

LMYRA Spring Dual Series

Lake Murray Yacht Racing Association

Mar 1 – May 17, 2025

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1. The series is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change in the SIs will be posted online on the Official Notice Board (Regatta Network) not less than 48 hours before it takes effect. A courtesy email will be sent to all registered competitors to notify them that a change has been made.
- 2.2. Oral changes to the SI may be made on the water from the Signal Vessel, audibly and/or on VHF Ch 66, after code flag "L" has been hoisted with one sound in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Code flag "L" will be lowered when, in the opinion of the Race Committee (RC), all competitors have been hailed. Failure of a competitor to receive or understand the change will not be grounds for redress.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.lmyra.net/regatta-network>.
- 3.2. On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 66. Courtesy communications may include course designations, order of starts, starting time notifications or countdowns, postponements, Individual Recalls, General Recalls, course changes, or changes to the SIs.
- 3.3. If code flag "L" has been hoisted with one sound, Race Committee intends to communicate audibly with competitors.
- 3.4. Notification of a course change by using appropriate signals at a rounding mark may be augmented by courtesy VHF communications. Failure of a competitor to receive a notification by radio will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.5. If a scheduled race is cancelled by the organizing authority, notice will be posted on Regatta Networks no later than 0900 on the day of the race, and courtesy emails will be sent to registered competitors.
- 3.6. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 Schedule of Races

- 4.1. Races are scheduled on the following dates:
 - 4.1.1. **Island Series:** Mar 1, Mar 22, Apr 5, Apr 19, May 3, May 10. One race per day. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1100. The RC may issue a gathering signal (multiple sounds) approximately one minute before the Warning Signal.
 - 4.1.2. **Buoy Series:** Mar 8, Apr 12, Apr 26. Two races per day. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1000. The RC may issue a gathering signal (multiple sounds) approximately one minute before the Warning Signal. If a scheduled

race was not sailed, up to one make-up race can be sailed on a subsequent day of this Series.

- 4.2. No Warning Signal will be made after 1400.
- 4.3. The order of starts will be determined for each race by the RC.

5 Check In

- 5.1. Before each race, each boat will sail past the stern of the Signal Vessel on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail number, until their sail number is verbally acknowledged.

6 Class Flags

- 6.1. Non-spinnaker class flag is numeral pennant "1" (red circle on white background)
- 6.2. Spinnaker class flag is numeral pennant "3" (vertical red, white, and blue stripes)

7 Racing area

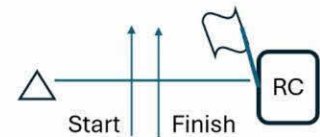
- 7.1. Island Races will start approximately 0.5 miles southwest of Goat Island.
- 7.2. Buoy Races will start approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Columbia Sailing Club.

8 Courses

- 8.1. **Buoy Races** Courses will be windward/leeward with 1 or 2 laps, as shown in the figure to the right. All marks will be rounded to port. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the stern of the Signal Vessel prior to the Warning Signal for each class. The course may be different for each class.



Course 1: 1, 2, Finish
Course 2: 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish



- 8.2. **Island Races** The course to be raced will be decided by the RC and displayed on the stern of the Signal Vessel by a series of the symbols as defined below and shown on the diagram of addendum A. All marks will be rounded to port unless otherwise indicated. The course may be different for each class.



- A** = Buoy southwest of the large tower near the dam
- B** = Buoy between Lands End and the dam
- C** = Counts Island (aka Wessinger Island) including all shoal markers
- D** = Doolittle Island (aka Lunch, Bomb, Bird) including all shoal markers
- E** = Buoy south of Susie Ebert Island (no racing around the island)
- F** = The finishing line (orange flag on RC vessel & a yellow buoy), crossing in the direction from the last mark
- G** = Sail through the start/finish line on the way to the next mark of the course
- J** = Jim Spence Islands, including all three islands and all shoal markers
- K** = Buoy west of Rocky Key
- L** = Buoy leeward of finishing line or leeward of mark "W"
- M** = Midway Islands, including both islands and all shoal markers
- R** = Buoy used as a reaching mark
- S** = Buoy north of Spence Key
- W** = Buoy directly upwind from the starting line

9 Course Restrictions

- 9.1. Boats shall not pass through the start/finish line except when starting or finishing, unless mark "G" has been designated as a mark of the course.
- 9.2. Boats shall not transit any channel between Goat Island and the mainland.

