

2026 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Leatherlips Yacht Club, O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Powell, Ohio

- Club Racing: Sunday Races, Holiday Regattas, Other Club Regattas
- Women's Championship & Club Championship
- Changes in text from the previous year in ***bold italics***.
- There are changes to *RRS*.
- For more extensive instruction on how to operate boats and run a race, see the document "2024 How to Set up and Run Races"

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1.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. The City of Columbus and Leatherlips Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after these events.

2.0 THE DECISION TO RACE

The decision to race or not race is the responsibility of the sailors on each boat. Sailing conditions vary greatly and can change suddenly. Sailors should be aware of their ability to handle various conditions and should enter races accordingly. It is the individual responsibility of each sailor to wear adequate personal flotation for the conditions. See US Sailing RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race.

3.0 RULES

3.1 These events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 – 2028, Including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS). Rules that are changed or modified are indicated in this document.

3.2 If there is a conflict between these instructions and the *RRS* or one-design class rules, these rules shall take precedence.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 These events are open to one-design sailboat classes and to persons who are members of Leatherlips Yacht Club (LYC) and their guests.

4.2 One-design classes may be recognized by the Race Committee (RC) and race provided they register 3 or more active racing boats before the Memorial Day Regatta. A sail number appearing next to the name of the owner in the Club Directory shall qualify the boat as being registered.

4.3 Portsmouth Yardstick races are open to all classes with a published US Sailing Portsmouth Number (D-PN). All boats of the same class will be given the same handicap. A sail number appearing next to the name of the owner in the Club Directory shall qualify the boat as being registered.

4.4 Boats racing at LYC shall conform to the rules of their respective classes while racing, except that a class rule may be waived by the prior agreement of at least two-thirds of that class's boats entered in a Series or Regatta. The Safety and Racing Chairperson should be informed of the decision.

4.5 Boats shall conform to the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the City of Columbus. Failure to display valid ODNR registration numbers and watercraft stickers may result in disqualification.

4.6 Scoring will be by sail number and credited to the Active member listed as the owner in the Club Directory. If another person should be credited, or the number on a boat's sail differs from the sail number listed in the Club Directory, the boat shall notify the Race Committee ahead of time or by hailing the RC signal vessel with sail number and skipper's name prior to starting. Example hail: "Race Committee! Interlake 700, Joe Smith, checking in!"

4.7 The skipper may be changed from race to race in a Series or Regatta provided the skipper is a member of the owner's immediate family, a registered co-owner or a guest of the owner.

5.0 SUNDAY RACES

5.1 Races will be held most Sundays throughout the season, according to the schedule in the LYC Sailing Calendar, and will be dual scored as fleet races and a Portsmouth Yardstick races.

5.2 RC may hold a Competitor's Meeting at 1:15 PM on the clubhouse porch to match available crews and skippers, describe the courses and identify RC members. At its option, the RC may announce consolidated starts if there are fewer than four boats competing.

5.3 The warning signal for each class will be its class flag. The warning signal for the first start will be displayed at approximately 2:00 PM.

5.4 The first race on Sunday will be fleet starts, 3 minutes apart, unless notice is given otherwise at the Competitor's meeting. The order of starts shall be:

- First start - Day Sailer, Lido 14, Laser
- Second Start – 420
- Third Start- Interlake
- Fourth Start - Lightning
- Fifth Start – Thistle

5.5 The second race each Sunday will be a single mass start, indicated by the LYC burgee. The warning signal will be made approximately 10 minutes after the last boat finishes the first race. No warning signal will be made after 4:00 PM.

5.6 The RC will record a Start and Finishing Time for each boat in all races to facilitate dual scoring.

6.0 HOLIDAY AND PICNIC REGATTAS

6.1 Regattas will be held on dates scheduled in the LYC Sailing Calendar for a Memorial Day Regatta, Independence Day Regatta, Labor Day Regatta, and other club regattas. ***Classes with three or more competitors will be scored according to the RRS. Classes with one or two competitors may be combined into a single Portsmouth Fleet for scoring purposes and may be combined in to a single start. The RC shall record start and finish times for all competitors.***

6.2 No more than five races are scheduled for each Regatta.

6.3 A minimum of 1 race qualifies a skipper for the regatta

6.4 RC may hold a Competitor's Meeting at 12:15 PM on the clubhouse porch to match available crews and skippers, describe the courses and identify RC members. At its option, the RC may announce at this meeting that it will consolidate starts if there are fewer than four boats competing.

