

CHEROKEE LAKE SAILING CLUB

Pursuit Race Instructions

Spring Series 2025

1. Rules

1.1 This series will be governed by the US Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 unless specifically modified by these Sailing Instructions, the 2025 Wyss Memorial Sailing Instructions, or the 2025 Commodore's Cup Sailing Instructions. Appendix T, Rule T1 (*Penalty Taken after Race*) shall be in effect. Rule #52 of the US Racing Rules of Sailing has been suspended and will not be in effect. Both Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker classes will be offered.

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 five day races (including the 12th East Tennessee Summer Sailstice Race), the 45th Commodore's Cup Regatta, and the Wyss Memorial Race.

March 29	Saturday	9:30 AM	Spring Skippers Meeting
March 29	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #1
April 12	Saturday	11:00 AM	Kirk Wyss Memorial Race
April 26	Saturday	11:00 AM	45 th Commodore's Cup Regatta, Day One
April 27	Sunday	1:00 PM	45 th Commodore's Cup Regatta, Day Two
May 10	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #2
May 24	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #3
June 7	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #4
June 21	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #5 (12 th TN Summer Sailstice)

5. Courses

The RC will announce the selected course 5 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 All boats will start according to their Time Factor as stated in Start Times

6.2. Start Line:

6.2(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.

6.2(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.

6.3 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.

6.4 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.
(*No announcement will accompany the one-minute sound.*)

The start sound 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 the start line 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, 7 and 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.

8.4 If all seven events in the 2025 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.

9. Additional Information

9.1. The results will be scored: Spinnaker Class, Non-Spinnaker Class and Fleet overall. Awards shall be given for each class in the final series standings. For races where perpetual trophies are presented and plaques applied, plaques for each class will be affixed. The one exception will be the Commodore Cup which will be awarded according to fleet finishes.

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

9.4 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.