

SYC Wednesday Night Series

May 5 – October 20, 2021
Saylorville Yacht Club, Polk City, IA (USA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Rules:** This series shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS)*.
- 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. 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.
- 5. Marks**
 - a. Marks will be fixed marks, yellow or orange inflatable buoys.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Finish**
 - a. The Finish Line shall be between the two marks that were used as a starting line.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.

10. Weather Restrictions

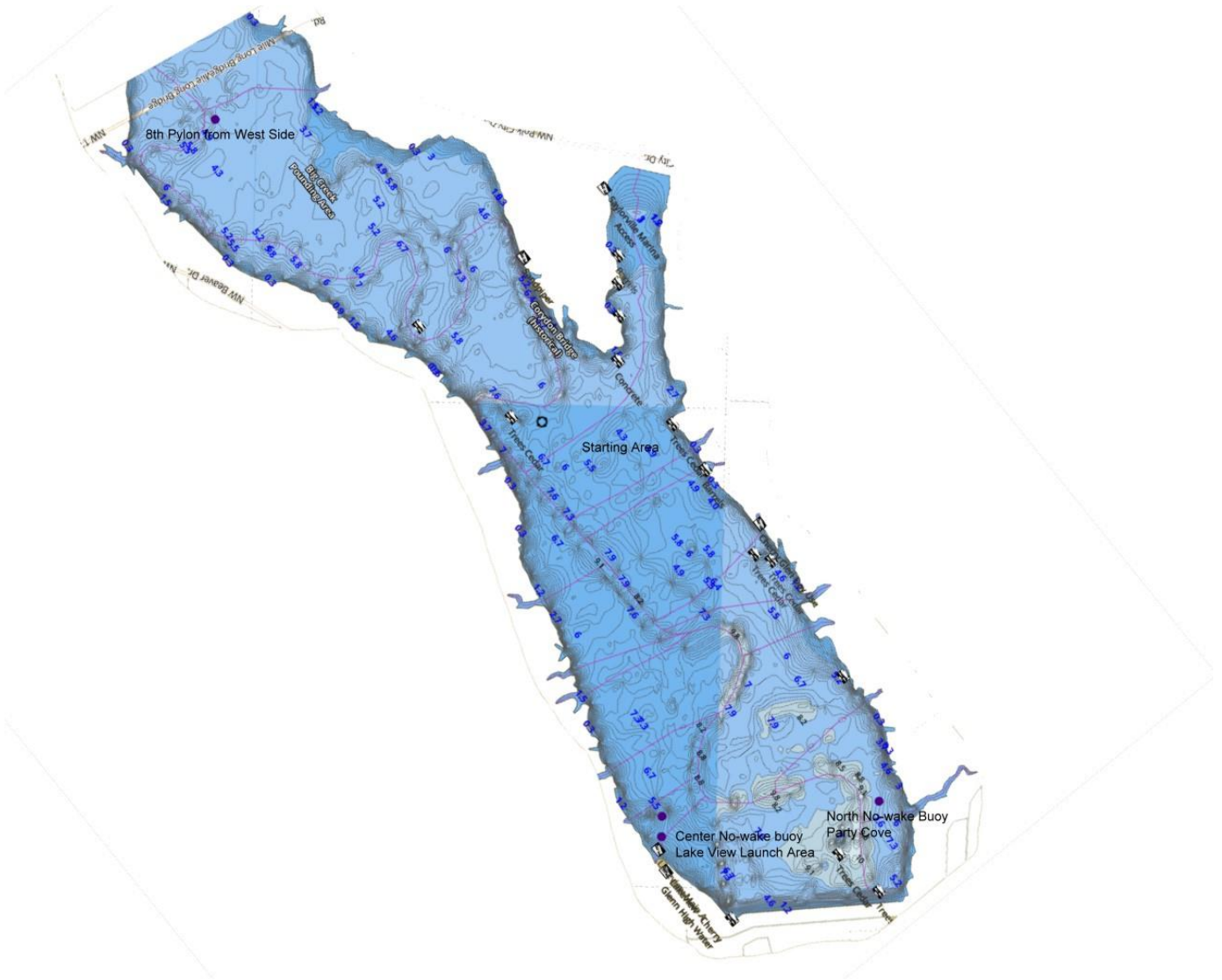
- a. Racing will not be held on a day which the National Weather Forecast predicts a heat index greater than 100 degrees F or sustained wind velocity of greater than 20 mph. Current National Weather Forecast information can be found at –
<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Polk+City&state=IA&site=DMX&textField1=41.7731&textField2=-93.7165&e=1&Fcst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