10 Marks

- 10.1. Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedron buoys, except when an island is a mark.

11 The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the Warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line is between the staff of an orange flag on the Signal Vessel at the starboard end, and the peak of a yellow tetrahedron at the port end.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 11.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will make the appropriate signals and may hail her sail number. Failure of RC to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 Change of the next leg of the course

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position and signal the change at the prior rounding mark according to RRS 33.
- 12.2. A course may be shortened to a rounding mark (an island or buoy) or to any point on the rhumb line to a next mark.
- 12.3. If the race is shortened to a point on the rhumb line, the course change will be signaled either: a) at the prior rounding mark by code flag C and a "--" to indicate a shortened leg, or b) by VHF channel 66.

13 The Finish

- 13.1. The finishing line is between the staff of an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the peak of a yellow tetrahedron buoy.
- 13.2. If the course has been shortened, the finishing marks will be the staff of code flag S on an RC vessel and either a nearby mark of the course or a yellow tetrahedron.
- 13.3. If a course is shortened to a rounding mark that is an island, the finish line will be between code flag S on the RC vessel and either a nearby inflatable tetrahedron buoy (yellow or orange) or a sighting mark at the closest point on the island.

14 Penalty Systems - The One Turn and Two Turns penalty system of RRS 44 applies.

15 Time Limits

- 15.1. The Race Time Limit is the time limit for the first boat to sail the course. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.
- 15.2. For buoy races, the Race Time Limit is 90 minutes and the Finishing Window is 30 minutes.
- 15.3. For island races, the Race Time Limit is 150 minutes and the Finishing Window is 60 minutes.

- 15.4. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

16 Hearing Requests

- 16.1. If possible, immediately after finishing, verbally report to the Race Committee your intent to file a protest, giving your sail number and the sail number(s) you are protesting. Failure to notify RC will not invalidate your protest.
- 16.2. The time limit to file a written protest through Regatta Network is 2359 on the Monday following the race.
- 16.3. Hearing request forms are available on the Official Notice Board (Regatta Network).
- 16.4. Following receipt of a Hearing Request, the protest committee will send notices by email no later than 2359 on Wednesday to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

17 Scoring

- 17.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score is the total of her race scores.
- 17.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 Sportsmanship

- 18.1. LMYRA competitors are expected to uphold the highest standards of the Corinthian spirit and fair play. Unique to this “dual series” is the concept that some boats may be starting and sailing the course without the intent to be scored while other boats will be sailing the course for scores. Those boats sailing a course not for score should fully engage their Corinthian spirit to avoid interfering with boats that are sailing for scores, even when the non-scoring boat would otherwise have right-of-way. For example, non-scoring boats are encouraged to avoid situations such as sailing a high lane that would result in pinching off a scoring boat, claiming mark room from a scoring boat, or crossing close to a scoring boat, even when the non-scoring boat has right-of-way.

