



# INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS

2021 Hank Rowan Memorial

Lake George Open Regatta

July 30-Aug 1, 2021

Organizing Authority: Northern Lake George Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the by-laws and appendices of the Star Class (STCR), the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
2. **Alterations to the Racing Rules:**
  - RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing.
  - RRS 62.2 & 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress. Requests for redress must be filed with the race committee within 1 hour of the docking of the race committee at the end of each day, and will be heard by the protest committee at the end of racing each day, and prior to the award ceremony on the final day of racing.
  - RRS 63.3 will be changed to provide that only the skipper or crew may represent a boat at protest hearing.
  - Race Signal AP will be changed so that, when made ashore, it means; “The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after AP is lowered.”
  - Racers are required to check in at the committee boat prior to the first race each day, and when returning to the course after the midday break. Failure to check in may result in disqualification from the subsequent race. Racers leaving the course at any time other than the end of racing for the day should also notify the Race Committee or patrol boat of their intent.
  - A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.2.
3. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board on the south end of the clubhouse porch.
4. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the club bulletin board by 09:15 AM each day.
5. **Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the committee boat.
6. **Schedule of Races:**

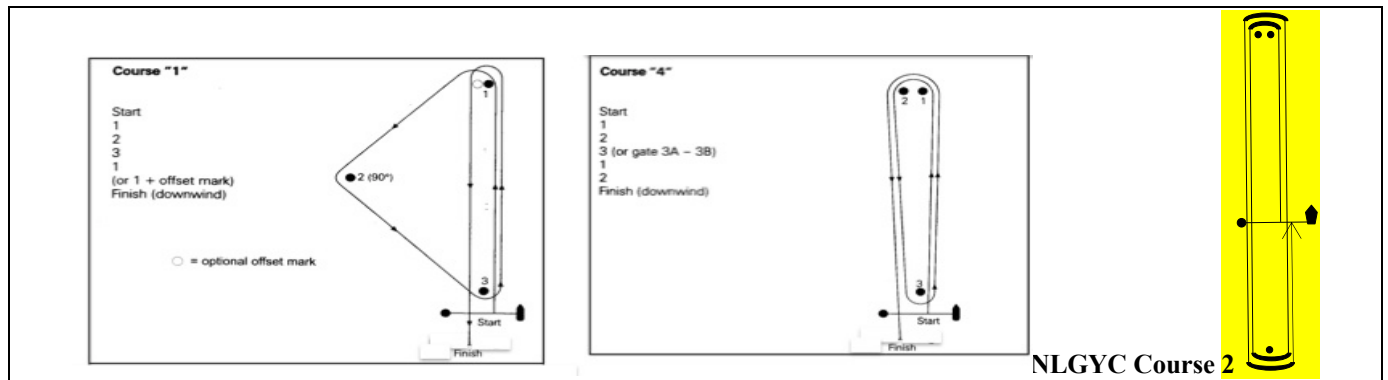
<u>Friday 7/30/21</u>	15:00 – 20:00    Registration and boat inspection 17:30 – 20:00    Steak Dinner at Club
<u>Saturday 7/31/21</u>	<p>Note: Racing Schedule is weather dependent and may vary based on conditions. Competitors are advised to closely follow signals on the committee boat, and to be familiar with all code flags.</p> <p>07:00 – 09:00    Registration and boat inspection/launch and breakfast 09:00            Skipper’s Meeting 09:15            Attention Signal – first race (Harbor Horn) 09:55            First Warning Signal 10:00            Start Race #1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subsequent races immediately following the completion of Race #1 Refreshments after racing ( approx. 15:00 – 16:00)</p> <p>18:00 – 20:00    Flag Officer’s Cocktail Party (black tie)</p>
<u>Sunday 8/1/21</u>	<p>08:00 - 09:00    Launch &amp; Breakfast 09:15            Attention Signal – 1<sup>st</sup> Race of Day (Harbor Horn) 09:55            Warning Signal for 1<sup>st</sup> Race of Day 10:00            Start of 1<sup>st</sup> Race of Day</p>

13:00

No warning signal after this time

### 15:00 (approx..) Late Lunch and Awards

- 6.1 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 09:55. No warning signals will be made after 13:00 on Sunday, August 1.
7. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be located on the main body of Lake George immediately adjacent to the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and extending one mile to the north, and three miles to the south.
8. **Course & Procedure:** The racecourse will be posted on the placard board at the stern of the committee boat. Star Class Courses 1, 4, or NLGYC Course 2 may be used. See attached course diagrams.



9. **Marks:** Marks will be large orange inflatable marks. The starting/finish mark will be a large yellow tetrahedron inflatable mark.
10. **The Start:** Races will be started in accordance with the standard procedures of Rule 26 with the addition of an attention signal (multiple horn blasts) will be given approximately one minute prior to the warning signal and class flag.  
  
The starting line will be between a staff displaying a white flag from the stern of the committee boat and a yellow tetrahedron mark at the port end of the line.
11. **Change in Position of Next Mark:** To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will fly the C flag before the lead boat has begun the leg. The old mark will be removed, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark will be a orange inflatable, but will be marked by a lead boat flying an M flag. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the integrity of the course configuration.
12. **The Finish:** The finishing line will be between the staff displaying the white flag on the stern of the committee boat and the yellow tetrahedron. A separate finish mark will not be set, and the committee boat will not be moved to the opposite side of the line.
13. **VHF Radio:** Competitors may supply their own VHF radio and use it throughout the series. RC will be on channel 72.
14. **Time Limit:** If no boat passes mark #1 within one hour, the race will be abandoned. If no boat finishes the race within two hours, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 and alters STCR 34.  
  
Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35.
15. **Protests and Requests for Redress:** In addition to the requirements of 61.1, a boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line and receive acknowledgement or as soon as practical thereafter. Protest forms are available in the NLGYC Captains Quarters on the wall near the lakeside door. Protests and

requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 1 hour of the docking of the boat each day. Docking time will be posted on the notice board. This changes RRC 62.2 and 66.

16. **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A4) will apply. Five (5) races are scheduled of which any number of completed races shall constitute a series. If five races are sailed, the worst score for each competitor will be dropped.
17. **Sail Numbers:** Each mainsail shall display the sail number as indicated on the submitted Entry Form.
18. **Protection of the Lake and Trash Disposal:** Lake George is clean Grade A drinking water and protected from invasive plant and animal species. All boats must be inspected at a certified inspection station and tagged with an inspection tag prior to launching into Lake George waters. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification from the regatta. Disposal of trash of any kind into the lake is unlawful. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats between races. Urinating in the lake is not allowed. Any competitor observed discharging trash or relieving themselves in Lake George will be disqualified from the regatta.
19. **Moorings & Hauling:** Boats may be kept in the water in the vicinity of the NLGYC between races and until the completion of the regatta. Moorings are not provided by the club. Approximately 50 to 70 feet of line with tackle for clay/sandy bottom is required. **Boats are also welcome to haul out overnight.**
20. **Prizes:** Prizes will be given as follows:
  - Perpetual Trophy (First Place Lake George Open)
  - Series 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> for Skipper and Crew – LGO
  - Daily 1<sup>st</sup> for Skipper and Crew
21. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each competitor is solely responsible for his/her own safety. 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 the regatta. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee or patrol boat as soon as practical.