



SYC Buoy & Distance Series

2021

June 12th – October 2nd, 2021

Saylorville Yacht Club

Polk City, Iowa (USA)

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Saylorville Yacht Club Racing Rules 2021 (available on the Saylorville Yacht Club web site).

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the SYC web site <http://saylorvilleyachtclub.org/> prior to June 8, 2021.

3. Communication

- 3.1. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 16 and 72.
- 3.2. Information pertaining to a race will be made by the assigned/designated Race Committee boat using VHF channel 72.
- 3.3. Except in emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Eligible boats shall be owned or chartered by a current member of the SYC, register in the event, pay the SYC racing fee, and have proof of insurance.
- 4.2. Eligible boats shall complete the entry form for this series located on the SYC webpage (www.saylorvilleyachtclub.org).
- 4.3. Boats registered for this series may be asked to serve as the race committee for a race.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The fee listed for racing on the Saylorville Yacht Club web site shall be paid prior to participating in this series.

6. Schedule for Races

- 6.1. Dates if racing:

Buoy and Distance Race Series Schedule

Event	Date	Day of Week	Time of Warning
Buoy	June 12, 2021	Saturday	1155 hrs
Distance	June 27, 2021	Sunday	1255 hrs
Buoy	July 25, 2021	Sunday	1255 hrs
Distance	August 15, 2021	Sunday	1255 hrs
Buoy	September 26, 2021	Sunday	1255 hrs
Distance	October 2, 2021	Saturday	1155 hrs

6.2. Number of Races

- 6.2.1. Two races are planned each day for the Buoy races.
- 6.2.2. One race is planned for each day of the Distance races.

- 6.3. The competitor's meeting will be held using VHF channel 72, approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning of the first start, to convey information to competitors pertaining to the intended course, the number of starts and general club information.

7. Venue

- 7.1. The location for racing will be Saylorville Lake between the dam and bridge.

8. Courses

- 8.1. Course will start near the outer channel marker buoy.
- 8.2. Courses will be announced using VHF radio communication (Channel 72) approximately 15 minutes prior to the first warning.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1. RRS Appendix V1 will apply.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. A boats series will be the total of all of her race scores.
- 10.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. Rule A5.3 applies.

11. Risk Statement

- 11.1. Competitors participate in the SYC Buoy & Distance Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 the SYC Buoy & Distance Series 2021.

12. Insurance

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

13. Prizes

- 13.1. The boat that is scored in first place will be recognized at the SYC Annual Banquet.

14. Further Information

- 14.1. Contact the SYC Race Director, Craig Nelson, or the consulting Race Director, Fields Gunsett, using the information available on the SYC web site.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Rules:** This series shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2. Changes to Sailing Instructions**
 - a. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before by 2000 on the day before they will take effect.
 - b. Changes to the sailing instructions made in accordance with Item 2.a will be announced with the course announcements approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning of the first race.
 - c. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water. The Race Committee (RC) shall make repeated hails to the competitors and ask for an acknowledgment of the change from the competitor, only after all competitors confirm the change will the change be implemented.
- 3. Notices to Competitors:**
 - a. Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the SYC web site prior to each day of racing.
 - b. On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
 - c. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.
- 4. Code of Conduct**
 - a. [DP] Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Schedule of Races**
 - a. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the designated race committee will notify boats using the designated VHF radio channel approximately 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 7. 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.

8. Racing Area

- a. Buoy races will be sailed in the main body of Saylorville Lake south of the entrance to the Saylorville Marina. See Appendix A.
- b. Distance races will be sailed on the waters of Saylorville Lake between the bridge and the dam. See Appendix A.

9. Courses

- a. Buoy Courses
 - i. The diagram in Appendix B shows the courses for the Buoy races. The races are designed to be windward/leeward in configuration of two laps unless the race is shortened in accordance with item 13.
 - ii. Competitors are reminded that these races are generally conducted without the ability to modify course configuration after the start in accordance with RRS 33.
- b. Distance Courses
 - i. The course will be announced by the Committee Boat on VHF channel 72 approximately 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
 - ii. Courses will be designated by announcing the sequence of marks.
 1. Marks will be set in the general direction of the dam (dam) and in the general direction of the bridge (bridge).
 2. Courses will be set so that the duration of the race will be approximately 3 hours, under the conditions expected at the start of the race, for a boat with a handicap of 200.
- c. All marks shall be left to port.
- d. The race committee may fly code flag E, or verbally announce on VHF channel 72 that code flag E is in effect, prior to the warning and during the race to indicate that boats are required to sail through the gate established between the buoys that designate the Start/Finish line.

10. Marks

- a. Marks will be fixed marks, yellow or orange inflatable buoys.

11. 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. Competitors are reminded that the SYC Bouy and Distance series does 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. See RRS 2 – **FAIR SAILING**.

12. 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.

13. Finish

- a. The Finish Line shall be between the two marks that were used as a starting line. .

14. Time Limits

- a. Time limits for each the Buoy races and the Distance races are shown in the table below,

Race Type	Mark 1* Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Buoy	30 min	90 min	30 min
Distance	90 min	420 min	60 min
* Mark 1 is the first designated rounding mark			

- b. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired 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, A5.2 and A10.

15. Hearing Requirements

- 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.

16. 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>

17. Risk Statement

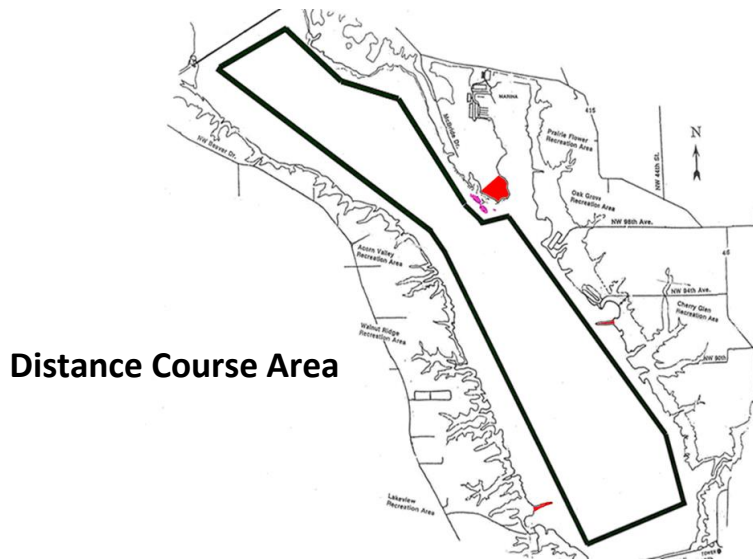
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Appendix A - Racing area for the SYC Buoy & Distance Series.

Buoy racing events will be held in the body of Saylorville Lake south or the entrance to Saylorville Lake Marina.



Appendix B. Sailing area for SYC Buoy & Distance Series 2021



Appendix B – Buoy Course

The number of “laps” will be announced prior to the warning of each race.