6.4 The warning signal for each class will be its class flag. The warning signal for the first race will be displayed at approximately 1:00 PM. No warning signal will be made after 4:00 PM.

6.5 Starts will be 3 minutes apart. The order of starts shall be:

First start - Day Sailer, Lido 14, Laser

Second Start - 420

Third Start - Interlake

Fourth Start - Lightning

Fifth Start – Thistle

7.0 SAILING AREA

The sailing area will be the waters of O'Shaughnessy Reservoir above the dam and below the unlimited horsepower area.

8.0 CONDUCT OF RACES, Starts, Courses, Marks and Finishes

8.1 The RC may give an attention signal of multiple horn blasts approximately one minute prior to displaying the first warning signal. The warning signal will be each fleet's class emblem on a flag approximately 22 inches wide by 18 inches high. The flag will be

supplied by the fleet. Fleets without a flag may be assigned by RC to start under another flag.

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC signal vessel (usually the RC pontoon or a safety patrol vessel) and the course side of the starting mark. The starting mark will be a nearby permanent club mark or a temporary mark. The alternate Start Line, indicated by a blue CS placard on the pontoon boat, will be the Club Start Line between E and W, with signals made from shore (normally the pontoon boat moored at the end of the North Dock.)

8.3 When there are successive starts, the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made at the same time as the start signal for the preceding class.

Flag and Time Sequence for 3 minute rolling starts:

3:00 minutes- Class flag is displayed with one sound.

2:00 minutes- Preparatory flag (P, I Z, U or black flag) is displayed with one sound.

1:00 minute- Preparatory flag is removed with one sound.

0:00 minutes- Class flag is removed and the flag for the next class is displayed with one sound.

This modifies *RRS Rule 26 Starting Races*.

USE ISTART MODE 37 TO GET A 3 MINUTE ROLLING START.

8.4 An area as wide as the starting line, extending 6 lengths (of the starting class boat) on both sides of the line, and 4 lengths behind the line will be called the starting zone. Any boat whose preparatory signal has not been displayed shall stay clear of the starting zone.

8.5 The permanent club marks are six orange cylindrical buoys and two white cylindrical buoys. Orange buoys "2", "4", and "6" are located on the East side of the Reservoir. Orange buoys "1", "3", and "5" are located on the West side of the Reservoir. Two white cylindrical buoys "E" and "W" are located off the LYC clubhouse on the East and West sides of the Reservoir, respectively. A line between Buoys "E" and "W" defines the "Club Line".

8.6 Temporary marks will be orange inflatable balls.

8.7 The RC will post courses on one or both sides of the RC signal vessel using numbered and lettered placards referring to the permanent club marks. A "T" placard will refer to a temporary mark. The background color of the placard will indicate which side the mark is to be left on. A red placard indicates that mark is left to port and a green

placard indicates that mark is left to starboard. ***A placard with an “O” indicates an offset buoy will be placed next to a mark that shall be honored on the same side as the mark.***

8.8 The RC may post yellow placards with a number (1), (2), (3), or (4) which indicates the number of times the group of marks is to be passed as a "lap" before continuing to the next mark or to the finish.

8.9 The finishing line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the RC vessel (usually the RC pontoon or a safety patrol vessel) and the course side of the finishing mark. The finishing mark will be a nearby permanent club mark or a temporary mark.

8.10 The RC may display a white "FC" placard, indicating that the finishing line will be the Club Line between marks "E" and "W". When the white "FC" placard is displayed, any RC vessel in the vicinity is not part of the finishing line.

8.11 The RC may display a purple "FL" placard. This indicates finishing to leeward from the last mark displayed.

8.12 The RC may display a gray "FW" placard. This indicates the finish line will be not be the same as the start line and will be in the vicinity of the first weather mark.

8.13 If there is an individual recall, the RC will attempt to notify each boat by hailing her sail number. This modifies *RRS* 29.1, Individual Recall.

