

Lake Geneva Yacht Club

2024 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Yacht Club west entry hallway.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 48 hours before it will take effect. No change to the SIs will be announced on the water. Any change to the SIs or SI Supplements must be approved by the Rear Commodore or another flag officer.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Yacht Club flagstaff yard and also from the race committee signal vessel when off her moorings.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

4.3 During the Spring and Fall Series, all Class E and Class MC boats shall race with flotation panels installed for all races. Flag F will not be displayed.

4.4 For Series A, B and C, when flag F is displayed ashore at least one hour before the first scheduled warning signal, all Class E and Class MC boats shall race with flotation panels installed.

4.5 When Flag K is displayed on the committee boat before a warning signal for a race the Sonar WOW class shall not be permitted to use a spinnaker during that race.

5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 A boat that has registered on the Yacht Club Registration and Scoring System at Club Spot (www.theclubspot.com) is eligible to race provided her owner and helmsperson are Yacht Club members in good standing and the boat conforms to her class rules.

5.2 A boat in Class A, E, C or X shall display the Yacht Club designator letter “I” on her mainsail with its size and placement conforming to her class rules.

5.3 When during the sailing season a competitor acquires a replacement boat and registers it per SI 5.1, the scores of the replacement boat and the replaced boat will be combined.

5.4 It is requested that Boats check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the warning signal of the Boat’s first race each day.

5.5 IOD Boats racing pursuant to the LGYC “Guest Sailing Policy” must display a colored streamer supplied by the RC on the peak of their sail.

5.6 For Sonar Series A (WOW) all boats shall have a female helmsperson and female crew.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The schedule of races shall be as described in the Race Calendar. The Race Calendar shall be approved by the Rear Commodore or another flag officer and posted on the official notice board.

6.2 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;
- (b) When the race schedule is interrupted by an incident after the first warning signal is displayed, the order of class flags may be revised at the discretion of the race committee and will take precedence over the order in which class indicators and course signal are displayed;
- (c) The race committee will determine the order of warning signals for the second of the back-to-back races.

6.3 Restrictions on times of warning signals, are as follows:

- (a) For all races scheduled before 12:00 noon, no warning signal for any class will be made later than 11:10 a.m., with the exception of Class IOD and M14 Youth Series for which no warning signal shall be made later than 11:30 a.m.;
- (b) For all races scheduled between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m., warning signals will not be made later than 3:00 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.

6.4 Races may be canceled only by the Rear Commodore or another flag officer. The decision will be posted on the official notice board.

6.5 The Sheridan Prize race may be canceled only by written authorization of the Sheridan Prize Trustees.

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 Class flags will be a flag displaying the class insignia.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is the navigable waters of Geneva Lake.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses are described in SI Supplement 1, Courses and Course Signals. Minimum course lengths are shown in SI Supplement 4, Suggested and Minimum Course Lengths in Statute Miles.

9.2 Course signals will be black letters and numerals displayed on orange boards or on a white board displayed by a race committee signal vessel.

9.3 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 remaining mark shall be rounded to port. The mark missing or out of position is no longer a mark.

9.4 When course W, WA, L or LA is signaled the leeward mark shall be a single orange mark.

- 9.5** When course W, WA, L or LA is signaled and flag G is displayed before or with the warning signal, the leeward mark for all classes will be replaced by a leeward gate, which shall be two orange marks. If one of the gate marks is out of position the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. The mark out of position is no longer a mark.
- 9.6** The start/finish line of all modified courses is open. Racing boats sailing any leg of the course may pass through the line.
- 9.7** 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.

