

Commodore Macdonough Race
• *Special Sailing Instructions* •
September 9-10, 2017
(Revised 09/07/17)

1.0 RULES

1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with repetitive sounds at least four (4) minutes before the "AP" is lowered. This changes rule: Race Signals.

1.3 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rules 29.1, except for the following: The Race Committee may attempt to notify premature starters by hailing and/or by calling on VHF 72. However, failure to hail or call any or all boats(s), or failure of any boat(s) to hear or receive such hail or call will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

1.4 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the adjacent mark unless the course is shortened. If the course is shortened, the finish shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat (if displayed) and the adjacent mark. If no orange flag is displayed the finish shall be as described in rule 32.2. This changes rule 32.2.

2.0 OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT GOVERN THIS EVENT

LCYC Courses and Race Marks which can be found on the LCYC website (www.lcyc.info) under RACING / DOCUMENTS

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board is located on the exterior wall of the north side of the LCYC clubhouse.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the LCYC website <http://lcyc.info/racing/documents>. Any changes will be posted on the LCYC official notice board before 0915 hours on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4.2 Upon displaying of the "L" flag with one sound, oral change(s) to this Special Sailing Instruction or the designated course may be given on the water in accordance with RRS Rule 90.2(c).

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC Boat located at the main dock.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Race date: September 9-10, 2017.

6.2 The skippers meeting will be at 0900.

6.3 First warning signal will be at 1030.

6.4 The Spinnaker division will start first, followed by the Jib and Main division.

7.0 DIVISION FLAGS

7.1 Spinnaker division flag is purple.

7.2 Jib and Main division flag is yellow.

8.0 RACING AREA

The race area will include Lake Champlain, Shelburne Bay and be bounded by La Roche Reef to the north and Diamond Island to the south.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 The Commodore Macdonough courses will be sailed according to the following options:

- **OPTION 1** – The original courses that contain no shortening marks between La Roche Reef or Valcour Island and Diamond Island;
- **OPTION 2** – The revised courses that incorporate the LCYC Race Mark P (orange cylinder) that is to be taken to starboard and that may be used as a shortening mark should the Race Committee conclude that the race should be shortened due weather or wind conditions.

The Race Committee will post the Option Number 1 or 2 on the starboard side or stern of the race committee boat to indicate which option will be sailed.

OPTION 1

ALL SPINNAKER CLASSES – Original Long Course

- Start at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club between the Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark;
- Leave RN "2" off Shelburne Point to port;
- Leave RGN "LR" off La Roche Reef to port;
- Leave Diamond Island to port;
- Leave RN "2" off Shelburne Point to starboard;
- Finish at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club between the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

ALL JIB & MAIN CLASSES – Original Short Course

- Start at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club between the Race Committee Boat and the adjacent mark;
- Leave RN "2" off Shelburne Point to port;
- Leave Valcour Island to port;
- Leave Diamond Island to port;
- Leave RN "2" off Shelburne Point to starboard;
- Finish at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club between the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

OPTION 2

ALL SPINNAKER CLASSES – Revised Long Course

- Start at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club between the Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark;
- Leave RN "2" off Shelburne Point to port;
- Leave RGN "LR" off La Roche Reef to port;
- Leave LCYC Race Mark P (orange cylinder) to starboard;
- Leave Diamond Island to port;
- Leave LCYC Race Mark P (orange cylinder) to starboard;
- Finish at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club between the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

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- Leave Diamond Island to port;
- Leave LCYC Race Mark P (orange cylinder) to starboard;
- Finish at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club between the Race Committee boat and the designated mark.

10.0 MARKS

Marks used in LCYC races are described in a document Courses and Race Marks available on the LCYC website on the RACING/DOCUMENTS page. LCYC permanent marks are orange cans. Drop marks are inflatable orange tetrahedrons and/or orange hip-hops.

11.0 THE START

11.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat, and the adjacent mark.

11.2 The starting area is defined as a rectangular box whose length extends 150 feet beyond each end of the start line and whose width is 150 feet above and below the starting line and its extensions.

11.3 Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until their warning signal has been made by the Race Committee. Boats failing to keep clear may be disqualified.

12.0 RECALLS

12.1 INDIVIDUAL

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with the current RRS Rules 29.1 except for the following: *The Race Committee may attempt to notify premature starters by hailing and/or by calling on VHF 72. However, failure of the Race Committee to hail any or all boat(s), failure to correctly hail any boat(s) or failure to hear or receive such notice does not relieve the boat(s) from starting improperly and is not grounds to request redress.*

12.2 GENERAL

General recalls will be signaled in accordance with the current RRS, Rules 29.2 and 30 except for the following: *If a General Recall is made, classes that have not been recalled and not started shall start as though the recall(s) had not been made. Immediately after the last scheduled class has started, the recalled classes will start in the order that they were recalled.*

13.0 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the adjacent mark unless the course is shortened. If the course is shortened, the finish shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat (if displayed) and the adjacent mark. If no orange flag is displayed the finish shall be as described in rule 32.2.

13.2 Each boat shall notify the Race Committee on VHF 72 upon entering Shelburne Bay on the return leg of the race; an acknowledgement may not be given.

13.3 Each boat should notify the Race Committee on VHF 72 upon nearing the finish area. The Race Committee will then shine a spotlight between the orange flag of the Race Committee boat and the finish mark until the boat crosses the finish line. After the boat finishes, the Race Committee may illuminate the boat's sail number to confirm its identification.

13.4 A boat finishing after the Race Committee boat has left its station shall record her finishing time in local universal time, in hours/min/sec, when the finish mark is abeam of the boat's mast, leaving the mark on the proper side and sailing within 4-6 boat-lengths of the mark.

13.5 A boat electing to abandon the race shall notify the Race Committee.

14.0 TIME LIMIT

A boat must finish prior to 1300 hours, plus her PHRF time allowance against the highest rated boat in her class, on September 10, 2017, to be scored.

15.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties for the infringement of the rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS shall be taken in accordance with RRS V.

16.0 PROTESTS

16.1 All forms required for filing a protest may be obtained from the Race Committee or on the LCYC website <http://lcyf.info/racing/documents>. **15.2** Notice of Intent to Protest shall be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of a boat's finish.

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16.3 Protests shall be filed within forty-eight (48) hours of a boat's finish.

16.4 Protest Hearings will tentatively be scheduled to take place at a mutually agreed upon time at the LCYC clubhouse.

17.0 SCORING

17.1 Boats will be scored on corrected time using the time-on-time method based on their Lake Champlain PHRF rating.

17.2 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. Boats will be allowed 2 throw-outs for this series. The series is comprised of seven races, the Tea Kettle, the Odziozo, the Lady Skipper, the Ladies Cup, the Schuyler Island, the Macdonough and the Hot-Ruddered Bum races. The top three finishers in each class will also be recognized.