

LMYRA 2012 Spring Series Sailing Instructions

RULES:

- 1.1 The series shall be governed by "The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012" except as modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Yachts shall be entered by completing a registration form, receiving a PHRF handicap and paying the current series race registration fee.
- 1.3 A yacht whose registered skipper is on the race committee for scoring credit shall not compete on that day.
- 1.4 All yachts shall obey their respective class rules unless noted and approved on the PHRF Rating Form. Each yacht shall display identification numbers consistent with the numbers provided on the registration form to LMYRA on the mainsail and on any headsail greater than 145 percent.
- 1.5 If a sail number change is made on a yacht, the yacht shall notify Race Committee (RC) at check-in providing the old sail number and the new sail number.
- 1.6 Only one headsail shall be flown at a time. Spinnakers are not headsails. Exceptions may be made for cutter rigs. Staysails in the foretriangle are considered headsails.
- 1.7 Whisker poles shall be fixed to, or otherwise in contact with, the mast.
- 1.8 Any yacht using sails not conforming to those registered shall be subject to disqualification.
- 1.9 Each yacht is permitted only one sail inventory change (a size change that would affect ratings, e.g., changing from a 110 percent to a 130 or 155 percent genoa) per series. The Ratings Committee Chairman (RCC) must receive notification of any sail change in sail inventory at least 72 hours prior to the race in which the sail is effective. Skippers should notify RCC Dave Woodruff (Cell: 422-5352, santana471@AOL.com).

2. Safety:

- 2.1 EACH SKIPPER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND ACTIONS OF HIS/HER YACHT AND CREW.
- 2.2 Each skipper shall make their own decision to sail or not to sail in rough conditions (RRS 4). They are responsible for determining if the sailing conditions are beyond their or their crews' skill level. It is not the responsibility of the RC to determine if the conditions are safe for each yacht.
- 2.3 Yachts shall comply with all applicable laws regarding required items of safety including, but not limited to wearable, approved life jackets (PFD) for each person on board. A throwable device must be accessible for instant use.
- 2.4 It shall be the responsibility of individual skippers and sailors to decide whether or not to wear life jackets.
- 2.5 Each yacht shall have a working motor and enough fuel to return to harbor.
- 2.6 It is the obligation of any yacht that withdraws to notify the RC, if possible. You may use **VHF Radio Channel 66**. Please refrain from using Channel 66 when the RC is conducting starts.

3. Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions (SI):

- 3.1 Competitors shall be notified of any changes in these SI by e-mail one week prior to taking effect.
- 3.2 At 10:00 on each race day RC using VHF Radio Channel 66 may broadcast their intentions to be at the starting area at 11:00 or postpone. If start is postponed, a postponement flag will be displayed from the RC boat docked at the CSC front dock. Before leaving the dock for the starting area the RC will broadcast time they intend to start.
- 3.3 Once on station, RC may (is encouraged to do so) transmit wind direction, compass heading to the first mark or island, countdowns, shortening course, etc. before and during the race per RRS 41.c.
- 3.4 Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water from the RC signal boat when the "L" flag ("come with hail") is hoisted with one sound before the next warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The "L" flag will be lowered when all competitors have been hailed.

4. SCHEDULE

Race No.	DATE	COURSE	STARTING AREA
1	Feb 25	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
2	Mar 10	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
3&4	Mar 24	Buoy	Between Dam & Jim Spence Islands
5	Mar 31	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
6	Apr 21	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)
7	May 12	Island	Shoal Markers 293 & 294 (Old 166)

5. **CHECK-IN:** Each yacht SHALL check in with the RC prior to the first race each Saturday by passing the RC Boat's stern on STARBOARD tack (within approximately 20 feet) and hailing her sail number to the RC. (This changes RRS A9) THE ONUS IS ON EACH SKIPPER TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE RC AS HAVING CHECKED IN PROPERLY. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
6. **STARTING TIME:** First gathering signal (multiple sounds) at 1100. *No starting sequence for the classes will be started after 2:00pm.*
7. **Class/Division Fleet Flags:**

Spinnaker A:	Class Flag is #1 Pennant (Red Circle on White)
Spinnaker B:	Class Flag is #2 Pennant (White Circle on Blue)
Non-Spinnaker C:	Class Flag is #3 Pennant (Vertical Red, White and Blue Stripes)
Non-Spinnaker D:	Class Flag is #4 Pennant (White Cross on Red)
Non-Spinnaker E:	Class Flag is #5 Pennant (Yellow/Blue)

8. Starting Signals: STARTING SIGNALS (RRS Rule 26):

Minutes Before Starting Signal	Signal	Flag/Pennants	Sound SIGNAL
6	Fleet Gather (1 st start only)	None	Multiple Sounds
5	Warning	Class (es) Flag Up	1 Sound
4	Preparatory	“P” Flag Up	1 Sound
1	One-Minute	“P” Flag Down	1 Long Sound
0	Starting	Class (es) Flag Down	1 Sound

