

2022 Wednesday Night Racing - Sailing Instructions

Hosted by J/24 Fleet 24

Lake George Wednesday Night Racing is open to all sailboats.
Membership in a club or fleet is not required.

Additional information is posted at:

<https://sail.lake-george.com/wed-night-racing/>

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Wednesday Night Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021–2024* (RRS) and as defined by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Where a conflict exists, these sailing instructions will take precedence.

2 Disclaimer of Liability

- 2.1 Competitors participate in the Wednesday Night Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, *Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority, Wednesday Night Race Coordinator, Race Committee, Sponsors or Lake George Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, or during or after any race in this series.

3 Yacht Requirements & Insurance

- 3.1 All yachts must be sound with all equipment in place and in good, safe working condition. All yachts must conform to all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Where appropriate, all yachts must conform to their class requirements.
- 3.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Any change to insurance during the race series shall be communicated to the Wednesday Night Race Coordinator immediately.
- 3.3 Payment of the entry fee and proof of insurance must be received by the Wednesday Night Race Coordinator **prior** to participation in the series. See Section 20 below for Registration and Contact Information.

4 Schedule of Races

- 4.1 The Wednesday Night Racing Series will be held each Wednesday evening beginning on May 18, 2022 and concluding on August 31, 2022.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 6:25pm.
- 4.3 One race will be conducted each evening.

5 Race Area

- 5.1 The race area will be in the main body of the lake approximately bounded by Basin Bay to the north and Diamond Island to the south.

6 Courses

- 6.1 Courses will be set by the RC with a duration of approximately 1–2 hours, depending on available daylight. The RC will set a course appropriate for the weather conditions.
- 6.2 Triangle, windward-leeward courses, or courses around natural obstacles, with the length and number of legs appropriate for the prevailing conditions prior to the start, will be used with all marks rounded to port. See Appendix A for course diagrams.
- 6.3 Other courses may be communicated by the RC prior to the warning signal depending on wind conditions and available mark placement.
- 6.4 No later than the warning signal the RC will communicate the approximate compass bearing to the first mark by either: **VHF Channel 72** or display on the Committee Boat. Failure to receive the compass course shall not be grounds for protest.
- 6.5 The following are considered off-limits to any racing vessel sailing on Wednesday night, and any boat sailing through these waters during a race will be disqualified (DSQ):
 - The channel between the Canoe Islands, as shown in Diagram C of Appendix A
 - The Lake George Club mooring field as defined by the limit markers buoys

7 Marks

- 7.1 Marks can be any of the following: government marks; orange or yellow tetrahedrons; or white or orange balls.
- 7.2 If any of the following government marks are used, they will be rounded as described below and shown in Appendix A.
 - **Cotton Point and all associated pin buoys (T2):** Round to port.
 - **Canoe Island - North (U3):** Round to port.
 - **Canoe Island - South (U4):** Round to port after having rounded all the Canoe Islands to port. *NOTE: if the South Canoe Mark (U4) is used as a mark, the North Canoe Mark (U3) is not considered a mark of the course and can be passed to either side.*
 - **Diamond Island (W):** Round to port. *NOTE: The mark and mooring ball over the wreck "Forward" (approx. 250 yards to the north) are not considered marks of the course and can be passed to either side.*

8 The Start

- 8.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26, *Starting Races*.
- 8.2 The RC will be on station at approximately 6:00 pm.
- 8.3 All competitors are to sail by the stern of the Committee Boat to check in.
- 8.4 The RC will communicate the course and starting sequence using **VHF Channel 72**.
- 8.5 There will be **one start** for all classes.
- 8.6 The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag and the course side of the starting mark.
- 8.7 RRS Rule 30.1, *I Flag Rule* (the "Round-the-Ends" rule) will be in effect at the discretion of the RC or after a General Recall.
- 8.8 When Code Flag I is displayed as the preparatory signal during the starting sequence, then RRS 30.1, *I Flag Rule* is in effect.

