

Wednesday Night Racing - Sailing Instructions

Hosted by J/24, Fleet 24 and sponsored by Carl R's Restaurant

Lake George Wednesday Night Racing is open to all sailboats. Membership in a club is not required. Further information is posted at <http://www.lake-george.com/race/wed.php>

Yacht Requirements

All yachts must be sound with all equipment in place and in good, safe working condition and conform to all Federal, State and Local regulations and class requirements. ***Helmsmen are solely responsible for the safety of their crew and vessel.***

Race Area

The race area is between Basin Bay to the north and Diamond Island to the south. The assigned Race Committee listed on the web page will set a course approximately 1 - 2 hours long, depending on daylight hours available to race.

Start

The Start Signal for the race is **6:30 pm, one start** for everyone (Warning Signal at 6:25 pm, or when the **GREEN Flag** goes up). Race Committee will be on station at 6:00 pm, flying a **RED flag**, in the area between the tips of Long Island and off the west shore of the Yankee Boating Center, location depending on wind direction. All competitors are to sail by the stern of the Committee Boat to check in. The Race Committee has a radio to broadcast their location and communicate the course and starting sequence using VHF Channel 66.

Starting Sequence

Title	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Time to Start
Committee Boat on Station	RED Flag Raised	None	30 minutes (6:00pm)
	RED Flag Lowered	None	6 minutes (6:24pm)
Warning Signal	GREEN Flag Raised, stays up until Start	One Sound	5 minutes (6:25pm)
Preparatory Signal	Code Flag P Raised (blue with white square) Both GREEN and P flags are now up.	One Sound	4 minutes (6:26pm)
One Minute	Code Flag P Lowered	One Long Sound	1 minute (6:29pm)
Start	GREEN Flag Lowered	One Sound	0 (6:30pm)

Recalls

For individual boats that have started early, the Race Committee will sound one horn blast and **fly Code flag X** (white with a blue cross). The Race Committee will attempt to notify each premature starter. Failure to hear notification does not relieve a boat of her obligation to start properly.

Finish

Finish line will be between the Committee Boat flying a **BLUE flag** and an orange buoy. RC may shorten the course with a 2-horn blast and **fly Code flag S** (white with blue square).

Rules & Scoring

Racing Rules of Sailing, prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions, are to be self-governed by the competitors. Safety on the water is first and foremost. Overboard, close calls,

and collisions are to be avoided at all costs. The "Time on Time" method of the PHRF handicap system will be used to calculate each boat's corrected time and order of finish.

The 2012 Wed Night racing season will consist of 17 races split into two segments: The First Half will be Races 1-9 and the Second Half will be Races 10-17. Awards will be given in each half for first, second and third places. There will only be two throw-outs (discards) in each half, and they will be FIXED within that half, meaning that you cannot pick throw-outs from the First Half to be used in the Second Half, and vice-versa. At the end of season, awards will be also given to the top five finishers for the entire 17-race season. Scoring for the season will be calculated using the same throw-outs selected for the two halves.

Boats who miss a race when performing scheduled race committee duty will be given a score of 10 points for that race. Results will be posted at <http://www.lakegeorgeracing.com>

Penalties & Protests

All skippers are expected to race considering the spirit of Wednesday Night Racing. If any infraction of the Rules occurs, proper exoneration will be self-governed and in accordance with the RRS. Over-early starters are required to restart or be scored DSQ by the race committee. A collision rendering one boat unable to continue will require both boats to be scored DSQ/DNF.

NEW RULE: If the RC receives confirmation from at least two people that a foul was committed and not exonerated, the RC will DSQ the boat until reasonable arguments to the contrary are obtained.

Social Gatherings & Awards

Carl R's Restaurant, located at Exit 18 of the Northway near Glens Falls, is the sponsor of the Wednesday night series and awards the perpetual **Underhill Trophy** at the end of the series. Every Wednesday they supply three pitchers of beer with complimentary chips and salsa to the top three weekly winners. J/24, Fleet 24 hosts a mid-series party at The Lake George Club to announce current standings, open to all sailors and crew. The season awards party is held at Carl R's after the last race of the season.

General Information

Yachts that drop out or do not finish for any reason must contact the Race Committee in person, by VHF radio, Channel 66 or Dave Dougall by phone (518-209-3684) at the earliest opportunity. The Race Committee must be notified to verify that all boats are safe.

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.

By electing to participate, each participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Fleet 24, Lake George Club, the Lake George Corinthian Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the Race organizers and its sponsors for any loss or damage to person or property.

It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht crew to decide whether to start or continue racing. The Race Committee reserves the right to determine if a race will continue due to weather or darkness.

Registration & Contact Info

Send the **\$25.00** entry fee to:

Dave Dougall

16 Brereton Road

Diamond Point, NY 12824

For additional information contact Dave Dougall at 518-209-3684 or ddougall1@nycap.rr.com