8.1 For buoy races the second race starting sequence may start immediately after the finish of the first race.

8.2 RC may change the order of starts and/or combine classes for any start. RC may choose a different course for each class (es) start by posting the course at the stern of the RC signal boat before the class warning signal. **Always be alert for your class flag and course.**

- 9. MARKS:** (MARKS) All marks shall be orange tetrahedrons or islands (see attached map). The start and finish pin shall be a yellow tetrahedron. Starting and finishing marks may be on either side of the RC Boat
- 10. STARTING:** The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the RC boat and a yellow tetrahedron on either side of the RC Boat. The starting area for buoy races shall be between the dam and Jim Spence and Goat Islands. For island races the starting line will be shoal markers 293 and 294 (old 166 marker at N 34 deg. 04.15, W 81 deg. 16.78). **Classes not starting shall keep clear of the starting area when other classes are in their starting sequence.**
- 11. FINISHING:** The finish line shall be between an orange flag on the RC Boat and a yellow tetrahedron unless the course is shortened. **The Start-finish line is closed.** Yachts sailing through this line except to start or finish shall be disqualified.
- 12. INDIVIDUAL RECALL:** RRS 29.1 - Hoisting of **Code Flag X** (blue cross on white field) and one sound signal immediately after the starting signal shall indicate that one or more yachts have started prematurely or have infringed Rule 30.1 one minute rule. The RC may attempt to hail each yacht that is over early by either hailing and/or using Channel 66.
- 13. GENERAL RECALL:** RRS 29.2 - **First Substitute** (blue pennant with yellow triangle) and two sound signals Shall indicate a general recall for all starting yachts. This signal will be lowered with one sound signal sixty (60) seconds before a new start is begun.
- 14. POSTPONEMENT:** RRS 27.3 - **Answering pennant** (red and white vertical bars) and two sound signals. This signal shall be lowered with one sound signal one (1) minute before warning signal for the next start.
- 15. ABANDONMENT:** RRS 32.1 - **Code Flag N** (checkered blue and white squares) and three sound signals. An abandoned race may be re-sailed at a later time or date.
- 16. SHORTEN COURSE:** RRS 32 - **Code Flag S** (square, white field with blue center) and two sound signals.
- 16.1** The RC may shorten to a mark of the course or on any point on the rumblin between two marks.
- 16.2** If the race is shortened to an island, a mark shall be set at one end of the finish line and the RC boat at the other end in close vicinity of the island.
- 16.3** If the race is shortened to a point on the rhumb line between two marks (or islands), the signal to shorten shall be made to notify all boats and a new finish line will be set up on the rhumb line. Modifies RRS 32.1 & 32.2.
- 17. TIME LIMITS:** RRS 35 – For buoy races the time limit is 1.5 hours for each class. For island races the time limit is 3 hours for each class. Yachts not finishing within 30 minutes of the first place yacht in their class will be given an arbitrary estimated finish time based on the yachts progress observed by the RC when the time limit is reached. The time recorded will be used by the scorer to determine the yacht’s corrected time finishing place. The estimated finish time given to a yacht cannot be protested or is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1
- 18. PROTESTS:** The protesting yacht must:
- 18.1** Immediately hail “Protest” and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 61.1a) to inform the offending yacht that she is being protested. (This gives the offending yacht a chance to acknowledge and exonerate themselves.). Failure to hail protest and display a red flag ASAP will result in your protest being rejected.
- 19.2** If possible, verbally report your intent to file a valid protest (19.3) to the RC immediately after finishing giving your sail number and the sail numbers you are protesting. Failure to do so will not invalidate your protest.
- 19.3** File the protest in writing (as required by RRS 61) and postmarked no later than Monday following the race to the Protest Committee Chairman. E-mailing the protest is also acceptable but must be received by Monday night.

19. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY:

- 19.1** If you accept responsibility for the protest, then, you shall make two complete 360 degree turns (two tacks and two gybes) in the same direction at the first reasonable opportunity per RSS 44.1 & 44.2. You must notify the RC of your turns when you finish. However, if you caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by your breach your penalty shall be to retire.
- 19.2** If you touch or hit a mark (RSS 31), you shall exonerate yourself by promptly making a 360 turn penalty. However, if your boat has gained a significant advantage in the race by touching the mark your penalty shall be to retire.

20. SCORING:

- 20.1** On race day each yacht that checks in with RC, shall receive a score equal to the number of yachts checked in plus 1 for DNF, DSQ, DNS and abandon race for each division.
- 20.2** Yachts not checking in on race day shall receive a DNC for each race and a score of the number of yachts registered plus 1 in its division.
- 20.3** A skipper shall be given a 1st place for the 1st race on the day they do RC. If a second race is scheduled the yacht will be scored a DNS for the second race.
- 20.4** A maximum of three skippers can get credit for any given race day.
- 20.5** A skipper's yacht shall be scored for only one day of volunteer RC work per series.
- 21.6** Series ties will be broken per RRS Appendix 8.
- 21.7** The number of races that will be counted will be determined by the following chart:

