



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Westlake Yacht Club Regattas

Westlake Village, California

1. RACING RULES:
 - 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020*
 - 1.2. The start/finish line, which is delineated as that area between and including the two white marks in front of the yacht club, is restricted to sailing except when starting or finishing a race and during each fleets' relevant "starting sequence" period which begins 3 minutes prior to the start of each race. Please stay clear of the start/finish area when other classes are in their starting sequences. The start/finish line is to be treated as an obstacle of the race course per *The Racing Rules of Sailing, Rules 19 and 20*.
2. ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY:
 - 2.1. Entrants must be members of a yacht club or sailing association affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), or current member in good standing with the U.S. Sailing organization.
 - 2.2. Racing classes include Opti, Sabot, RS Tera, Laser, Capri 14.2 and Catalina 18. Other dinghy fleets may be established and are welcome. At least two entries are required to establish a fleet/class.
 - 2.3. We encourage entries to be made on-line through our website. Payment can be made in person at the Westlake Yacht Club (WYC) clubhouse on the day of the race between 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM. The regatta registration fee is \$15 per boat for a single-handed boat, and \$20 per boat for a double-handed boat with lunch included for skipper and crew.
 - 2.4. Because of Quagga/Zebra mussel intrusion in fresh water lakes in California, Westlake Lake Management (WLMA) has established a mandatory protective process that must be followed prior to placing a visiting boat on the lake. It includes inspection and a Lake Operations Manager's written approval on the day of the regatta. The process does not take long, but it applies to all boats and equipment [sails, life vests, anchors and line, fenders, trailers, etc.] coming to the Lake/using boat launch. For the WLMA inspection, a boat, trailer, or other object must be certified to have not been in fresh waters within the prior 90 days, be dry, and be free of mud and vegetation (or undergo WLMA's decontamination treatment). Visiting competitors may use the gated launch ramp and guest dock adjacent to the clubhouse. The WYC Rear Commodore must be notified 24 hours in advance of inspection so that WLMA can be engaged.
3. RACING SCHEDULE/NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:
 - 3.1. The clubhouse and docks will open at 10:30 AM on the day of the regatta
 - 3.2. A Competitor's Meeting will be held in the Yacht Club at 12:30 PM on the day of the regatta.

- 3.3. Three (3) or four (4) races will be run, wind and weather permitting. Subsequent races will be held as soon as practicable after all boats have finished the previous race. It is the intention of the Race Committee that all racing be completed by 4:00 PM.
- 3.4. The preparatory signal for the first start is scheduled at 1:00 PM. The races will follow a rolling 3-minute starting sequence. Order of class starts and other notices will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 3.5. The Club offers lunch and beverages during and after the regatta. As the clubhouse is next to the start line, competitors can visit the clubhouse between races. A break may be provided between races. Guests may utilize our deck for viewing of the races.
4. RACING AREA:
 - 4.1. The racing area is in the "main channel" of the lake as shown on the course chart below. The course chart is also available at the registration desk.
5. SCORING/PROTESTS/AWARDS:
 - 5.1. A low point scoring system will be used based on accumulated finish scores.
 - 5.2. The 360/720-degree rule as described in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* is strongly encouraged of competitors to clear any infractions incurred on the race course. Completed protest forms must be submitted to the Race Committee within 20 minutes of completion of the last race and protest hearings will be held as soon as practicable.
 - 5.3. Trophies will be awarded approximately 30 minutes after the final race is completed. There will be 2 trophies awarded for each class of 3 or more. Participatory awards may be given out at discretion of the Race Committee.
6. DISCLAIMER:
 - 6.1. Competitors are reminded that they participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS-4, Decision to Race.
7. CONTACT:
 - 7.1. For more information, please contact Rear Commodore Gary Hughes at 805-295-0051 or gwhughes@gmail.com