

PART 1 - THE LCYC PROGRAM

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Lake Champlain Yacht Club's 2011 racing season! LCYC offers weekend and Wednesday evening racing for club members and non-members in the following divisions: Spinnaker, Jib & Main, and One-Design (Etchells).

The race schedule and other race information may be found on the LCYC website (<http://www.lcyc.info>).

The Lake Champlain Yacht Club clubhouse is located at 2790 Harbor Rd, Shelburne, VT 05482, overlooking Shelburne Bay; phone number 802-985-3372.

If you have questions about the racing program, contact one of the following individuals:

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| • Regatta Committee Chairman | Tom Glynn (802-644-6373) |
| • PHRF Committee Representatives | Walt Marti (802-951-9695),
Tony Lamb (802-878-1251),
John O'Rourke (802-878-3941) |
| • JAM Class Representative | Mike Dunphy (802-985-5085) |
| • Etchells Fleet Captain | Dave Powlison (802-985-9484) |
| • Race Management Group | Dale Hyerstay, (802-425-2800) |

2.0 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Participants, including members and non-members of LCYC, must be registered prior to racing in LCYC sponsored events. Members of other recognized Lake Champlain boat clubs (MBBC, RSYC and VSC) are not required to pre-register. However, all entrants must complete the waiver of liability on the registration form.

2.2 A registration form found at the LCYC website (<http://www.lcyc.info>) may be filled out online. An optional hard-copy registration form, available at the LCYC website (<http://www.lcyc.info>) and found in PART 7 of this handbook, may be filled out, signed, and mailed to Thomas Glynn, LCYC Regatta Chairman, PO BOX 307, Jeffersonville, VT 05464.

2.3 Non-member registration fee is \$200.00 and permits sailing in the Wednesday Night Series and Etchells Series for the season. Although there is no registration fee for the PHRF Weekend Races, all participants must register. Fees are payable to LCYC and should be sent to Thomas Glynn, LCYC Regatta Chairman, PO BOX 307, Jeffersonville, VT 05464.

2.4 Receipt of fee and registration form constitutes a completed registration. Lake Champlain boat club guests (MBBC, RSYC and VSC) are excluded from the registration fee requirement.

2.5 Following the receipt of the Registration Form, you will be assigned to a class based upon the information provided. Check the Lake Champlain Yacht Club website (<http://www.lcyc.info>) for the latest class assignment and other racing information.

2.6 RATINGS

2.6.1 All boats racing in Spinnaker or Jib & Main classes shall have valid PHRF ratings assigned by the Lake Champlain PHRF Committee and/or the LCYC PHRF Committee. A PHRF rating form may be found on Lake Champlain Yacht Club website (<http://www.lcyc.info>).

2.6.2 All boats racing in the Etchells Class shall meet the rules of the International Etchells Class.

2.7 ELIGIBILITY

Decisions of the LCYC Regatta Committee on eligibility shall be final.

3.0 INDIVIDUAL RACE AND SERIES INFORMATION

3.1 SERIES RACES

3.1.1 Series A - Wednesday Night Series, June

3.1.2 Series B - Wednesday Night Series, July

3.1.3 Series C - Wednesday Night Series, August

3.1.4 Series D - Wednesday Night Series, September

3.1.5 Billado Series

3.1.6 Cannon Series

3.1.7 Series E (Etchells June-August)

3.2 BILLADO AND CANNON SERIES

3.2.1 The Billado and Cannon Series include the Tea Kettle Race, the Schuyler Island Race, the Odziozo Race and Hot Ruddered Bum Race.

3.2.2 The Spinnaker division will sail for the Billado trophy.

3.2.3 The Jib & Main division will sail for the Cannon trophy.

3.2.4 The Billado and Cannon rotating trophies will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall series score within the Spinnaker and Jib & Main divisions. The top three finishers in each class will also be recognized.

3.3 BOATS SWITCHING BETWEEN FLEETS

3.3.1 A boat may switch between fleets before the beginning of any series with notice given to the Regatta Chairman one week prior to the first race of that series.

3.3.2 A boat may not switch fleets during the series. She can only be scored in one fleet within one series.

3.4 THE ETCHELLS FLEET

The Etchells Fleet championship will be determined based on Fleet 25 Rules.

3.5 AN OFFICIAL CLASS RACE

An official class race requires that at least one boat shall start for that class.

3.6 INDIVIDUAL RACES:

- 3.6.1** The Lady Skipper Race
- 3.6.2** The Champagne Race
- 3.6.3** The Double-Handed Race
- 3.6.4** The Commodore MacDonough Race
- 3.6.5** The Ladies Cup Race

4.0 SCORING

4.1 RACE COMMITTEE SCORING

- 4.1.1 No participant's series score shall be improved and/or harmed by participating in the Race Committee Program.
- 4.1.2 For the race that the participant served as Race Committee, the boat's score for that race shall be the average of all races in the series, including any DNC(s), with no discards.
- 4.1.3 Series discards will be taken after the Race Committee score has been computed.
- 4.1.4 The participant's score for the series will then be calculated based upon the remaining scores.

4.2 SERIES SCORING

RRS Rule A9 shall be used for series that are longer than a regatta such as Series A, B, C, D, Billado Series, and Etchells Series E. RRS Rule A4.2 shall be used for individual day races or multi-race regattas.

4.3 SERIES A/B/C/D SCORING BASIS AND THROW-OUTS

- 4.3.1 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 4.3.2 Boats will be scored with one throw-out per series if 4 or more races are sailed. If only 3 races are sailed in a series, then scores of all races sailed in that series will be used to determine the series score.
- 4.3.3 Performance within each class for the top three finishers in each series will be recognized.

4.4 SERIES TIE-BREAK RULES

- 4.4.1 Ties shall be broken using RRS Rule A8.1 (the most firsts, seconds, etc, listed in order of best to worst), except that it will include discards.
- 4.4.2 If a tie still remains, RRS Rule A8.2 (who had the best score in the last race, next last race, etc, until the ties are broken, including discards) will be used. Boats must be in the same start to tie in a race when using RRS Rule A8.2.
- 4.4.3 In the Billado/Cannon Series only, if ties are not broken by RRS Rule A8.1 including discards and RRS Rule A8.2, then ties will be broken based upon lowest total corrected time.

5.0 RACE COMMITTEE OBLIGATIONS

5.1 LCYC assigns a Principal Race Official (PRO) for each race to manage all aspects of race.

5.2 To ensure that each PRO has adequate and reliable assistance for running their races, all club member boats registered to race will be assigned a race by the Regatta Committee for which it will be their responsibility to provide three (3) people to work under the direction of the PRO.

5.3 Although it cannot be guaranteed, it is expected, based on the number of boats typically registered to race our season schedule, that boats will probably be assigned one race every other year.

5.4 Assignments for current year will begin with those boats that did not provide committee last season. When ever possible, the attempt will be made to assign boats as committee for races that boat does not usually compete.

5.5 Changes from the assigned races may be arranged between boats with written notice to the Regatta Committee Chairman. Regardless, responsibility for coverage will remain with the originally assigned boat.

6.0 SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For certain races such as the Ladies Cup Race and the Commodore MacDonough Race, a Special Sailing Instruction will be issued and made available to all entrants. This sailing instruction will include all of the requirements contained in the event's Notice of Race and the current LCYC Sailing Instruction.