

Lake Geneva Yacht Club

2016 Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and by the US Sailing Prescriptions. Rules of the RRS that have been changed by a sailing instruction are identified in the sailing instruction.

2 SAFETY

2.1 Severe Weather Warnings

When races will be postponed or abandoned due to expected or actual severe weather, the race committee will attempt to broadcast its decision on VHF radio, channel 18. The race committee may also display a flashing light on race committee boats. Visual race signals govern any postponement or abandonment.

2.2 Personal Flotation Devices on Competitors in Classes X and Optimist

When on the water, competitors in Classes X and Optimist shall wear U. S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices, properly fastened. Flag Y will not be displayed. RRS 40 is changed accordingly.

2.3 Wind Velocity Limits for Class MC

When the race committee records wind gusts of 23 m.p.h. or higher or sustained wind velocities of 20 m.p.h. or higher, Class MC races will be abandoned by displaying flag N over flag A above the class flag with no sound signal. RRS Race Signals is changed accordingly.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 A boat that has a LGYC Yacht Registration form on file with the Rear Commodore is eligible to race provided her owner and helmsperson are Yacht Club members in good standing and the boat conforms to her class rules.

3.2 A boat in Class A, E, C or X shall display the LGYC designator letter "T" on her mainsail with its size and placement conforming to her class rules. A boat belonging to a Yacht Club member who is also a member of another club is eligible to race if her mainsail displays that club's designator, provided her sail number has been registered with the Rear Commodore.

3.3 When during the sailing season a competitor acquires a replacement boat and registers it with the Rear Commodore, the scores of the replacement boat and the replaced boat will be combined.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Yacht Club.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs or SI Supplements must be approved by the Rear Commodore, the Rear Commodore's delegate, or another flag officer. The change will be posted on the official notice board no later than 48 hours before it will take effect. RRS 90.2(c) is changed. No change to the SIs will be announced on the water.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Yacht Club flagstaff yard and also from the race committee signal boat when off her moorings.
- 6.2** When flag Y is displayed ashore, the RRS Part 4 preamble is changed and RRS 40 applies at all times to boats afloat.
- 6.3** If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.
- 6.4** When flag F is displayed ashore at least one hour before the first scheduled warning signal, all Class E and Class MC boats shall sail with flotation panels installed.

7 CLASS INDICATORS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1** Class indicators will be black class initials or insignia on white boards and displayed with the course signals.
- 7.2** When the Class X indicator is displayed it will be accompanied by a black A or a black B on a white board to signal the series in which the race will be scored. The series signaled will take precedence over the Race Calendar.
- 7.3** Class flags:
 - Class A - letter A on a white field
 - Class E - letter E on a white field
 - Class C - letter C on an orange field
 - Class MC - letters MC on a blue field
 - Class M24 - letter-number M24 on a white field
 - Class M17 - letter-number M17 on a white field
 - Class X - letter X on a gold-blue-gold field
 - Class Optimist - insignia IO on a yellow field

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1** In the schedule of races shown in the Race Calendar,
- (a) when more than one class is scheduled to race, the order of their warning signals will be as shown in the Race Calendar but may be revised when considered desirable in the race committee's judgment;
 - (b) the order in which class flags are displayed at the warning signal will take precedence over the order in which class indicators and course signals are displayed;
 - (c) the race committee will determine the order of warning signals for a second back-to-back race;
 - (d) in Class M24 Series A races and Class E Series B races, if the first of any back-to-back races is postponed, the warning signal for the new start of the postponed race will be made one minute after flag AP (one sound) is removed. The starts for other scheduled classes will then follow, and the second Class M24 and Class E races will be abandoned; and
 - (e) in Class X races, if a Wednesday Series A race is not completed it will be postponed only to the following Friday, provided races are scheduled for that day. The postponed Series A race will replace the Friday Series B race. If a Series A or Series B Friday race is not completed, it will be abandoned and not postponed.
- 8.2** Restrictions on times of warning signals, other than for Class A, are
- (a) for all races scheduled before 12:00 noon, no warning signal for any class will be made later than 11:10 a.m.;
 - (b) for all races scheduled between 12:00 noon and 3:30 p.m., warning signals will not be made later than 3:30 p.m.; and
 - (c) for all races scheduled after 4:45 p.m., no warning signal for any class will be made later than 7:15 p.m.
- 8.3** Races may be canceled only by the Rear Commodore, the Rear Commodore's delegate, or another flag officer. The decision will be posted on the official notice board.
- 8.4** The Sheridan Prize race may be canceled only by written authorization of the Sheridan Prize Trustees.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area is the navigable waters of Geneva Lake.