8.14 If there is a general recall for any of the first four successive starts, the recalled fleet will start after the last scheduled fleet starts. The warning signal for the recalled fleet will be made at the same time or after the last scheduled starting signal. This modifies *RRS* 29.2, General Recall.

8.15 There will be no time limit prescribed for finishing. This modifies *RRS* 32, Shortening or Abandoning After the Start.

8.16 SHORTEN THE COURSE. The RC may shorten the course (by displaying the S flag with two sounds) before the first boat crosses the finishing line. The finishing line shall be at a rounding mark (of the course), between the mark and a staff displaying the S flag. This follows *RRS* rule 32.

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

9.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Changes to these instructions may be made in writing and posted on the LYC bulletin board inside the clubhouse, or on the chalkboard on the clubhouse porch, no later than 30 minutes before the first warning signal for that race.

9.2 Oral changes to these instructions may be given on the water and communicated to competitors by the RC before the warning signal for that class. This changes *RRS* 90.2, Sailing Instructions.

10.0 SCORING

10.1 Each Sunday race will be dual scored for Fleet racing and Portsmouth Yardstick. To facilitate scoring, It is the responsibility of the race committee to record start and finish times for each boat.

10.2 Fleet Scoring

- a) The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the *RRS* will be used. Each race in a Series will be scored based on the number of boats starting in each class. Boats will be scored only for races they started. None of a boat's scores will be excluded. This modifies *RRS* Appendix A2.
- b) The number of races a boat needs to start in to qualify for a Series award will be 50% of the races held in that Series. If that percent is not a whole number, it will be rounded to the next lowest whole number.
- c) If a race is cancelled, the number of races needed to qualify will be recalculated. Cancelled races will not be rescheduled. A minimum of 4 races held will be needed for a Series to count for awards.
- d) At the end of a Series, the points for each boat will be added together and divided by the number of races the boat started in the Series. The boat with the lowest average will be first, next lowest will be second, and so on, for each fleet.
- e) *Boats competing in a class with an undersized sail or rig variant will be scored as sailing in that class for one design scoring.***

10.3 Portsmouth Yardstick Scoring

- a) The number of races a boat needs to start in to qualify for a Series award will be 50% of the races held in that Series. If that percent is not a whole number, it will be rounded to the next lowest whole number.

b) The Perpetual Portsmouth Series Trophy shall be awarded to the skipper who qualifies for both series and has the highest combined score from the Spring and Fall Series.

c) Skippers need not sail the same class of boat for every race in the Series.

d) If a skipper is using a sail or rig that is an accepted class variant with a unique D-PN, the boat shall notify the RC prior to racing, otherwise it will be scored according to the class standard D-PN.

e) The RC will record a Finishing Time for each boat in minutes and seconds from the starting signal. Finishing Time will be changed to a decimal Elapsed Time by converting any seconds to a decimal fraction of a minute. For example, a Finishing Time of 30 minutes and 45 seconds becomes 30.75 minutes Elapsed Time.

f) Next, the boat's Portsmouth Number (DPN 2) will be used to convert Elapsed Time to Corrected Time by using the formula:

Elapsed Time (ET) x 100/(DPN 2) = Corrected Time (CT)

g) Finishes will be ranked by Corrected Time and each race scored using a High Point Scoring System. The first place boat will be given a score equal to the number of boats (n) which finish a given race. Each subsequent boat that finishes will receive one less point (n-1, n-2, n-3, and so on). Non-finishers, boats that finish and retire, will receive one point. Boats that are disqualified will receive 0 points.

h) *All of a skipper's qualifying races will be used to determine their Series score. The skipper with the highest total score is the winner.*

i) These instructions modify *RRS* Appendix A, Scoring. Rules A1, A3, A5, A7, A8.1 will apply.

11.0 SCORING BENEFITS FOR RACE COMMITTEE SERVICE

11.1 Scoring benefits apply in the Sunday Fleet and Portsmouth Series. A member serving on RC will be considered as having raced in that race, making his or her boat eligible for a scoring benefit. A boat is limited to two scoring benefits per Series.

11.2 The scoring benefit will be the average of a member's points in that Series, provided he or she served on RC and the scoring benefit was required for the member to qualify. In case of a dispute concerning scoring benefits, the decision of the Racing and Safety Chairperson is final.