10 MARKS

- 10.1** Marks will be orange shapes or yellow shapes unless otherwise stated.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started as provided in RRS 26 except as modified in SIs 11.2 and 11.3.
- 11.2** Flag P, flag Z, flag Z with I, flag U and the black flag will not be used as preparatory signals. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.3** The starting line will be between:
- (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at one end of the line and the course side of the yellow mark at the other end of the line, or
 - (b) staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels at both ends of the line, or
 - (c) the course side of an orange mark at one end of the line and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the other end of the line.
- 11.4** Signals will be displayed from a race committee vessel at or near one end of the starting line.
- 11.5** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall not enter the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is rectangular and extends approximately 50 yards along the extensions of the starting line and approximately 50 yards to windward and to leeward of the starting line and its extensions.
- 11.6** A boat not starting within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.7** If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number by VHF radio or hailer. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 11.8** When a general recall is signaled, the time of the next warning signal for the recalled class will be determined by the race committee. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 11.9** For Class MC:
- (a) No race will be started when the race committee observes wind gusts of 21 mph or higher. The race committee may postpone the start and may endeavor to advise the fleet via VHF radio of

their intention to remove the postponement if the wind decreases below the above limits. The race committee will allow reasonable time, at least 30 minutes, for the racing fleet to launch and sail to the starting area after radio notification of sailable conditions has been made.

- (b) After a race has been started, if the race committee observes gusts of 23 mph or higher, the race committee will abandon the race by displaying flags N over A above the MC class flag with sound signals. This changes RRS 32.1 and Race Signals.

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

A course may be shortened only by eliminating the last leg of the course. This changes RRS 32.1.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between:

- (a) a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at one end of the line and the course side of a yellow mark at the other end of the line, or
- (b) staffs displaying blue flags on race committee vessels at both ends of the line, or
- (c) the course side of a yellow mark at one end of the line and an orange mark at the other end of the line.
- (d) the course side of an orange mark at one end of the line and a staff displaying an blue flag on a race committee vessel at the other end of the line.

13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the A, E, C, M24, M15, M14 classes, and WOW, RRS41.1 is changed so that a Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Race Time Limits (see RRS 35) for series races are shown in SI Supplement 5, Race Time Limits.

15.2 The Finishing Window is a 20 minute time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the Race Time Limit. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A9.

15.3 The Race 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.

15.4 All Race Time Limits and the Finishing Window Time Limit expire at sunset.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat that finishes and intends to deliver a protest involving an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee vessel at the finishing line of her intention as soon as possible after finishing.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the Yacht Club office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer for the race, a Flag Officer or Club Manager within

one hour after the race committee vessel has docked. The person receiving the form will sign it to acknowledge receipt and the time of receipt.

- 16.3** The Yacht Club Chief Judge shall schedule the date, time and location of hearings and post such notice on the official notice board.

17 SCORING

- 17.1** 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. Boats not in compliance with SI 5.1 shall not be included in determining minimum fleet size.

- 17.2** For all classes 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

- 17.3** Boats scored DNF, DNS and DNC will be scored as follows:

(a) Did Not Finish (DNF) - Boats that start but fail to finish within the Finishing Window as defined in 15.2 or that after starting retire or are disqualified, will be scored DNF and will be given points equal to the number of boats that finished the race plus one point.

(b) Did Not Start (DNS) - Boats that come to the starting area but do not start will be scored DNS and will be given points equal to the number of boats that started the race plus one point.

(c) Did Not Contend (DNC) - Boats that did not come to the starting area shall be scored DNC and will be given points equal to the number of boats that started the race plus two points.

This changes RRS 35, A4 and A9.

- 17.4** Boats not in compliance with SI 5.1 shall not be scored. This changes RRS 35.

- 17.5** 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 of 20%, 25% or 30% as noted below. The number of races to be thrown out is rounded down to the nearest integer. The tables below show the number of excluded races for each class. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others are ranked accordingly.

Classes A, E, M24, X, IOD, WOW and Sonar

Races 20% exclusion:

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

Class MCRaces 25% exclusion:

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

Class C, M15 and M14Races 30% exclusion:

4-6	1
7-9	2
10-13	3
14-16	4
17-19	5
20-23	6
24-26	7
27-29	8
30-33	9

18 SAFETY

- 18.1** 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 vessels. Visual race signals govern any postponement or abandonment.
- 18.2** When on the water, competitors in Classes X, IOD, M14 and M15 shall wear U. S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices, properly fastened. Flag Y will not be displayed. RRS 40 is changed accordingly.
- 18.3** When on the water during the Spring and Fall Series , competitors in ALL Classes shall wear U. S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices, properly fastened. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 18.4** Boats leaving the racing area before the end of racing on any day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.5** At least two race committee vessels must be in the race area at the Warning Signal with a combined total of four race committee members on board. If at least two race committee vessels with a combined total of four race committee members are not in the race area at the time of the Warning signal the race shall be abandoned or postponed until this requirement is satisfied.
- 18.6** Boats capsized may accept assistance without penalty. This changes RRS 41 (a).

