

## Important Race Management updates of which all racers should be aware

The Race Management Group did a comprehensive review and update of all race documents over the winter. Below are some noteworthy changes of which all racers should be aware:

### All NOR's and SI's

To eliminate the need to annually update and repost all NOR's and SI's on the website, specific calendar dates were removed from all documents. Instead all NOR's and SI's contain a link to the official LCYC events calendar on the LCYC website.

### All SI's

Eliminated references in the Finish section to "the course side of" the adjacent mark. The RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing) define the Finish, whether shortened course or not, to be between the RC boat and the adjacent mark. This change makes our SI's consistent with the RRS and allows the RC the flexibility, as the situation dictates, to set the Finish line on either side of the mark.

Added the following language to all events:

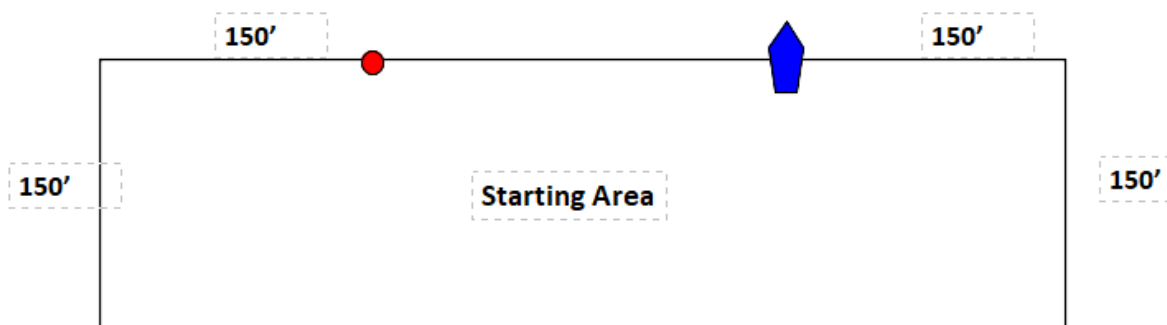
*The orange start-line flag will be displayed once the committee boat is on station **and the line is set**.* This means the orange flag should not be raised until the line is set. If the line is set and then needs to be adjusted, the flag should come down and be raised again when the line is set. We will be reinforcing this protocol with the PRO's.

### Weekend Courses document

Language was added to clarify the use of permanent marks (both club and government) as rounding marks in cases where we use a drop mark or MarkSetBot for the Start and/or Finish instead of the nearby permanent mark.

### All Wednesday and Weekend Races

Our existing SI's prohibit being in the starting area during a start sequence other than your own, but do not define what that area is. The new SI's clearly define the starting area. Please understand and comply with this prohibition. You may be protested by another racer or the RC for gross violations.



### Wednesday Night Races

The updated SI's state the RC, if using a bot/drop mark, **may** rather than **shall** display a "D" and the heading to the windward mark. On Wednesday nights we almost always

use a bot for the windward mark and the course is short enough that the windward mark can be visually sighted from the start 99% of the time. This change simplifies the RC's job and also eliminates the risk of the RC forgetting to post the mark and heading and being in violation of the SI's. The SI's state that the windward mark, if not a drop mark, **shall** be displayed on the stern of the RC boat.

#### Commodore Macdonough Race

Several significant changes have been made to this race for 2025. After much discussion of alternatives, we are instituting a short course option, for both JaM and Spin. The Spin "short course" will be the existing JaM course and the JaM "short course" will round Garden Island Ledge and Sloop Island rather than Valcour and Diamond Island, respectively. The course selection will be made by the PRO, in consultation with the Regatta Chair or a duly designated representative, prior to the start of the race. The courses will be numbered and displayed by the RC boat as per normal protocol. There are two other related changes: (1) a provision in the SI's stating the chosen course will not be shortened and (2) the elimination of the time limit. The goal of these changes is to maintain the race's strategy options while eliminating the complications related to trying to shorten course either before or during the race. It should be noted, as stated in our existing SI's, that the RC may not always be on station, particularly in the case of excessively long races or seriously lagging finishers, in which case you are responsible for taking your own finish time. This provision mitigates excessive time demands on our RC volunteers potentially posed by distance races while allowing boats to continue racing for as long as they desire.

#### Schuyler Island Race

We have added a "short course" option for this race for the JaM class only, which rounds Schuyler Reef instead of Schuyler Island. The intention is that this course would be restricted to wind conditions between roughly 5 and 8 knots where it is expected there will be enough wind to sail the race without shortening, but light enough that the JaM boats would take a significantly longer time to sail the full course than the Spin boats. If there is solid breeze or a high probability of needing to shorten course, the traditional full course would be used for both JaM and Spin. If this course is used, check the charts and proceed cautiously around the reef.

#### Tumbleweed Mid Lake Race

We decided not to include a "will not be shortened" provision in the SI's as we did for the Macdonough. However, the likelihood of shortening is low as only two of the courses can be easily shortened and then only at the P mark. As with the Macdonough, we did eliminate the time limit for this race. The SI provision regarding the RC not being on station applies here as well.

#### Etchells Series

Time Limits have been added to the SI's. Limit for first boat to finish is 1:30 and for first boat to reach the first mark is 0:30. The goal is to provide more clarity for both PRO's and racers regarding abandonment in light air conditions.