be designated "gate" through which boats on the course shall sail. Boats shall pass through the gate in the direction of the course from the last mark. For this purpose, a gate may be defined as the space created where a line would be drawn between the race committee boat and a nearby designated mark or a gate comprised of temporary marks set to windward of the start/finish line. If the gate is used as a rounding mark, boats may round either end of the gate.

### **8.5**

Courses may be shortened at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

## **9 Marks**

Marks shall be permanent Lake Lanier Sailing Club marks (A, B, C, D, E, F, H, R, T, and X), US Army Corps of Engineers marks, or temporary marks. Temporary marks may be placed by nearby Corps marks, and will be designated with a "T". For example, "13 T P" would mean to round a temporary mark near Corps mark 13, leaving it to port.

Temporary marks will be red, yellow or orange spheres or tetrahedrons.

## **10 The Start**

All races are scheduled to start in the vicinity of "X" mark (Island 18) but may be moved elsewhere at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **10.1**

The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

### **10.2**

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and all boats whose warning signal has been given.

### **10.3**

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

### **10.4**

The start line should be as long as the length of the longest boat in the start X number of boats in the start.

## **11 The Finish**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby mark. At the race committee's discretion, the finish line may be between F mark and the flagpole at LLSC.

## **12 Time Limits**

If no boat within a fleet finishes the race within three (3) hours, the race for that fleet shall be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the second boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is greater, may be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

## **13 Protests and Requests for Redress**

### **13.1**

A protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee of intent to file a protest immediately upon finishing the race. This changes rule 61. The protestor must clearly identify the protested boat(s) to the Race Committee, but shall not interfere while the Race Committee records other finishes.

### **13.2**

Protest forms are available on the AISC web page at <http://www.SailLanier.com/aisc> or on the US Sailing web page at <http://www.ussailing.org/>

### **13.3**

The written protest shall be delivered to the AISC Protest Chairman not later than midnight of the day following the race in which the protested incident occurred. This changes rule 61.3. These may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed. If mailed, the protest must be postmarked by midnight on the day following the race. E-mails and/or faxes must be received by the Protest Chairman no later than midnight of the day following the race. The address, phone/fax or e-mails of the Protest Chair accepting protests are available on the AISC webpage at <http://www.SailLanier.com/aisc>.

### **13.4**

Protest hearings are scheduled for the Tuesday immediately following the race in which the incident occurred. All parties to protests will be notified of the scheduled protest not later than the Saturday preceding the Tuesday for which the protest is scheduled. Protests will be held at 7 p.m., location to be determined. Parties will be notified with directions in advance of protest hearings. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board.

### **13.5**

Protest hearing dates may be changed only at the discretion of the AISC organizing authority. Skippers with conflicts may designate an alternate representative by contacting the Protest Chairman at least 24 hours in advance.

## **14 Scoring**

### **14.1**

The Low Point scoring system will apply. The Time-on-Distance method of PHRF handicapping will be used. Seventy-five percent of the races completed will be scored. The remainder will be thrown out. Rule A9 applies and modifies rule A4.2.

### **14.2**

For any one race in each series, a maximum of two skippers from different fleets will be given scoring credit for acting as race committee, provided that the skipper or the designated alternate skipper of each boat is actually present on the race committee. Each boat will be awarded the average of that boat's race positions after throw outs have been removed from the results. No boat will receive more than one race committee credit in each series, nor may any boat/hull participate in the race in which its skipper is acting as Race Committee.

### **14.3**

Racers not serving as Race Committee for their assigned races and not finding a qualified substitute shall be subject to a 20 percent scoring penalty for that series.

### **14.4**

If membership dues are not received prior to the first race in series I, a boat shall be scored Did Not Compete until membership dues are received. Races raced before dues are received will be scored Did Not Race; scores will NOT be restored once dues have been paid.

### **14.5**

Any boat finishing after the sunset time of that race day without operating running lights will be scored as DNF.

## **15 Safety Regulations**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **16 Radio Communications**

The Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF Channel 68 that may include fleet splits, start order, courses, countdowns and other information. Failure to have a working VHF on board or failure to hear the broadcasts or misunderstand the broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

## **17 Replacement of Crew**

### **17.1**

Substitution of crew is allowed at any point between races.

### **17.2**

Alternate skippers must be designated on the registration form, sent in e-mail/writing to the commodore at least four (4) days prior to the race for which they will be the alternate skipper or by letting the Race Committee know before the race. Note that the alternate skipper is the designated responsible party in the absence of the skipper. One or the other must be on the vessel at all times during race events. The registered and/or designated alternate skipper may change boats or hulls for different series, but shall not change within a series. Within a series, a registered and/or alternate skipper may crew on another boat or hull, but shall not skipper or helm the other boat or hull.

## **18 Prizes**

For each series, trophies will be awarded in each fleet based on the number of registrants and finishers in each fleet.

### **18.1**

Perpetual trophies will be awarded, one per fleet, in the following manner for the overall Wednesday Night Series I and Series II. The finish position of registrants in each 10-race series will be scored as a two-race series. The winner of the perpetual trophy will be the racer with the lowest score in this two-race series. Ties in this two race series will be broken according to rule A8.1 but not rule A8.2. If a tie still remains, then the entire 20-race series with no changes in throw-outs, will be used as the final tiebreaker according to rules A8.1 and A8.2.

## **19 Disclaimer of Liability**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor

agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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