9 Recalls – RRS Rule 29

- 9.1 Recalls will be governed by RRS Rule 29, *Recalls*, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 For individual boats that are OCS (On Course Side, or “over early”), the Race Committee will sound one horn blast and fly Code Flag X.
- 9.3 The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS yachts by radio. Failure to hear notification does not relieve a boat of her obligation to start properly and is not grounds for protest. Order of announcement is not grounds for protest.
- 9.4 General recalls: The Race Committee will sound two horn blasts and fly the First Substitute pennant.

10 Shortening or Abandoning After the Start – RRS Rule 32

- 10.1 RRS Rule 32, *Shortening or Abandoning After the Start* will apply at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may abandon the race due to severe weather and will make every attempt to notify the fleet

11 Change of Course – RRS Rule 33

- 11.1 In the event of a change of course the Race Committee will signal the change by flying Code Flag C and making repetitive sounds in accordance with RRS Rule 33, *Changing the Next Leg of the Course* and will indicate changes to either direction or length as follows:
 - Green Flag: Mark has been moved to starboard
 - Red Flag: Mark has been moved to port
 - Plus sign (+): The leg has been lengthened
 - Minus sign (–): The leg has been shortened
- 11.2 The Change of Course and bearing may be communicated by radio. Failure to hear the communication shall not be grounds for protest.

12 Personal Flotation Devices

- 12.1 PFDs will be worn as prescribed by RRS Rule 40, *Personal Flotation Devices* when Code Flag Y is displayed.

13 Finish

- 13.1 Finish line will be between the Committee Boat flying a **BLUE FLAG** and an orange buoy or government mark, or between two orange marks.
- 13.2 If the Committee Boat is absent, a finishing yacht shall record her elapsed time and report it to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14 Time Limit

- 14.1 Boats that are still racing but fail to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and awarded a score of two plus the number of boats finished.

15 Scoring

- 15.1 The “Time on Time” method of the PHRF handicap system will be used to calculate each boat’s corrected time and order of finish.

- 15.2 The wind strength variable in calculating the results will be entered at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 15.3 There are 17 races planned for the 2021 Wednesday Night racing season. Scores for the season will be calculated using one throw-out (discard) for every four races completed.
- 15.4 Boats that perform Race Committee duty will be given a score of six (6) points.
- 15.5 Results will be posted to <https://lakegeorgeracing.com>

16 Penalties & Protests

- 16.1 All skippers are expected to race in the spirit of Wednesday Night Racing, and in accordance with the *Basic Principles* and *Fundamental Rules* of the RRS.
- 16.2 If any infraction of the Rules occurs, proper exoneration will be self-governed and in accordance with the RRS Rules 44.1, *Taking a Penalty* and 44.2, *One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties*.
- 16.3 OCS yachts are required to restart or will be scored DSQ by the race committee.
- 16.4 The protest time limit expires at 9am the morning following the race. Any protest must be submitted to the Wednesday Night Race Coordinator within that time limit.
- 16.5 At the discretion of the Race Committee and/or the Wednesday Night Race Coordinator, an arbitration meeting may be held under RRS Appendix T prior to a protest hearing involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 or rule 31.

17 Social Gatherings & Awards

- 17.1 All 2021 after-race gathering locations will be posted at: <https://sail.lake-george.com/wed-night-racing/>
- 17.2 At the end of season, awards will be given at the discretion of the Wednesday Night Race Coordinator. The winner of the Wednesday Night Series will receive the perpetual **Underhill Trophy**, named in honor of Jeff Underhill.

18 Safety

- 18.1 Yachts that drop out or do not finish for any reason must contact the Race Committee in person, on **VHF Channel 72** or the Wednesday Night Race Coordinator by phone at **518-788-0697** at the earliest opportunity. The Race Committee must be notified to verify that all boats are safe.
- 18.2 All yachts, skippers and crew shall comply with regulations of the Lake George Park Commission. Any yacht that receives a summons from any official agency patrolling the lake may be disqualified.