19 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- 19.1** Boats in all fleets except IOD and M14 classes are asked to have a working VHF radio on board to receive race committee transmissions intended for all boats.
- 19.2** The race committee may, as a courtesy, communicate to the fleets via VHF radio the race course, wind direction, distance and starting sequence or other pertinent information. It may also communicate change of course and in certain conditions notify boats to seek safe harbor.

19.3 The race committee will use VHF radio channel 18.

20 COACHING

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

21 PRIZES

Trophies and prizes will be awarded in accordance with SI Supplement 4.

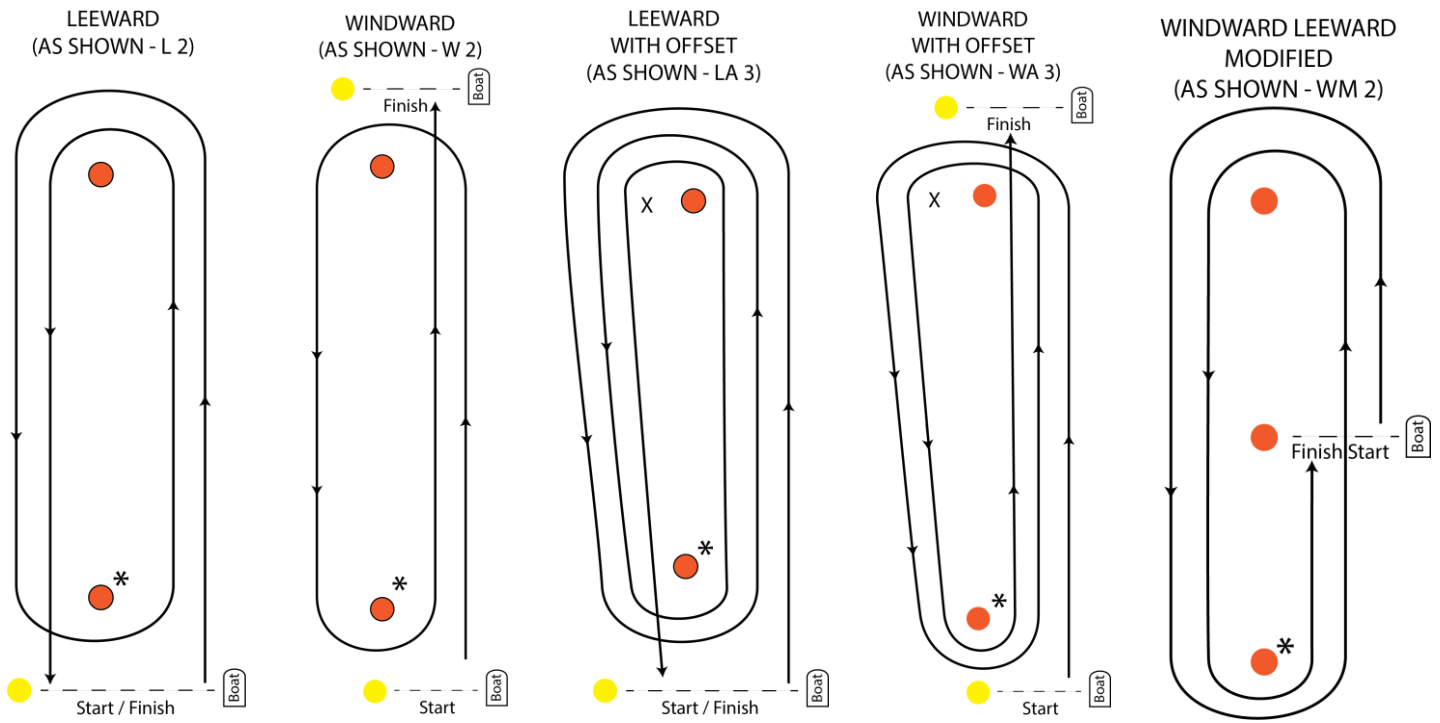
22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in Yacht Club races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after races.

