

Lake Townsend Yacht Club Fowl Regatta
April 22, 2023
Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except where these SIs state otherwise.

2. Entries

2.1. Members of Lake Townsend Yacht Club and their guests are eligible to participate in all races and festivities.

2.2. Competitors may enter by signing up on the LTYC Website [Sign Up \(laketownsendyachtclub.com\)](https://laketownsendyachtclub.com), or on the registration sheet near the club race shed between 10AM and 10:30AM on April 22, 2023.

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the club race shed.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the club race shed immediately following the competitors meeting.

4.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made by the PRO on the water by raising Race Signal "L" and notifying each boat that comes within hail.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee boat at dock or posted on the official notice board located on the club race shed.

5.2. When AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This modifies Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule

6.1. Registration will take place online prior to the event (<https://laketownsendyachtclub.com/activities/SignUp.asp>) and near the club race shed from 10:00 to 10:30AM on April 22, 2023.

6.2. Competitors' meeting will be held at 10:30AM near the club race shed.

6.3. The start times will be assigned to each class of boat at the Competitors' meeting. Start times for subsequent races will be given on the water. This changes rules 26-30.4. Watches will be synchronized at Competitors' meeting.

6.4. Two races are scheduled. A minimum of one race will constitute a regatta.

6.5. No races will be started after 3:00 PM.

6.6. A horn or whistle will be blown once for each start time.

7. Racing Area

7.1. The racing area will be located on the sailable area of Lake Townsend.

8. Course

8.1. Six marks with plastic bags containing cards attached will be placed around the lake as far apart as practical depending on the wind speed.

In the first race, each boat removes one plastic bag containing a card from any THREE of the six marks. Marks from which a boat chooses not to retrieve a plastic bag containing a card must be touched by the crew. All cards must remain in the plastic bags until instructed at Shelter 10. Cards may not be traded with other participants.

In the second race, a crew member must touch each of the six marks. This changes rule 31.

In both races, marks are reached in counterclockwise rotation.

8.2. Marks do not need to be rounded to port or starboard. Marks must be passed on the windward side of the boat. If passing the mark on the windward side of the boat causes the boat not to “round the mark” that is allowed. The windward hull of boat may touch mark. (This changes rule 31.) The leeward side of boat may not touch mark. Neither boom nor main sheet nor side of hull on leeward side of boat may touch mark. If leeward side or boom or main sheet touches mark, a one turn penalty (one tack and one gybe) must be completed as soon as boat is clear of other boats.

(Approach the mark so that the windward side of the boat is next to the mark. When near the mark, slow the boat down by letting out the sails if going upwind or by pulling in the sails if going downwind. Crew plucks a plastic bag containing a card from the mark and the boat keeps going. If retrieval of plastic bag containing a card is unsuccessful, tack or gybe and reattempt, or not, being mindful of other boats and RRS.)

8.3. If more than one plastic bag containing a card is accidentally retrieved, the extra card(s) may not be used for the poker hand. Randomly select which plastic bag containing a card is to be used before opening the plastic bag at Shelter 10 when instructed. Give the extra plastic bag(s) containing the card(s) to the PRO. If all the plastic bags containing cards on a mark have been removed before your boat reaches the mark, crew should touch the mark from the windward side of the boat.

9. Marks and Start/Finish Line

9.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and an orange sphere at the port end. The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard bearing a blue flag and an orange sphere. The start/finish line will be located in the cove across from the dam.

9.2. The marks to be touched will be yellow or orange colored spheres with white mesh coverings.

10. Starting System

10.1. The first start of the first race will be at 12:00:00. Each class of boat will be assigned a start time based on its Portsmouth rating. After all boats have finished the first race, each boat will sail by the signal boat to receive their start time for the second race. A horn or whistle will be blown at the time of each start. Boats will start by heading upwind across the start line.

11. Time Limit

11.1. The time limit for each race is two hours after the last class of boat starts.

12. Penalty System

12.1. For all classes, a boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken a rule or rules of Part2. This changes rule 44.1.

13. Protests

13.1. There will be no protest committee after the races.

14. Scoring

14.1. The poker hand consists of 5 cards. THREE cards will be dealt from the marks on the race course. These 3 cards must remain unseen and in their envelopes until after all cards are dealt. The fourth and fifth cards will be dealt at shelter 10 in order of finish on the race course. After the fourth card is dealt, the competitor may look at it. The fifth card will be chosen by the competitor from the remaining cards spread face up on the table.

The score for each boat will be a combination of the finish place(s) in the sailing race(s) and the rank of each boat’s poker hand. A tie in the final combined score will be broken by the best race score total.

15. Prizes

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three scoring skippers and crews.

16. Safety

16.1. All boats shall comply with all local and state safety regulations, as well as class rules.

16.2. VHF radio communication is encouraged and RC will monitor and use Channel 72.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1. Competitors participate in the races at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.