Races Scored	Races counted for season total	Races Scored	Races counted for season total
9	6	5	4
8	5	4	3
7	5	3	2
6	4		

21. Marks of Courses:

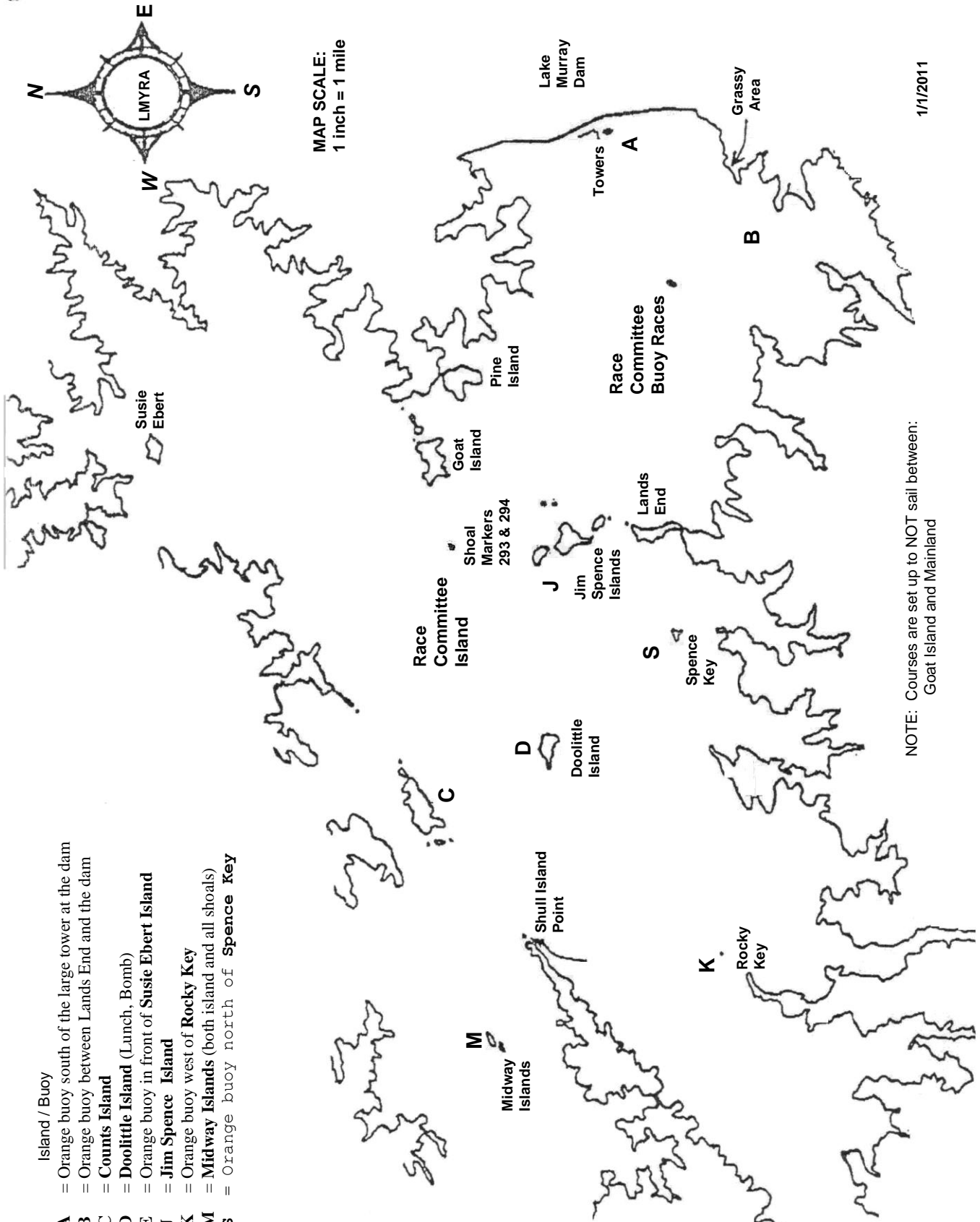
- | Island Marks | Buoy Marks |
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| A = Orange buoy south of the large tower at the dam | W = Orange buoy directly upwind from the starting line |
| B = Orange buoy between Lands End and the dam | L = Orange buoy leeward from upwind mark "W". |
| C = Counts Island | G = Orange buoy to the left of the starting line for a gybe mark. |
| D = Doolittle Island (Lunch, Bomb) | F = Finish |
| E = Orange buoy in front of Susie Ebert Island | |
| J = Jim Spence Island | |
| K = Orange buoy west of Rocky Key | |
| M = Midway Islands (both island and all shoals) | |
| S = Orange buoy north of Spence Key | |

Note: Yachts shall not sail between Goat Island & Mainland.

- 22. Courses:** RC shall post on the back of the RC boat prior to the Warning Signal the COURSE and ROUNDING.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WITH ANY QUESTIONS:

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Island / Buoy

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MAP SCALE:
1 inch = 1 mile

NOTE: Courses are set up to NOT sail between:
Goat Island and Mainland

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