10 COURSES

- 10.1** Courses are described in SI Supplement 1, Courses and Course Signals. Minimum course lengths are shown in SI Supplement 2, Minimum Course Lengths in Statute Miles.
- 10.2** Course signals, including the number of laps, will be black letters and numerals displayed on orange boards.

- 10.3** When an offset mark is used at the windward mark and the offset mark or the windward mark is missing or out of position, the other mark shall be rounded to port. The mark missing or out of position is no longer a mark.
- 10.4** When flag D is displayed before or with the warning signal, a secondary leeward rounding mark will be positioned on the course side of the primary leeward mark. All boats shall round this secondary mark to port on all laps except when finishing at the primary leeward mark.
- 10.5** When course W or WM is signaled for all classes and flag G is displayed before or with the warning signal, the leeward mark for all classes will be replaced by a leeward gate. If one of the gate marks is out of position the other mark shall be rounded to port. The mark out of position is no longer a mark.
- 10.6** Unless SI 10.4 applies, when a finishing line has been set between two orange shapes, the rounding mark used by boats not sailing the final leg of the course will be the orange shape positioned at the port end of the line.
- 10.7** For long distance races,
- (a) the course for the Sheridan Prize race will be as stated by the Sheridan Prize Trustees.
 - (b) the courses for the Wacker Trophy race and the Melges 24 Length of the Lake race will be determined by the race committee.
 - (c) the course for the Cameron Trophy race will be as stated in its deed of gift.

11 MARKS

- 11.1** Marks will be orange shapes unless otherwise stated.
- 11.2** A secondary leeward mark (SI 10.4) will be two orange shapes.
- 11.3** Race committee boats are marks when positioned at one or both ends of the starting or finishing line, or when replacing an orange shape missing or out of position.

12 STARTING AREA

The starting area is rectangular and extends approximately one-quarter length of the starting line along the extensions of the starting line and approximately 50 yards to windward and to leeward of the starting line and its extensions.

13 THE START

- 13.1** Races will be started as provided in RRS 26 except as modified in SIs 13.2 and 13.3.
- 13.2** Flag P, flag Z, and the black flag will not be used as preparatory signals. This changes RRS 26.
- 13.3** When more than one class is scheduled to race, after the start of the first race the warning signal for each class will be made with or after the starting signal for the preceding class.

- 13.4** The starting line will be between
- (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at one end of the line and the the mark at the other end of the line, or
 - (b) two staffs displaying orange flags on race committee boats at both ends of the line, or
 - (c) the marks at both ends of the line.
- 13.5** Signals will be displayed from a race committee boat at or near one end of the starting line.
- 13.6** Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 13.7** A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after the starting signal for her class.

14 INDIVIDUAL AND GENERAL RECALLS

- 14.1** The race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of each boat identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and each boat required to comply with RRS 30.1. A boat that fails to hear the hail is not relieve of her obligation to start as defined and the failure will not be accepted as grounds for redress. RRS 29.1 is changed to add provisions for a hail.
- 14.2** When a general recall is signaled, the time of the next warning signal for the recalled class will be determined by the race committee. RRS 29.2 is changed to give the race committee authority concerning the new start.

15 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE OR SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 15.1** A change of the next leg of the course will be signaled only as provided in RRS 33(a). RRS 33 is changed accordingly.
- 15.2** If RRS 32.1 applies, a course may be shortened only by eliminating the last leg of the course. RRS 32.1 is changed to limit its use to the last leg.

16 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between

- (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at one end of the line and the mark at the other end of the line, or
- (b) two staffs displaying orange flags on race committee boats at both ends of the line, or
- (c) marks at both ends of the line.

17 COACHING

Coaching is allowed during Spring, B, and C series racing. RRS 41 is changed to allow coaching.

18 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- 18.1** While racing, a boat may make electronic transmissions only in an emergency or to notify the race committee that she is leaving the course area.
- 18.2** The use of devices that display data derived magnetically or GPS or other electronic devices for viewing data that display course bearings, remaining time, or tactical mode information is permitted unless prohibited by class rules.

19 PENALTIES

- 19.1** RRS 44 will apply as modified by SI 19.2.
- 19.2** A boat of Class A, E, C or M24 that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty. RRS 44.1 is changed to permit use of the One-Turn Penalty.

20 TIME LIMITS

20.1 Primary Time Limits

Primary Time Limits (see RRS 35) for series races are shown in SI Supplement 3, Primary Time Limits. The time limit for the Sheridan Prize race, the Cameron Trophy race, and the Melges 24 distance race is 6 hours. The time limit for the Wacker Trophy race is 20 minutes per mile of the course. However, all time limits end at sunset.