19 Safety

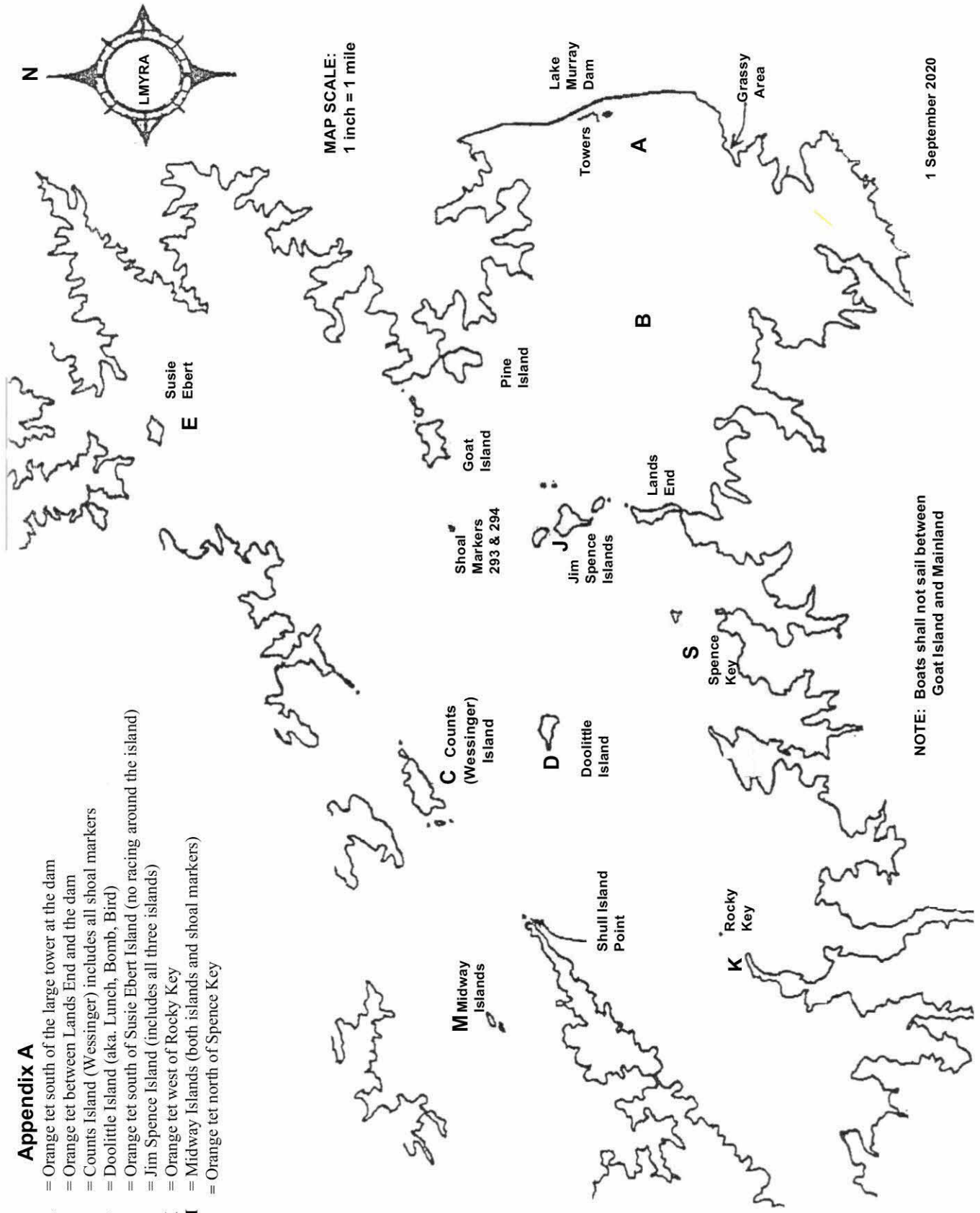
- 19.1. The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether to start or continue racing.
- 19.2. Boats shall comply with all applicable laws regarding required safety equipment including, but not limited to wearable, approved life jackets (PFD) for each person on board and a throwable floatation device that is accessible for immediate use.
- 19.3. Each boat shall have a working motor and enough fuel/energy to return to harbor.
- 19.4. Each boat shall have and use a VHF marine band radio tuned to the race committee communication channel while racing. Competitors are encouraged to also monitor channel 16.
- 19.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If possible, immediately notify race committee using VHF Ch 66.

20 Revision Record

Ver 1.0	Jan 02, 2025	Original issue

Appendix A

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