

Northern Lake George Yacht Club 2021 Racing Instructions

The races of NLGYC are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and those of each class respectively. Rule 27.1 is changed to allow posting of a course until the Preparatory Signal.

Schedule of Races: The season race schedule is posted on the NLGYC calendar online at www.nlgyc.com and on the south bulletin board of the NLGYC porch. The shore signal is at 9:15 am on race days unless otherwise posted on selected days in the calendar or due to weather-related postponement.

Notices to Competitors: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the yacht club bulletin board before 09:00 on the day it will take effect.

Syndications: Notice of syndications must be made in writing to the race committee prior to the start of any series.

Scoring: The Season series will be scored for each class using a percentage system. Weekend short race class-based series will be scored on a low point system (Appendix A) but all races of a skipper or syndicate in a single class count toward a boat's season percentage score; i.e. The star short series will be scored by low point system, but those races also count toward season series qualification. A skipper that sails multiple classes may only count races toward the appropriate class's season trophy. Boats must sail a minimum of 60% of the races in any class series to qualify.

Time Limit: 90 minutes unless otherwise specified.

Life Jackets: All junior competitors under 18 years of age must wear life jackets at all times.

Pollution of Lake George: Placing any foreign matter in the lake can be punishable by disqualification from a race or series as deemed appropriate by a protest committee.

SIGNALS

Signals Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

STARTING SIGNALS

For Star, Thistle, PHRF, Flying Junior and Laser Fleets: A signal will be made ashore 45 minutes prior to the start of the first fleet (audible = siren or horn, visual = red flag. Races will be started using rule 26 (5-minute series) for the first race for each fleet with the class flag of each subsequent fleet raised at the starting signal of the previous fleet (rolling starts) until all fleets have started or as otherwise indicated by the class flags.

In order to facilitate multiple races for each fleet, subsequent races will be started with the Appendix U 3-Minute Audible-Signal Racing System with the appropriate class flag flown prior to and during that fleet's sequence (non-rolling starts).

For N10 and Opti Fleets: An audible 3-Minute Dinghy signal system will start the N10 and Opti fleets after the other fleets have started their first race. Each fleet will have a distinct 3-minute dinghy sequence (non-rolling starts).

STANDARD STARTING SEQUENCES

Rule 26 5-Minute Sequence

TIME	MEANING	VISUAL	AUDIBLE
5 minutes	Warning	Class Flag	Cannon
4 minutes	Preparatory	Prep, I, Z or I over Z	Cannon
1 minute	1 Minute	Prep Flag removed	Horn
0 minutes	Start	Class Flag removed	Cannon

Appendix U: 3-Minute Sequence

TIME	MEANING	VISUAL	AUDIBLE
3 minutes	Warning	Class Placard	3 long horns
2 minutes	Preparatory		2 long horns
1 minute	One Minute		1 long horn
30 seconds			3 short horns
20 seconds			2 short horns

10 seconds			1 short horn
5-1 seconds			5 short horns
0 seconds	Start	Class Flag removed	1 long horn

RACING AREAS AND COURSES

The diagrams on these instructions show the sailing basin and relative location of the marks. These marks may be moved at the discretion of the race committee as determined by weather conditions.



START AND FINISH LINES: The starting line is to starboard of the committee boat between the mast flying a white flag and buoy to starboard, regardless of their relative positions. The finish line is to port of the committee boat between the mast flying an ORANGE flag and the buoy to port regardless of their relative positions. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and finish areas.

Closed Starting/Finish Line: In NLGYC series racing yachts may not cross the starting/finish lines except when starting or finishing, or when the “starting” mark is a mark of a triangular course.

COURSE DISPLAY

- The course for each class will be displayed vertically on the placard stand on the stern of the committee boat no later than the preparatory signal for each class.
- The mark numbers will be displayed in the order in which they are to be passed, AND
- A red or green placard will indicate the number of times around the course, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

COURSES

Triangular Courses: When designated by two buoy numbers, the starting mark is understood to be the third corner of the triangle and may not be displayed. When designated by three numbers, the triangle is defined accordingly and the start and finish line may be part way up the windward leg.

Windward-Leeward Courses: If the course is defined by one buoy, the starting mark is the leeward mark. If two buoys are posted and the starting mark lies generally on a line between them, the second buoy is the leeward mark and the boats start and finish in the middle of the leg.

“G” Course: Triangle followed by a windward-leeward.

“O” Course: Triangle followed by a windward-leeward, followed by a triangle.

Changes to the course: The race committee may shorten the course by displaying the “S” Flag (blue square on white background) with two sounds. Rule 32.2 is in effect. The race committee may change the position of the next mark by displaying the “C” Flag (horizontal blue, white & red stripes), and signaling a new location of the mark.

SCORING

The Season Series will be scored for each class using a percentage scoring system. Designated 3-Race Series will be scored on a low point scoring system for that series, but finishes will also be scored on the percentage scoring system toward a boat's Season Series in that class. Opti and FJ classes will compete for July and August series trophies using the percentage scoring system. Boats must sail a minimum of 60% of the races in any series to qualify.