20.2 Secondary Time Limits

The Secondary Time Limit replaces a Primary Time Limit and applies 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. However, this time limit ends at sunset. Boats failing to finish within the Secondary Time Limit will be scored Scored Without Finishing (SWF) without a hearing. RRS 35, A4, A5 and A9 are changed to allow the Secondary Time Limit.

21 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 21.1** A boat intending to deliver a protest after an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee boat at the finishing line of her intention as soon as possible after finishing.
- 21.2** Protests shall be written on forms available in the Yacht Club office. The completed form shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer for the race or to a flag officer within one hour after the race committee signal boat has docked. The person receiving the form will sign it to acknowledge receipt and the time of receipt.
- 21.3** The protest committee will hear protests as scheduled on the official notice board.

22 SCORING

22.1 Minimum Fleet Size

For a race to be scored, at least three boats must be in the starting area at the time of the warning signal, except that only one boat is required for the Sheridan Prize race and two boats are required for Class M24 - Spring, B and Fall Series and Class C - Fall Series races.

22.2 Race Scores

Each boat starting and finishing a race and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored as follows:

<i>Finishing place</i>	<i>Points</i>
First	1
Second	2
Third	3
Fourth	4
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point

All other boats that come to the starting area for that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for that race, and also those that did not come to the starting area (DNC). However, when the Secondary Time Limit applies (see SI 20.2) boats scored SWF will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the place of the last boat to finish within the Secondary Time Limit. RRS A4 and A11 are changed accordingly.

22.3 Scores Determined by the Race Committee

A boat that did not *start*, comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, or *finish*, or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) or retires, shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing. Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

22.4 Changes in Places and Scores of Other Boats

- (a) If a boat is disqualified from a race or retires after finishing, each boat with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.
- (b) If the protest committee decides to give redress by adjusting a boat's score, the scores of other boats shall not be changed unless the protest committee decides otherwise.

22.5 Series Score

Each boat's series score is determined by excluding her worst races. Every boat will receive the same number of throw outs based on the total number of races completed in the series by the fleet. A race is completed if scored; see RRS 90.3(a). The number of excluded races is based on each fleet's chosen throw-out percentage between 0% and 30%. The number of races to be thrown out is rounded down to the nearest integer. The tables below shows the number of excluded races when using throw out percentages of 20%, 25% and 30%. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others are ranked accordingly.

Races 20% exclusion:

5-9	1
10-14	2
15-19	3
20-24	4
25-29	5
30-32	6

Races 25% exclusion:

4-7	1
8-11	2
12-15	3
16-19	4
20-23	5

Races 30% exclusion:

4-6	1
7-9	2
10-13	3
14-16	4
17-19	5
20-23	6

22.6 Race Ties

If boats are tied at the finishing line, the points for the place for which the boats have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally. Boats tied for a race prize shall share it or be given equal prizes.

22.7 Series Ties

- (a) If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.
- (b) If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

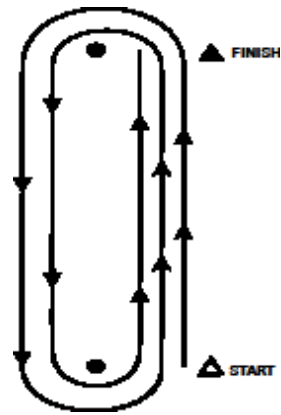
Sailing Instructions Supplements

1 Course and Course Signals

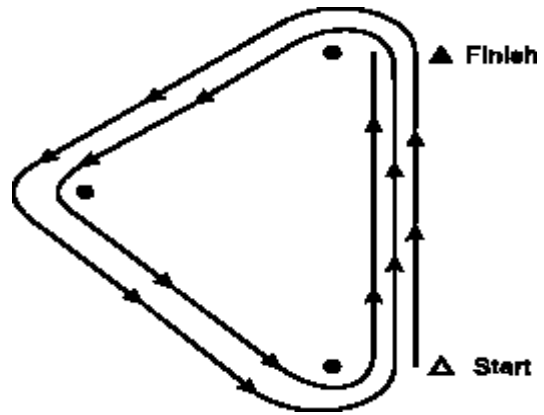
The race committee may set any of the following courses: Windward-Leeward, Windward-Leeward Modified, Triangle, Triangle Modified, Olympic, and Olympic Modified. Modified course will include a single starting and finish line positioned between the windward and leeward marks as shown below in the Windward-Leeward Modified diagram.

