

CHEROKEE LAKE SAILING CLUB

Pursuit Race Instructions

Spring Series 2024

1. Rules

- 1.1** This series will be governed by the US Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 unless specifically modified by these Sailing Instructions, the 2024 Wyss Memorial Sailing Instructions, or the 2024 Commodore's Cup Sailing Instructions. Appendix T, Rule T1 (*Penalty Taken after Race*) shall be in effect. Article #52 of the US Racing Rules of Sailing has been suspended. Both Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker classes will be offered.
- 1.2** All boats will start according to their rating just as before as stated in Start Times. The results will be scored: Spinnaker Class, Non-Spinnaker Class and Fleet overall. Awards will be given for each class in the final series standings. For those races where perpetual trophies are presented, a plaque for the winner of each class will be affixed to the trophy. The one exception will be the Commodore Cup which will be awarded according to fleet finishes. In most cases, perpetual trophies are kept in the club house trophy case. Since we do not have a club house, the winners will need to agree to share the trophy for the year.
- 1.3** Boats will need to notify the race committee at the Spring Series Skippers Meeting as to which class they intend to compete in for that series. If a boat is not represented at the meeting, then the boat's representative should notify the race committee chairman of their decision prior to the meeting. Failing notification above, the boat's representative shall notify the race committee prior to that boat's first race for the series and prior to the committee boat leaving the dock. Otherwise, that boat will be automatically scored in the Spinnaker Class.
- 1.4** Non-Spinnaker class boats will be restricted to a main and only one headsail flown at a time, with the exception that a staysail may be deployed with the jib.
- 1.5** If at any time a non-spinnaker class boat decides to fly a spinnaker during a series, that boat will be retroactively scored with the spinnaker class for the entire series.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board in the club pavilion.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before a scheduled start.

4. Schedule of Races

This series shall consist of 5 day races, the 44th Commodore's Cup Regatta, the Wyss Memorial Race, and the 11th East Tennessee Summer Sailstice Race.

March 23	Saturday	9:00 AM	Ross/Thomas Fleet & Spring Skippers Meeting
		11:00 AM	Spring Series Day Race One
April 6	Saturday	10:00 AM	Kirk Wyss Memorial Distance Race
April 20	Saturday	10:00 AM	44 th Commodore's Cup Regatta Day One
April 21	Sunday	1:00 PM	44th Commodore's Cup Regatta Day Two
May 4	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spring Series Day Race Two
May 18	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spring Series Day Race Three
June 1	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spring Series Day Race Four
June 15	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spring Series Day Race Five
June 22	Saturday	10:00 AM	11th East Tennessee Summer Sailstice Race

5. Courses

The RC shall announce the selected course 10 minutes prior to the Warning Signal.

Note: Any Island or obstruction not specifically mentioned in these Course Descriptions is not a mark of the course and may be left to Port or Starboard.

5.1 - Course descriptions are published in the accompanying Course Descriptions document.

6. The Start

6.1. Start Line:

6.1(a) For Courses 1, 2A, 3A, 3B 4, 5A,5B, 6A. the Start Line shall be between the TVA buoy located west of Dayboard #2 and a CLSC buoy located approximately 100 feet west of the TVA buoy. Leave the TVA buoy to starboard.

6.1(b) for Courses 2B, 6B, 6C, 7and 7X, the Start Line shall be between the TVA buoy located west of Dayboard #2 and a CLSC buoy located approximately 100 feet west of the TVA buoy. Leave the TVA buoy to Port.

6.2 Starting Times: Starting times, based on US Sailing D-PN to TOD conversion factor, shall be assigned by the RC prior to the event. These times shall be a product of the CLSC Ross/Thomas Time Correction factor, and the measured distance of each course. These times are not subject to protest.

6.3 Starting Sequence: (This sequence modifies Rule 26) No visual signals will be displayed. The RC will broadcast time checks on Ch 68 every 5 minutes beginning 15 minutes before the first start.

The warning signal sound and announcement shall occur five minutes before the first start. All boats shall be considered to be RACING at the warning signal.

The preparatory signal sound and announcement shall occur four minutes before the first start.

A one-minute sound shall be made sixty seconds before the starting signal sound and announcement. (No announcement will accompany the one-minute sound.)

The start sound and announcement shall occur sixty seconds after the one-minute sound.

After the first start, there will be no further start signals. The Race Committee will endeavor to contact any boat over early by radio, but it shall remain the responsibility of each boat to start at the correct time.

Any boat on the course side of the Starting Line during the final sixty seconds before its Starting Time must round the buoy at the Port end of the line, leaving it to Port, **OR** the buoy at the starboard end of the line, leaving it to starboard, in order to restart (*Rule 30.1, Round-the-Ends rule*).

Any boat electing to perform penalty turns for a foul committed before starting may not perform those turns before Starting. (This modifies Rule 44.)

7. The Finish

7.1 Finish Line:

7.1(a) The Finish Line for Courses 1, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4, 5A,5B, 6B, 6C, 8, & 9 shall be between the Start Line buoy and a CLSC buoy set approximately 100 feet west of the Start buoy. Leave the TVA Buoy to Port.

7.1(b) The Finish Line for Courses 2A, 6A, 7and 7X shall be between the TVA Start Line buoy and the CLSC buoy. Leave the TVA buoy to Starboard.

7.2 Record the exact time of day as you finish. (H:Min:Sec).

7.3 Email that finish time to Chuck Bowers at bowersce53@att.net as soon as possible after finishing. Boats failing to post finish times within six hours of finishing will be scored DNF.

7.4 Immediately upon finishing, sound a horn or whistle to indicate that the vessel has finished.

8. Scoring: (This section modifies Rule 90.3.)

8.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall be in effect. A first-place finish shall be scored as 0.75 points. Each subsequent finisher shall be awarded a score equal to its finishing position.

8.2 The Commodore's Cup is both a stand alone event and an event in the Spring Series. The final position of a boat in the Commodore's Cup will be scored as one event in the Spring Series. The Commodore's Cup Champion will receive a score of 0.75. Each subsequent boat shall be awarded a score equal to its final placing.

8.3 DNS will be scored as the number of starters plus one. DNF will be scored as the number of finishers plus two. DNC will be scored as the number of starters plus two.

8.4 If all eight events in the 2024 Series are completed, each boat may discard its worst finish score, except that the Commodore's Cup score is not discardable. Additionally, no score of DSQ is discardable.