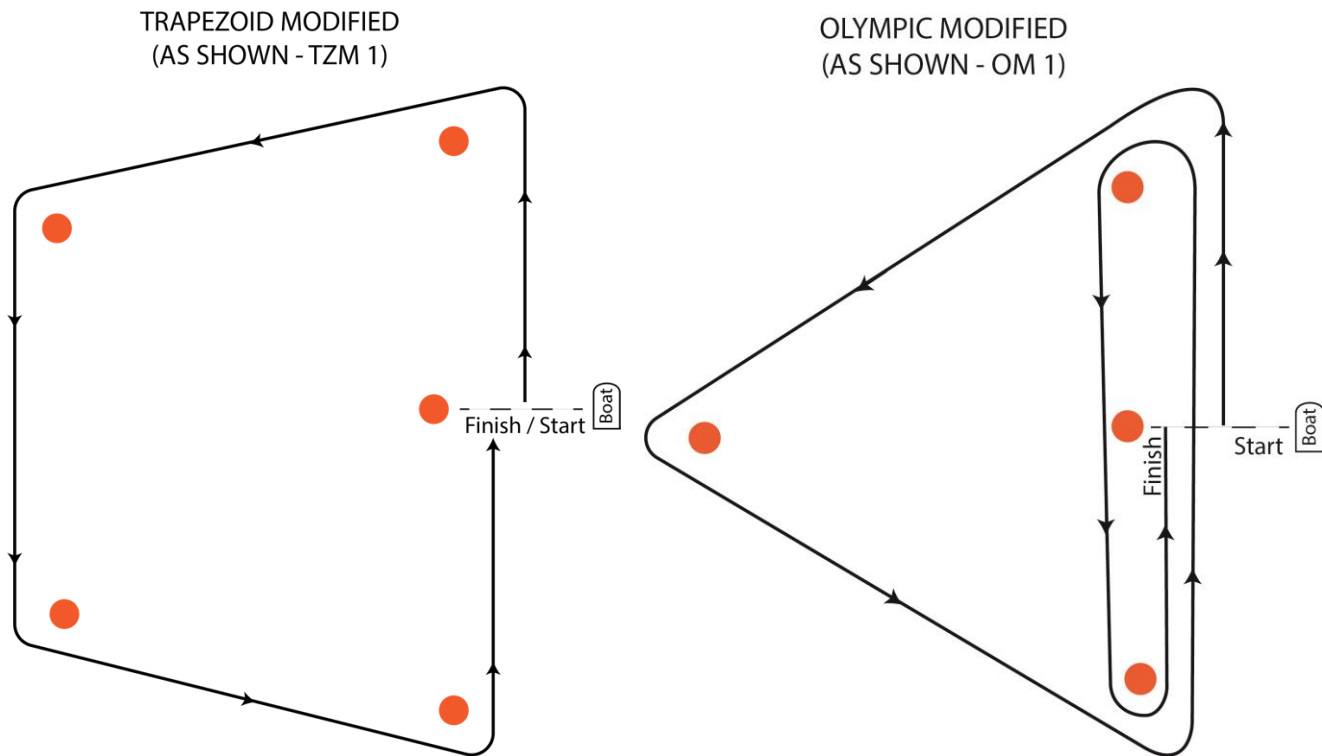
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- 1 Course and Course Signals** The race committee may set any of the following courses: Windward-Leeward (W or L), Windward-Leeward with Offset (WA or LA), Windward-Leeward Modified (WM), Triangle (T), Triangle Modified (TM), Olympic (O), Olympic with leeward finish (OL), Olympic Modified (OM) and Trapezoid Modified (TZM). 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.
- 2** Visual course signals will be displayed on boards in rows in a framework above the Flagship cabin or on a white board. The top row will show class designators; the middle row will show the courses W, L, WA, LA, WM, T, TM, O, OL, OM or TZM in black letters on an orange background. The bottom row will show the number of laps in black numerals on an orange background or for Windward-Leeward courses the number of upwind or downwind legs.
- 3** If for classes MC, X, WOW, M15 or M14 a minus “(-)” is posted after the number of laps or legs, then there will be a shorter yellow weather mark for that fleet. The shorter yellow mark is NOT a mark of the course for any other classes. When a race committee vessel other than Flagship II is the signal boat, course signals will be displayed on a white board.