Visual course signals will be displayed on boards in rows in a framework above the Flagship cabin. The top row will show class designators; the middle row will show the courses W, WM, T, TM, O or OM in black letters on an orange background; and the bottom row will show the number of laps in black numerals on an orange background. For courses W or WM an offset mark may be set near the windward mark (see SI 10.3) For courses W or WM a leeward gate may also be set.

Windward-Leeward



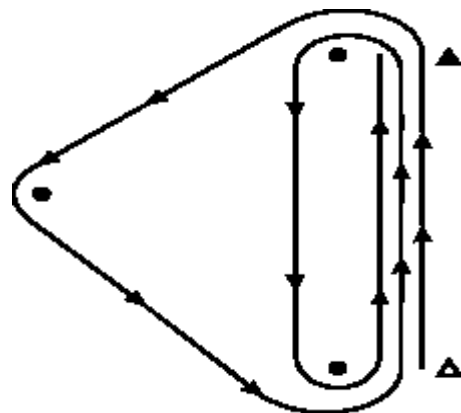
Triangle



Windward-Leeward Modified



Olympic



2 Minimum Course Lengths in Statute Miles

<i>Class</i>	<i>Series A</i>	<i>Series B</i>	<i>Series C</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>Fall</i>
A	4				4
E	4	3.5		4	4
C	2.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4
MC	4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
M24	3	1.8		3	4
M17	1.8				
X	3	3		3	
Optimist	0.75	0.75			

3 Primary Time Limits

<i>Class</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Primary Time Limit</i>
A	A, F	1 hour, 15 minutes
E	A, F	1 hour, 15 minutes
E	B	1 hour, 10 minutes
C	A, B, C, S, F	1 hour, 40 minutes
MC	A	2 hours
MC	B, C, S, F	1 hour, 15 minutes
M24	A	1 hour, 30 minutes
M24	B	50 minutes
M24	S	1 hour, 30 minutes
M24	F	1 hour, 40 minutes
M17	A	1 hour, 10 minutes
X	A, B	2 hours
Optimist	A, B	1 hour

4 Awards

Series A – Championship

Classes A, E, C, MC, M24, and M17: First 4 places

Class X: First 8 places

Optimist: First 8 places and daily recognition awards for all competitors.

Series B and C

Classes C and MC: First 3 places

Classes E and M24: First 2 places

Class X: First 8 places

Optimist: First 8 places and daily recognition awards for all competitors.

Spring and Fall Series

All classes: First 2 places

Individual Races

Class A

Sheridan Prize: The owner of the winning boat is awarded a replica of the yacht *Nettie* and a plaque to hold for one year. The skipper and crew receive lapel pins commemorating the Sheridan Prize.

Charles H. Wacker Trophy: The skipper and crew of the winning boat receive lapel pins.

I-4 Model Trophy: The skipper of the winning boat receives a plaque to hold for one year.

Dr. O. L. Schmidt Memorial Trophy: The skipper and crew of the winning boat receive lapel pins. The skipper receives a plaque to hold for one year.

Class E

Harry Hayner Bliss Memorial Trophy: The skipper and crew of the winning boat receive lapel pins.

Expert Challenge Cup: The skipper of the winning boat receives a plaque to hold for one year.

A. F. Gartz Jr. Memorial Trophy: The skipper of the winning boat receives a plaque to hold for one year.

5 Perpetual Trophies Race Schedule

CLASS A

The trophy is awarded to the boat with the best combined score for the day. In case of a tie, the trophy is awarded to the boat that finishes higher in the second race. The Dr. Otto L. Schmidt Memorial Trophy is awarded to the boat with the best score in four races held over two days with a third day for make-up races. At least three races must be completed to award the Schmidt Trophy.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt day 1	A 1 and 2	5/31	Gloria	A 13 and 14	7/19
Dr. Otto L. Schmidt day 2	A 3 and 4	6/7	I-4 Model	A 15 and 16	7/26
Schmidt make-up	A 5 and 6	6/14	Commodore's Challenge	A 17 and 18	8/2
Oak Lodge	A 7 and 8	6/21	Mayer-Gifford	A 19 and 20	8/9
Hillcrest	A 9 and 10	7/5	Sheridan Prize	NFP	8/27
Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Gifford	A 11 and 12	7/12	Charles H. Wacker	NFP	9/3

CLASS E

The trophy is awarded to the winner of the first completed race of the day. When two trophies are scheduled, each race winner receives a trophy. The Harry Hayner Bliss Memorial Trophy is awarded to the boat with the best score in four races held over two days with a third day for make-up races. At least three races must be completed to award the Bliss Trophy.

