



COAL* Sail 2019

**Commodore's Once Around the Lake*

Many years ago, a Commodore wanted to have an on the water event that involved club members sailing on their boats together. Different ideas were discussed with the current format selected.

The idea selected was to assign start times to the boats based loosely on their performance with some allowance for experience and sail size. The start times allow the boats with less performance to start earlier than those with more performance with the idea that most of the boats will eventually sail amongst themselves for some period of time.

It was determined that only the mainsail and jib or genoa would be used for this event – no spinnakers, gennakers, reachers, screachers, or oversized drifters.

VHF channel 72 will be used for communication – starting, questions, concerns, and safety – during the COAL Sail.

The course will be set with the start/finish line west of the marina entrance (south to southwest of Sandpiper Beach). This will be two inflatable marks some distance apart with the committee boat at the one end of the line either anchored or motoring in the area to observe starts and finishes. Two additional marks will be set, one toward the bridge and one toward the dam.

Depending upon the wind direction, the course would be to start at your boat's designated start time between the start/finish line marks, sail toward the bridge or the dam as instructed by the committee boat, around an inflated orange or yellow mark to be rounded on your port side, sail back toward the other end of the lake, round that mark to your port side, and then sail to the start/finish line to finish between the marks. All of this will be explained further at the Skipper's Meeting.

The course length will be determined by the amount of wind. The attempt is to have most boats finish in about two hours.

Additional info: (1) if your start time is getting close and your boat is still not close to the starting line, you are allowed to use your engine to get close to the starting line and then it must be shutoff; (2) if the wind refuses to help us enough to allow boats to finish in two hours, the committee boat will instruct those boats still sailing to start their engines, if they want, to finish the course.