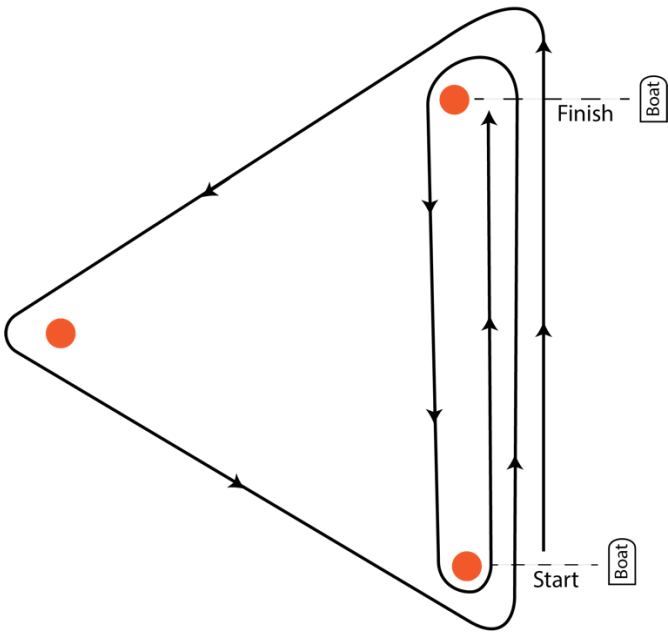
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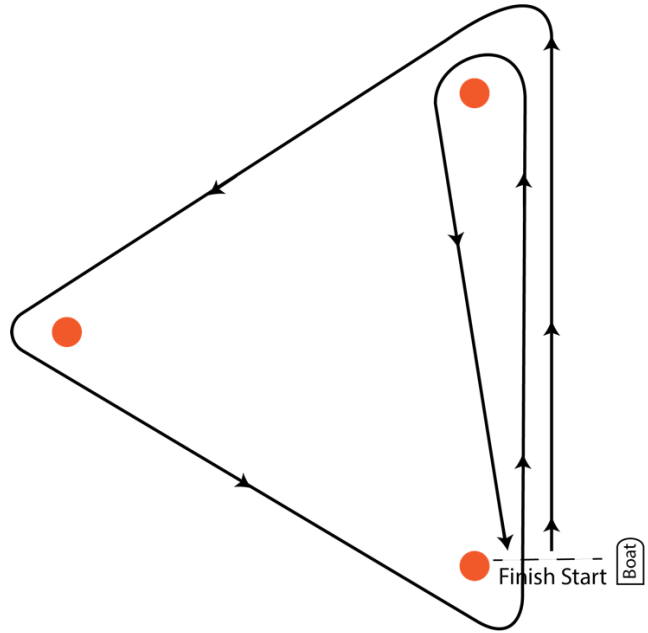
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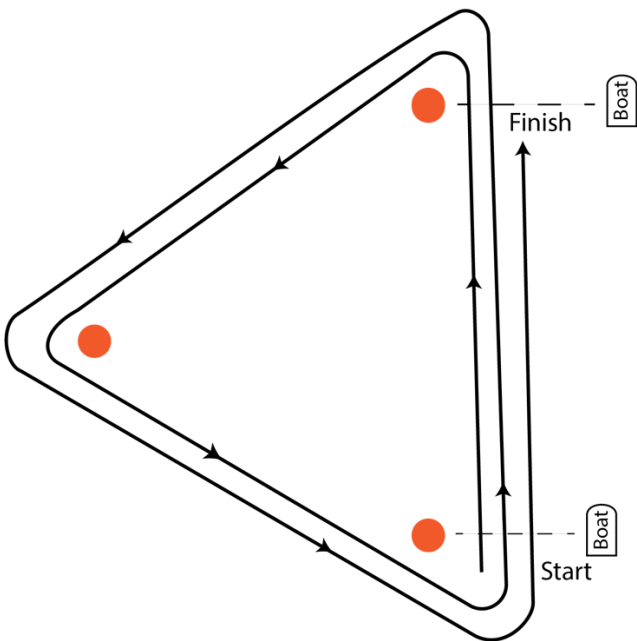
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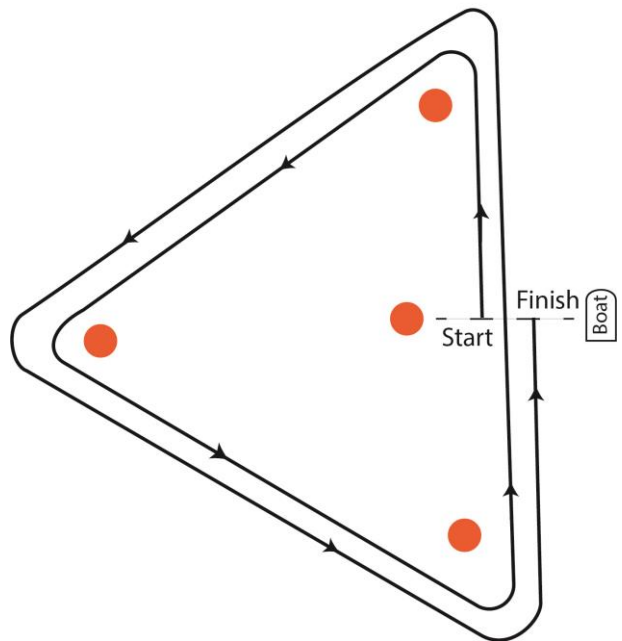
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TRIANGLE MODIFIED
(AS SHOWN - TM 2)