Millard "Bus" Mogg	A1 or 2	5/29	H. R. Hough	A 13 or 14	7/10
Harry Hayner Bliss day 1	A 3 or 4	6/5	Clarence W. Sills	A 13 or 14	7/10
Harry Hayner Bliss day 2	A 5 or 6	6/12	Expert Challenge	A 15 or 16	7/17
Bliss make-up	A 7 or 8	6/19	Kirchschlager	A 15 or 16	7/17
A. F. Gartz Jr. Memorial	A 9 or 10	6/26	Walter M. Colman	A 17 or 18	7/24
Folly Prize	A 11 or 12	7/3	Conrad C. Niehoff	A 19 or 20	7/31
1932 ILYA Regatta LGYC	A 11 or 12	7/3	Frozen Asset	A 21 or 22	8/7
Melvyn C. Spence Jr.	NFP	7/4	B. P. Adams Post-Season	F 1 or 2	8/24

CLASS C

The trophy is awarded to the winner of the first completed race of the day. When two trophies are scheduled, each race winner receives a trophy. The Pike I-3 Trophy is awarded to the boat with the best score in four races held over two days with a third day for make-up races. At least three races must be completed to award the Pike I-3 Trophy.

Bertha Williams Memorial	A 1 or 2	6/4	John J. Mitchell	A 11 or 12	7/9
Pike I-3 day 1	A 3 or 4	6/11	Martin A. Ryerson	A 13 or 14	7/16
Pike I-3 day 2	A 5 or 6	6/18	L. Z. Leiter	A 13 or 14	7/16
Pike I-3 make-up	A 7 or 8	6/25	Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson	A 15 or 16	7/23
Dick Novotny	A 9 or 10	7/2	Stan Johnson Jr. Memorial	A 17 or 18	7/30
Pikewood	A 9 or 10	7/2	Warhawk	A 19 or 20	8/6
Cuppy Cup	NFP	7/4	Cameron	NFP	9/5
Jesse E. Hall	A 11 or 12	7/9			

CLASS MC

Imp V	A 1	6/4	Soar with the Eagles	A 5	7/2
Marra	A 2	6/11	Charles and Margaret Huck	A 6	7/9
Carlson	A 3	6/18	Mulholland	A 7	7/16
Morrissy	A 4	6/25	Sea Hawk	A 8	7/23

MELGES 24

The trophy is awarded to the winner of the first completed race of the day.

George H. Kiefer	A 3 or 4	6/10	Mega M-20 Crew	A 11 or 12	7/8
Commodore Hough	A 5 or 6	6/17	W. S. Reier	A 13 or 14	7/15
Class V Series B	A 7 or 8	6/24	Robert G. Ferris Memorial	A 15 or 16	7/22
Mogg	A 9 or 10	7/1			

MELGES 17

The trophy is awarded to the winner of the first completed race of the day.

Perry R. Ellwood	A 1 or 2	6/2	Fred M. Tomera MD	A 11 or 12	7/7
Victory Cup	A 3 or 4	6/9	Dorothy T. Sills Memorial	A 13 or 14	7/14
Calamity Jane	A 5 or 6	6/16	Fritz Kroeger	A 15 or 16	7/21
Sea Weed	A 7 or 8	6/23	Frank-Pegel	A 17 or 18	7/28
Kroeger Brothers	A 9 or 10	6/30			

CLASS X

The trophy is awarded to the winner of the first completed race of the day. When two trophies are scheduled, each race winner receives a trophy.

Scott Perrigo	B 1 or 2	6/10	Hollister	A 5 or 6	6/29
Edith Hodge	A 1 or 2	6/15	Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lund	A 5 or 6	6/29
Todd Perrigo	B 3 or 4	6/17	Black Point	A 7 or 8	7/8
Jeff and Sandy Perrigo	B 5 or 6	6/22	Carol Osuhowski	A 7 or 8	7/8
John and Charles Anderson	A 3 or 4	6/24	William H. Freytag	A 9 or 10	7/22
Jane Wiswell	A 3 or 4	6/24	Harry J. Leahy Memorial	A 11 or 12	8/3
Blake Burton Parent	NFP	TBD	Bruce E. Johnson	A 11 or 12	8/3

OPTIMIST

The trophy is awarded to the boat with the best combined score for the day.

Jane Pegel LGYC 1972 M-16 Championship	B 1, 2, and 3	6/9	Jane Pegel LGYC 1989 Series B Class M Championship	B 4, 5, and 6	6/16
Jane Pegel LGYC 1994 Class M Championship	A 1, 2, and 3	6/14	Jane Pegel LGYC 1989 Class M Championship	A 4, 5, and 6	6/23