

SYC Wednesday Night Series

July 1st – October 24th, 2020
Saylorville Yacht Club, Polk City, IA (USA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

- 1. Rules:** This series shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020*.
 - a. Rule 25.3 is changed to read, "When the race committee is required to display a flag as a visual signal, it may use a flag or other object of similar appearance. It may also announce on the appropriate VHF channel that the flag is being flown in the absence of actually displaying the flag."
 - b. Rule 26 is modified by items 5a(i) and 9.
 - c. Rule 27.1 is modified by item 7b.
 - d. Rule 32.1 is modified by item 11.
 - e. Rule 61.2 and 61.3 are modified by item 14.
 - f. Rule 90.3 is deleted by item 16.
- 2. Notices to Competitors:** Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the SYC web site prior to each day of racing. The race committee may alter sailing instructions on the water by making an announcement to competitors approximately 5 minutes prior to the warning signal using VHF Channel 72 and by hailing affected yachts.
- 3. Changes Made Ashore**
 - a. When flag AP is announced on the designated VHF channel as being displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4. Schedule for Races:**
 - a. A Wednesday night Race will be held every Wednesday from May 13 through to October 21, 2020.

Wednesday Night Races		
	July 8, 2020	September 2, 2020
	July 15, 2020	September 9, 2020
	July 22, 2020	September 16, 2020
	July 29, 2020	September 23, 2020
	August 5, 2020	September 30, 2020
	August 12, 2020	October 7, 2020
	August 19, 2020	October 14, 2020
July 1, 2020	August 26, 2020	October 21, 2020

- b. One race each evening is planned.
- c. A brief competitor's meeting will be held using VHF channel 72, approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning of the first start, pertaining to the intended course, the number of starts and general club information.
- d. The competitor's meeting will be held using VHF channel 72 to convey information to competitors pertaining to the intended course, the number of starts and general club information.

- e. Warning signal is scheduled for 1820 hrs for boats with a PHRF rating of greater than 200 or boats assigned to the “over 200 fleet” for races held in May – August.
 - f. Warning signal is scheduled for 1825 hrs for boats with a PHRF rating of less than or equal to 200 or boats assigned to the “under 200 fleet” for races held in May – August.
 - g. Warning signal for races beginning on September 2 until September 30, will be at 1755 hrs.
 - h. Warning signal for races beginning on October 7, 2020, will be at 1725 hrs.
- 5. Class Flags:**
- a. No flags will be presented as indicated in RRS 26. Sound signals will be oral hails in accordance with RRS 26.
 - i. Oral hails indicating the warning, preparatory signal presented, and preparatory signal removed, and removal of the warning signal will be made by the designated Principle Race Officer for the day’s racing. All hails will be made using VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 26.
- 6. Racing Area**
- a. Races will be sailed between the dam and the bridge on Saylorville Reservoir.
- 7. Courses:**
- a. Courses will start near the outer channel marker buoy or the entrance of the marina channel if a marker buoy has not been set. The course will be decided upon during the skippers meeting.
 - b. Courses will be announced using VHF radio communication (Channel 72).
 - c. This modifies RRS 27.1.
 - d. Courses will be to either the Bridge, Lake View or Party Cove, see Appendix A for the course description.
- 8. Marks**
- a. Marks will be fixed marks, yellow or orange inflatable buoys.
- 9. The Start**
- a. Races will be started using RRS 26 as modified below,
 - i. There will not be any visual signals,
 - ii. Visual signals will be replaced with a verbal announcement made on VHS channel 72 as to what signal will be made and the time it will be made. This modifies RRS 26.
 - iii. If an “I”, “Z”, “U”, “Black” flag or combination of these flags is to be used instead of the “P” flag, it will be announced prior to the warning announcement.
 - b. The starting line will be between the buoys that are set outside of the “outer channel marker”.
 - c. Competitors are reminded that SYC Wednesday Night Races do not use a signal vessel, a boat is expected to take the appropriate penalty if they are on the course side and start prior to the starting signal.
- 10. The Finish**
- a. The Finishing Line shall be between the two marks that were used as a starting line.
 - b. The boats finishing in the next to last and last position are requested to pick-up the Start/Finish marks and their ground tackle and return them to the SYC dock box. [DP]
- 11. Shortening or Abandoning Before or After the Start**
- a. Prior to or after the start of a race, the race committee may shorten or abandon a race by making a hail on the radio using the designated VHF channel. This changes Rule 32.1.
- 12. Penalty System**
- a. RRS Appendix V1 will apply.
- 13. Time Limits**

- a. Races shall be abandoned at sunset as specified in Appendix B. This modifies RRS 35.

14. Protests

- a. Protest forms are available from the SYC dock box. Protests shall be delivered to the SYC Race Director, his representative or the event Principal Race Officer before 0800 hrs the day following the event.
- b. Protests may also be filed by submitting a digital copy of the protest form or by sending the information required by RRS 61.2 to submitprotest@gmail.com, if protests are submitted digitally they shall be received prior to 0800 hrs the day following the event and it shall include a phone number which the protestor may be contacted.
- c. A protest hearing will be held as soon as possible after receipt of the protest.
- d. This modifies RRS 61.2 and 61.3.

15. Scoring

- a. This series will not be scored. RRS 90.3 is deleted.

16. Radio Communications

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.
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- b. Information pertaining to the race will be made available to boats using VHF channel 72.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- a. Competitors participate in the SYC Wednesday Night Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 any series event.

18. Insurance

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19. Weather Restrictions

- a. Racing will not be held on a day which the National Weather Forecast predicts a heat index greater than 100 degrees F or sustained wind velocity of greater than 20 mph. Current National Weather Forecast information can be found at –
<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Polk+City&state=IA&site=DMX&textField1=41.7731&textField2=-93.7165&e=1&FcstType=digital>

The Principal Race Officer should consider all weather and lake conditions that may be considered a safety issue prior to running a race.

Appendix A

Mark designations for Wednesday night races.



Dependent on the wind direction, the Wednesday night courses will be to the Bridge (Mile Long Bridge) sailing north or to the south to Lake View launch area or Party Cove.

The designated bridge mark will be a virtual mark that is approximately 3 boat lengths from the 8th pylon, as counted from the west side of the lake, boats are to round this mark to Port and sail parallel to the bridge to the 7th pylon and then round a second virtual mark to port and return to the finish. The 8th pylon is easily identified by having a large array of solar panels attached to the south side of the bridge.

Lake View has three no-wake marks, North, Center and South. The designated Lake View mark is the Center mark.

Party Cove has two marks, a North and South no-wake buoy. The designated Party Cove mark is the North mark.

All marks were measured for water depth and adequate depth is around all marks, but – use your best judgement when sailing the designated course, no penalties will be assessed if you believe the mark puts you, your boat and your crew in harm's way.

Appendix B – Sunset Times

Wednesday Night Sunset Times	
Date	Time (hrs)
July 1, 2020	2052
July 8, 2020	2050
July 15, 2020	2046
July 22, 2020	2041
July 29, 2020	2034
August 5, 2020	2010
August 12, 2020	2017
August 19, 2020	2007
August 26, 2020	1956
September 2, 2020	1977
September 9, 2020	1933
September 16, 2020	1921
September 23, 2020	1908
September 30, 2020	1856
October 7, 2020	1845
October 14, 2020	1833
October 21, 2020	1823