



Lake Norman Yacht Club  
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#### Notice of Race

Club Championship for the Hewson Trophy  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
(Make Up Day October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026)

Organizing Authority: Lake Norman Yacht Club  
297 Yacht Road, Mooresville, NC 28117

<https://lakenormanyc.org/regatta/nA1WhzdPEA>

The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the San Juan 21 Class Association.
- 1.2. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of Incident will be in effect.
- 1.3. The rules are changed as follows; the Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules:
  - 1.3.1. Rules 35, A5.1, and A10 are amended to add: "Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window".
  - 1.3.2. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
  - 1.3.3. The following is added to rule 61.1: "If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified; the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number orally and via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request".
  - 1.3.4. The US Sailing prescriptions Section B of Part 5, is deleted.
  - 1.3.5. Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: "A boat that has not met the definition of start 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS".
  - 1.3.6. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will only be available on the [Official Notice Board](#).

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located at: [Official Notice Board](#).
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71, including courtesy broadcasts.
- 3.3. [DP][NP] Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the race committee concerning safety, notice of OCS starting and general information to assist in the management of the event. No other electronic communication device shall be used to obtain information to benefit or influence their racing. Communication in any form is permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency or to inform the race committee that a boat is retiring.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to Resident and Associate Members of LNYC in good standing, and their dependents, meeting the following qualification criteria:
  - 4.1.1. 4.1 applies to skipper and crew.
  - 4.1.2. Fleet Captains will nominate both primary and alternate skippers from their fleets.
  - 4.1.3. One Youth skipper may be invited to sail in the championship, at the discretion of the Hewson Committee, and on the advice of the Junior Director.
  - 4.1.4. The Hewson Committee may choose to invite participants based on their sailing background and performance on the racecourse over the past year.
  - 4.1.5. Hewson Committee decisions are final.
- 4.2. There is no fee to register.
- 4.3. The number of competitors who will compete in the Championship for the Hewson Trophy will be based upon the number of Fleets participating with one sailor per fleet and invitees.
- 4.4. Registration is not complete without a signed Fleet and LNYC Borrowed Boat Waiver.

## 5. FORMAT

- 5.1. The Championship will be sailed in San Juan 21s, with no genoas and no spinnakers.
- 5.2. The Championship format is fleet racing with teams changing boats after each race (i.e., "Round Robin" format). Initial boat assignments will be made at the competitors' meeting, via random drawing. The rotation for each team shall include at least one race sailed in a boat with each mainsheet configuration (Crosby and Traveler/conventional).
- 5.3. All coaching, including instruction, assistance, or equipment, shall be on shore.
- 5.4. A minimum of three races shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 5.5. If the event must be terminated prior to the full series completion the decision as to the Club Champion, who will also be invited to represent Lake Norman Yacht Club at the SAYRA Championship, will be that of the Hewson Committee.

## 6. BORROWED BOATS

- 6.1. The San Juan 21s used in the Championship will be borrowed from LNYC or private owners.
- 6.2. No adjustments may be made to the standing rigging by any competitor at any time during the event.
- 6.3. No adjustment to the keel is allowed. Likewise, do not attempt to remove the rudder. However, partial retraction of the keel or removal of the rudder is permitted in event of a grounding.
- 6.4. Competitors are responsible for ensuring borrowed boats are in shipshape condition after racing. Please report any problems to the Race Committee in person or via VHF.

## 7. SCHEDULE

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| Saturday<br>10/24 | 0830              | Mandatory Competitors' Meeting at the Race Mgmt. Center                |
| Saturday          | 1000              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal; additional races to immediately follow |
| Saturday          | ASAP after racing | Awards & Debrief                                                       |
| Saturday<br>10/31 | 1000              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal, if alternate day is necessary          |

## 8. VENUE & COURSES

- 8.1. Racing will be conducted on Lake Norman, east of LNYC.
- 8.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward, triangle, or around fixed marks. They will be further defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. SCORING

Appendix A2 will apply, except that no score will be excluded.

## 10. PRIZES

- 10.1. The Winner of the Club Championship will be the 2026 LNYC Club Champion and will have his or her name engraved on the Hewson Trophy. In addition, a "keeper" trophy will be presented.
- 10.2. The winner will also have the option to represent LNYC at the SAYRA Club Championship. If the winner becomes unavailable, the invitation will be extended to subsequent placers, in order.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Appendix V1 will apply.

Commented [PK1]: Indicated above in Section 1.2

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

### **13. INSURANCE**

This event is a “borrowed boat” regatta, and is covered under LNYC’s Burgee Program. No damage deposit will be required.

### **14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please contact the Hewson Committee with any questions:

- [Patrick Voigt, Fleet Captain](#)
- [Paul DiMarco, Commodore](#)
- [John Butine, Past Commodore](#)