

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for LESC CLUB RACES

(Applicable to all Fleets for 2025 / 2026 season)

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the applicable class rules and the following prescriptions. Additional requirements due to the Covid 19 pandemic and Fl state / Lake County regulations will be applied when applicable. These sailing instructions shall supersede in case of conflict.

2. SCHEDULE

2.1 A Race Schedule shall be created in advance of each sailing season specifying race days.

2.2 The season will begin with a 2-day series on Labor Day weekend and will close with a 2-day series on Memorial Day weekend.

2.3 There will be a Skippers Meeting (indicated by multiple sound signals) at 10.15am each Saturday morning and when deemed necessary to address course and safety issues.

2.4 The warning signal for the first start each day is scheduled for 11:00am.

2.5 Each race day will normally consist of up to three (3) races held back-to-back unless in the judgment of the PRO a different schedule is appropriate. This could include holding additional races for any fleet.

2.6 No race will be started if the sustained wind velocity is less than 3.5mph.

2.7 No race will start after 3:00 pm.

2.8 A different schedule may be used on Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends.

3. SAFETY REGULATIONS

3.1 Races will not be started, (or they will be stopped) if, in the opinion of the PRO, the wind is inappropriate for racing.

3.2 No race will start if the wind velocity is a sustained twenty (20) mph or more, or if there are gusts that consistently exceed twenty (20) mph as measured on the race committee (RC) signal boat.

3.3 All boats should check in at the signal boat prior to commencing to race.

3.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by hailing a RC boat or by VHF radio. (Normally CH 68)

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 If weather conditions are unfavorable, the first race of the day may be postponed for up to two hours before racing activity for the day is cancelled. Further delays may be made at the discretion of the PRO.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes (unless all boats are present in starting area) after flag AP is lowered.

5. THE COURSE

5.1 Course diagrams are as shown on the official club notice board.

5.2 Course length for all classes will be a distance such that a race can be completed in approx. 40 minutes +/- 10 minutes. Failure to complete the Course within the target time shall not constitute grounds for protest or redress.

5.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display, on the course board located on the RC boat, the course to be sailed by each class, the compass bearing of the first leg and the order in which the classes will be started. When a start is for multiple fleets, only the class flag of the first fleet listed will be flown at the warning signal.

6. THE START

6.1 An assembly signal consisting of five (5) quick sounds will be made approximately one (1) minute prior to the first warning signal of a starting sequence.

6.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of a mark at the port end of the line or a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC boat at the port end of the line.

6.3 A boat attempting to start more than three (3) minutes after its starting signal for its class will be recorded as DNS.

7. THE FINISH

7.1 The finishing line will be between (a) a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat at the starboard end of the line viewed from the last leg of the course and the course side of the weather mark at the port end of the line or (b) a staff displaying a blue flag on a mid course RC boat at the port end of the line and the course side of a mark at the starboard end of the finish line.

8. TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 The “target time” will be 60 minutes for each race for all classes.
- 8.2 If no boat has rounded the first mark of a race within 30 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned.
- 8.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in its class will be recorded as TLE (“Time Limit Expired”)
- 8.4 The RC will signal the end of the 15-minute time limit by displaying the class flag over a white flag with 4 quick sounds. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.2.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 All boats shall check in at the signal boat prior to commencing to race. Any boat sailing with a “guest” (ie a person who is not a LESC Member of good standing) must ensure the “guest” has signed the Guest Register.
- 9.2 Only Club members in good standing shall be scored. Boats who have failed to “check in” as per SI 9.1 shall be scored DNS.
- 9.3 The number of entries for each race will be recorded as the number of boats registering as per SI 9.2.
- 9.4 Each fleet shall establish their own Race Series and the scoring thereof within the limits of published LESC Bylaws, Rules, Procedures and these SI’s

10. ASSISTANCE

- 10.1 Any boat receiving assistance from a Safety boat, or a competitor may continue to race without penalty. This changes RRS rule 41.

11 ROUNDING MARKS

- 11.1 Rounding marks will normally be orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be a red sphere.
- 11.2 Should a course change be required between races the new weather mark may be replaced by a different shape / color. The approx. compass bearing to the new mark will be displayed as per SI 5.3

12 SHORTEN COURSE

- 12.1 Should the race committee shorten a course as the leading boat rounds the leeward mark the signal will be multiple sound signals with flag K displayed on the signal boat. The finishing line will be between the boat displaying flag K at the port end of the line and a mark at the starboard end of the line. (This changes RRS rule 32.2)

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests will be heard in the club house immediately following the final race of the day. Boats intending to protest shall inform the race team prior to leaving the racing area or before the next race (whichever is the sooner) and submit their protest to the PRO with 30 mins of the RC boat returning to shore. This supplements RRS rules 61.1 and 63.2

14. SI Changes

- 14.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at the discretion of the LESC PRO during their effective period. Changes shall be displayed on the Notice Board (south side of LESC clubhouse) prior to the pre-race Skippers Meeting following their promulgation and shall be verbally noted during any Skipper’s Meeting for the same period. The modified Sailing Instructions shall also be made available electronically during their effective period.

These SI’s dated 08/25/2025 supersede all previous editions.

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