4. *Suggested Course Lengths in Statute Miles*

SUGGESTED COURSE LENGTHS

CLASS	SER. A *	SER. B	SER. C	SPRING	FALL
A	4 *	-	-	3.6	-
E	4 *	3.2	-	3.2	3.2
C	3.2 *	2.4	-	2.4	2.4
MC	3.2 *	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
M24	3.2 *	2.4	-	2.4	2.4
M15	2.4 *	2.4	-	-	2.4
M14	1.2 *	YOUTH 1.6	-	-	-
X	2 *	2	-	-	-
IOD	0.8 *	0.8	-	-	-
SONAR WOW	1.2 *	-	-	-	-

*Minimum

5. **Race Time Limits**

RACE TIME LIMITS

CLASS	SER. A	SER. B	SER. C	SPRING	FALL
A	1hr, 15m	-	-	1 hr, 10m	-
E	1hr, 20m	1hr 5m	-	1hr 5m	1hr 5m
C	1hr, 15m	1hr	-	1hr	1hr
MC	1hr, 30m	1hr, 10m	1hr, 10m	1hr, 10m	1hr, 10m
M24	1hr, 15m	1hr	-	1hr	1hr
M15	1hr, 5m	1hr, 5m	-	-	1hr, 5m
M14	45m	YOUTH 1hr	-	-	-
X	1hr, 15m	1hr, 15m	-	-	-
IOD	1hr	1hr	-	-	-
SONAR WOW	1hr	-	-	-	-

6. **Awards**

Series A – Championship

Classes A, E, C, MC, M24, M15, M14, M14 Youth: First four places

Class X: First eight places, skipper and crew

IOD: First eight places

Sonar (WOW): First four places, skipper and crew

Series B and C

Classes E, C, MC, M24 and M15: First three places

Class X: Series B: First eight places, skipper and crew

Class X: Series C: First two places

IOD: First eight places

Spring and Fall Series

All classes: First two places

Class X – Parents Race: First 3 places and top female skipper

Individual Races

Class A

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 receives a plaque to hold for one year.