19 Registration & Contact Info

- 19.1 Send the **\$50.00** entry fee to the Wednesday Night Race Coordinator:

Rodger Voss
11 Venezia Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

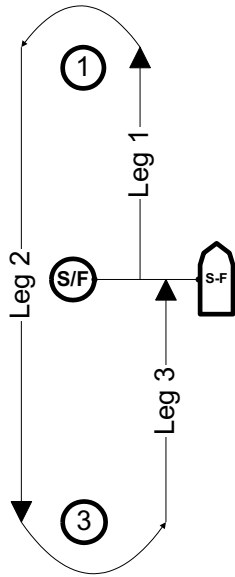
For additional information contact Rodger Voss: 518-788-0697 or rodgervoss@yahoo.com

Contact Spencer Raggio (sraggio@gmail.com) to subscribe to the email distribution list.

APPENDIX A

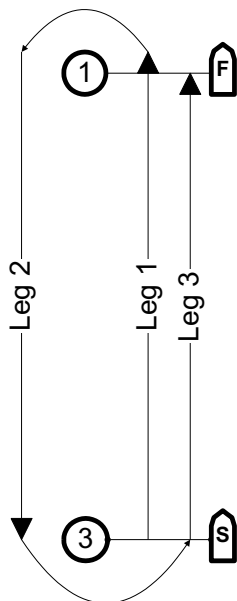
I COURSE

An I Course will start and finish with the Committee Boat stationed in the middle of the course. The number of legs will be posted. This course will always have an odd number of legs. The diagram below shows an I-3 course.



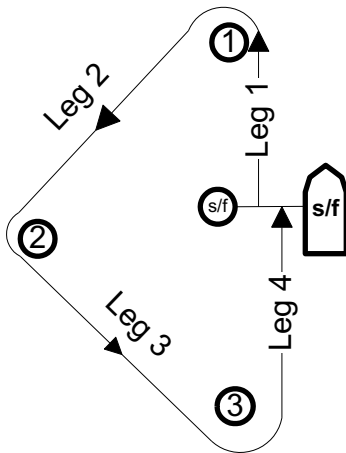
W COURSE

A W Course can have either an odd or even numbers of legs. If an even number of legs, the Committee Boat will remain in place for a downwind finish. If an odd number of legs the Committee Boat will position itself at the windward mark for the finish. The diagram below shows a W-3.



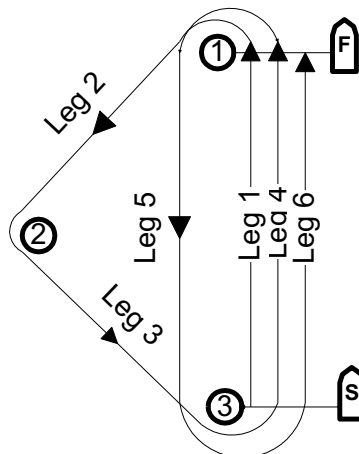
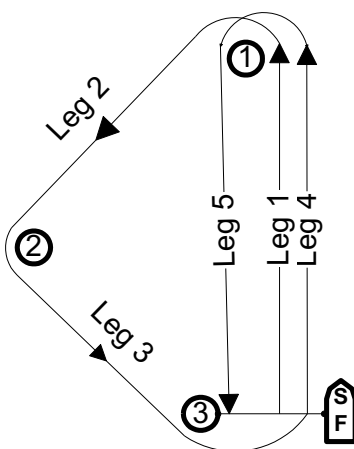
T COURSE

A T course will start and finish with the Committee Boat stationed in the middle of the course. The number of legs will be posted. This course will always have an even number of legs. The diagram below shows a T-4.