11.3 Scoring benefits will not be counted when calculating qualification or points for the Humpleby Trophy except in the event of a tie as directed by 12.3.

12.0 AWARDS

12.1 Club awards will be given for the Spring, Summer and Fall Series, the Holiday Regattas/ other Regattas. The number of awards given in each fleet will be based on the number of boats that qualify in the Series or Regatta as follows:

- 2 or 3 boats qualify - 1st place award given
- 4 or 5 boats qualify - 1st and 2nd place awards given
- 6 or more boats qualify - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards given

12.2 Awards for the Portsmouth Yardstick Spring and Fall series will be based on the number of boats that qualify in each series. The skipper with the highest combined cumulative score of the two series will be awarded the perpetual Portsmouth Champion trophy.

- 2 or 3 boats qualify - 1st place given
- 4 or 5 boats qualify - 1st and 2nd place given
- 6 to 11 boats qualify - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place given
- 12 or more boats qualify - 1st through 5th place given

12.3 The Humpleby Trophy will be awarded to the skipper having the highest total number of starts in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series, Portsmouth Yardstick and in the Holiday/ Other Regattas. In the event of a tied score for the highest total starts, the races missed while serving on Race Committee for a Humpleby eligible race will be included in the skipper's total.

12.4 Crew Award will be awarded to the crew having the highest total number of starts in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series, Portsmouth Yardstick and in the Holiday/ Other Regattas. In the event of a tied score for the highest total starts, the races missed while serving on Race Committee for a Humpleby eligible race will be included in the skipper's total. ***The crew should check in with the RC for each race to insure credit for the race.***

12.5 New Skipper Regatta

12.6 Women's Championship, as per 13.0 below

12.7 Club Championship, as per 14.0 below

13.0 SPECIAL RULES FOR THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

13.1 All skippers shall be female members of LYC or immediate family of LYC members. Crew members may be female or male and need not be LYC members or immediate family of LYC members. There is no minimum age requirement for skippers. Entry shall be made by notifying the Safety and Racing Committee Chair of the intention to race by 8:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the scheduled date of the regatta.

13.2 The Regatta will be held on the date scheduled in the LYC Racing Calendar. The competitor's meeting and first warning will be at a time to be determined. No warning signal will be made after 4:00 PM.

13.3 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the RRS will be used. Each race will be scored based on the number of boats participating in the Regatta, except that no scores will be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A, Rule A2, Series Score.

13.4 In the event there are not enough competitors to hold a regatta, the award will be given to female skipper with the highest cumulative Portsmouth score for her best twenty one Humpleby eligible races.

14.0 SPECIAL RULES FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

14.1 The Club Championship Regatta will be held on the date scheduled in the LYC Racing Calendar.

14.2 The Club Champion for the previous year automatically qualifies for the Club Championship. The current Women's Champion automatically qualifies. Each fleet may select its representative any way it chooses. The RC may select one or two skippers at large, who are not part of a fleet quota. The total number of skippers shall not exceed nine (9). Entry shall be made by notifying the Safety and Racing Committee Chair of the intention to race by 8:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the scheduled date of the regatta.

14.3 Crew members need not be a member of the one-design fleet that they represent and must be reported to the RC prior to the first race. Crew members may not be changed except in an emergency and with permission of the RC.

14.4 The competitor's meeting and first warning will be at a time to be determined. No warning signal will be made after 4:00 PM.

14.5 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the *RRS* will be used. Each race will be scored based on the number of boats participating in the Regatta, except that no scores will be excluded. This changes *RRS* Appendix A, Rule A2, Series Score.

14.6 ***In the event there are not enough competitors to hold a regatta, the award will be given to skipper with the highest cumulative Portsmouth score for the skipper's best twenty one Humpleby eligible races.***

15.0 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

15.1 Rule 44.1 "Taking a Penalty" is modified such that a boat may take a ONE TURN penalty instead of a TWO TURN penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of PART 2 in an incident while racing.

15.2 Protests shall be delivered to a member of the RC no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that day.

15.3 Protests must be in writing. Hearing Request forms are available in the RC Cupboard or on the US Sailing website.