Class E

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

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

7. 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, 2	5/28	Gloria	A 13, 14	7/9
Dr. Otto L. Schmidt day 2	A 3, 4	6/4	I-4 Model	A 15, 16	7/16
Schmidt make-up	A 5, 6	6/11	Mayer-Gifford	A 17, 18	7/23
Hillcrest	A 7, 8	6/18	Commodore's Cup	A 19, 20	7/30
Oak Lodge	A 9, 10	6/25	Charles H. Wacker	NFP	6/20
Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Gifford	A 11, 12	7/2	Sheridan Prize	NFP	8/31

CLASS E

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	A 1	5/26	1932 ILYA Regatta LGYC	A 12	7/7
Walter M. Colman	A 2	5/26	H. R. Hough	A 13	7/21
Harry Hayner Bliss day 1	A 3, 4	6/2	Conrad C. Niehoff	A 15	7/28
Harry Hayner Bliss day 2	A 5, 6	6/9	Clarence W. Sills	A 16	7/28
Bliss make-up	A 7, 8	6/16	Frozen Asset	A 17	8/4
A. F. Gartz Jr. Memorial	A 9	6/30	Expert Challenge	A 18	8/4
Kirchschlager	A 10	6/30	B. P. Adams Post-Season	F 1	8/25
Folly Prize	A 11	7/7			

CLASS C

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	6/1	John J. Mitchell	A 12	7/20
Pike I-3 day 1	A 3, 4	6/8	Martin A. Ryerson	A 13	7/27
Pike I-3 day 2	A 5, 6	6/15	L. Z. Leiter	A 14	7/27
Pike I-3 make-up	A 7, 8	6/29	Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson	A 15	8/3
Pikewood	A 9	7/13	Stan Johnson Jr. Memorial	A 16	8/3
Dick Novotny	A 10	7/13	Cameron	A 17	8/10
Jesse E. Hall	A 11	7/20			

CLASS MC

The Stay at Home Trophy is awarded to the boat with the best score in three races held over three days.

Imp V	A 1	6/1	Mullholland (Master)	A13	7/27
Morrissy	A 3	6/8	Sea Hawk	A17	8/10
Carlson	A 5	6/15	Stay at Home day 1	NFP 1	8/14
Marra	A 7	6/29	Stay at Home day 2	NFP 2	8/16
Soar with the Eagles	A 9	7/13	Stay at Home day 3	NFP 3	8/17
Huck Trophy (Master)	A 11	7/20			

MELGES 24

George H. Kiefer	A 3	6/7	Mega M-20 Crew	A 11	7/19
Commodore Hough	A 5	6/14	W. S. Reier	A 13	7/26
Class V Series B	A 7	6/28	Robert G. Ferris Memorial	A 15	8/2
Mogg	A 9	7/12			

CLASS X

Scott Perrigo	B1	6/10	Jane Wiswell	A6	6/26
Edith Hodge	A1	6/12	Hollister	A7	7/3
Carol Osuhowski	A2	6/12	Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lund	A8	7/3
Todd Perrigo	B3	6/17	Black Point	A9	7/17
William H. Freytag	A3	6/19	Coyote Cup	A10	7/17
Harry J. Leahy Memorial	A4	6/19	Jeff and Sandy Perrigo	B9	7/22
John and Charles Anderson	A5	6/26			

IOD

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

Jane Pegel LGYC 1994 Class M Championship	A 1, 2, and 3	6/12	Jane Pegel LGYC 1972 M-16 Championship	B 1, 2, and 3	7/24
Jane Pegel LGYC 1989 Class M Championship	A 4, 5, and 6	6/19	Jane Pegel LGYC 1989 Series B Class M Championship	B 4, 5, and 6	7/31

SONAR (WOW)

Wakewood Trophy – The trophy is awarded to the winner of the WOW Championship Series.