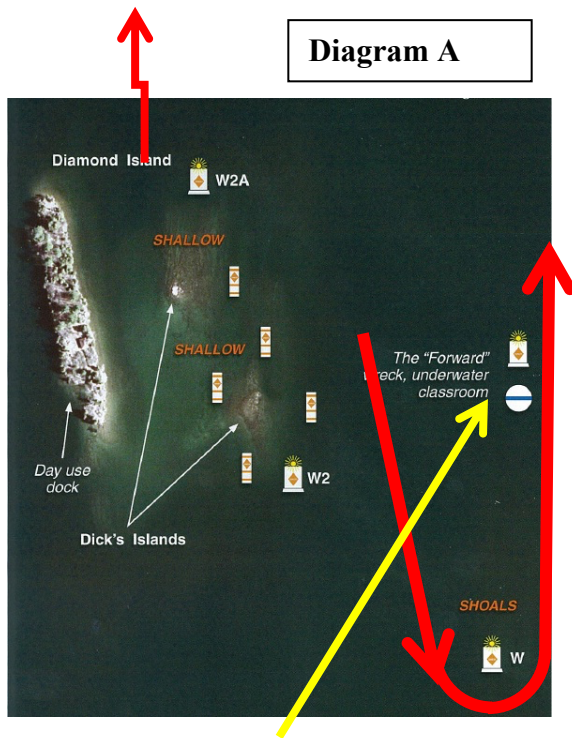
O Course

This course can have either odd or even numbers of legs. If an even number of legs, the Committee Boat will remain in place for a downwind finish. If an odd number of legs the Committee Boat will position itself at the windward mark for the finish. The diagrams below show an O-5 and an O-6.

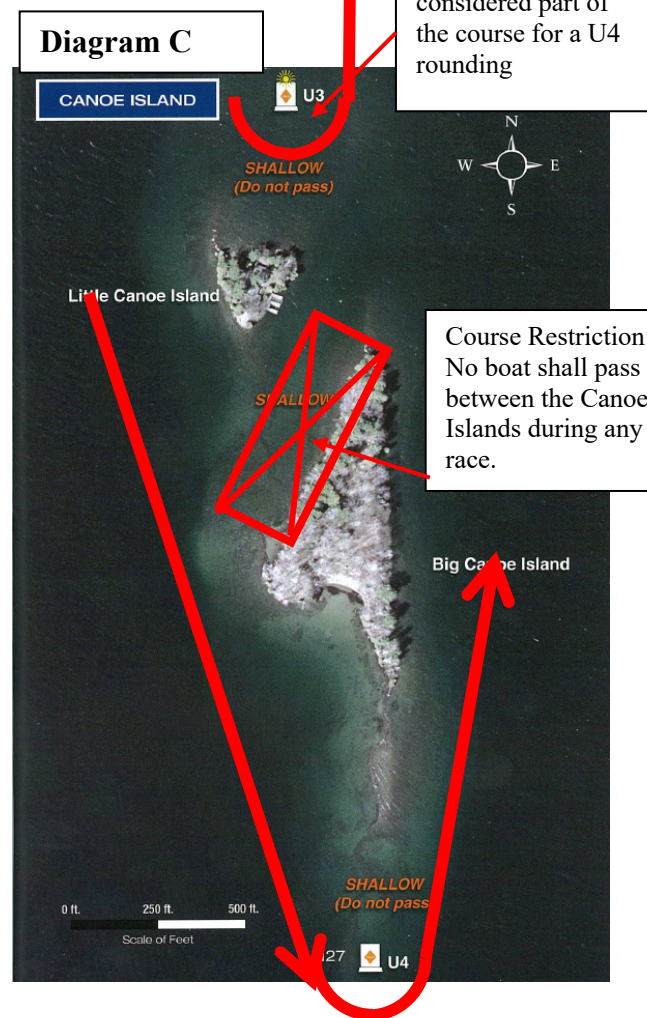


Diamond Island Mark (W)

DANGER: DO NOT ENTER



Canoe Island Marks(U3 and U4)



Marks are not part of the course and can be passed on either side.

Cotton Point Mark (T2)

Round all associated spars

