

2017 Notice of Race for Events Sanctioned by the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

General

Safety: IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COMPETITOR TO DECIDE WHETHER TO START OR CONTINUE A RACE. Each boat must carry safety equipment prescribed by her class rules and government regulations.

Single Use Water Bottle Policy:

For Club sponsored and fleet events, SLSC will **NOT** provide single use water bottles. Members are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottle. SLSC will provide purified water to fill the bottles.

Organizing Authority and Rules:

The Saratoga Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) is the organizing authority for all club-sponsored racing. All racing events sanctioned by the club are governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, these instructions, the rules of the individual classes and the Sailing Instructions for each event.

SERIES RACES:

Eligibility:

Ensigns, Flying Scots, Kestrels, Lasers, MC Scows, Thistles and Y-Flyers are eligible to compete as separate fleets in Sunday and Wednesday series. All other boats compete in the Open Class. Consideration will be given to requests for separate scoring for other fleets if participation warrants.

A competitor shall register for competition by recording his name, class of boat, and sail number on the sign-up sheet located near the official bulletin board before racing for the day.

BOATS THAT DO NOT SIGN UP MAY NOT BE SCORED. SKIPPERS THAT DO NOT INDICATE THE SAIL NUMBER OF THE BOAT THEY ARE SAILING MAY NOT BE SCORED.

Employees of the Club are considered Club members. They may compete in series racing during the duration of their employment. Their scores will count for all series racing and the overall championship.

Sunday Series:

Sunday racing is divided into three separate series by dates. Two races are scheduled each Sunday, both of which are part of the same series.

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| Zephyr Series | May 21 – July 2 | 14 Races |
| Robinson Series | July 9 – August 20 | 14 Races |
| Kaydeross Series | August 27 – October 8 | 14 Races |

Starting Times for Sunday Racing:

- A thirty-minute signal is scheduled for 1:00 PM. The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1:25 PM. **No half-hour gun will be sounded after 2:30. However, if boats and RC are already on the lake and the wind is either staying or coming up, then no race sequence will begin after 3:30 pm.**

Starting Procedure for Sunday Racing:

Races will be started using rule 26 of RRS. There are 2 starting divisions:

I: Lasers, Kestrels, MC Scows, Y Flyers, Open Class (Centerboard boats less than 16')

II: Flying Scots, Ensigns, Thistles, Open Class (Fixed keel, catamarans, boats 16' and longer)

Division starts are spaced by 5-minute intervals. Divisions will NOT be combined under any circumstances. A second race is indicated by Flag "L" (black and yellow quadrants). Lowering this flag, accompanied by repetitive sounds, occurs prior to the warning signal for the start.

Wednesday Series:

The Manning and Rice Series are sailed on Wednesday evenings. Sailors and families are invited to a potluck supper following racing. Hot dogs and burgers are provided by the Club. Participants (Skippers and crew) should bring a dish to share and a personal beverage. Cooking and cleaning assignments are posted on the kitchen refrigerator.

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| Manning Series | May 17 – August 30 | 16 Races |
| Rice Series | Sept. 6 – October 4 (or later) | Short Courses - Multiple Races |

Starting Times for Wednesday Racing:

Manning Series:

A 30 minute signal is scheduled for 6:00 PM. The warning signal is scheduled for 6:25 PM. No

start sequence will commence after 7:15 PM.

Rice Series:

A 30 minute signal is scheduled for 5:30. The warning signal is scheduled for 5:55. The RC will attempt to set short courses where the sailing time is approximately 15 minutes long. Races may be run in the dark. It is the skipper's decision whether to race and when to stop.

Starting Procedure for Wednesday Racing Manning Series:

Races will be started using rule 26 of RRS. There are 2 starting divisions:

I: Lasers, Kestrels, MC Scows, Y Flyers, Open Class (Centerboard boats less than 16')

II: Flying Scots, Ensigns, Thistles, Open Class (Fixed keel, catamarans, boats 16' and longer)

Starting Procedure for Wednesday Racing Rice Series:

I: All boats in all fleets will start together. There will be one start for everyone.

Season Championship Series:

This series will combine the results of the Zephyr, Robinson, Kaydeross, and Manning Series and will determine the Overall, Junior, and Women's Season Champions. The Rice Series will NOT be used as part of the Season Championship scoring.

Series Scoring:

For series scoring, eligible fleets will be scored separately and other boats will be scored in the Open Fleet divisions using the most current Portsmouth Yardstick. Additionally, for each series, all qualifying participants will be scored as a Handicap Fleet.

For the Season Championship Series, all boats will be scored as one fleet based on the most current Portsmouth Yardstick.

To qualify for a series or the Season Championship Series, a boat must finish one less than half the completed races rounded up. Two races will constitute a series.

The scores for the races sailed will be the overall handicap result on a percentage of the fleet that sailed basis (e.g. 5 of 10 = .5 but 5 of 15 = .33) Low point scoring will be used for this process.

Race Scoring:

Each boat finishing a race and not being disqualified will be scored within their fleet as follows:

| <u>Finishing Place</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| First | 1 |
| Second | 2 |
| and so on | |

A boat disqualified will receive a score of the number of boats finishing plus one for that race in their fleet and in the Overall Handicap scoring.

Failure of the Race Committee to get accurate times for fleets starting after a general recall, will NOT be grounds for protest.

For each series, the score for each boat will be the sum of her best races for the number of races required to qualify for that series. The lowest score wins.

For series when multiple races may be sailed on a single day or evening (Sunday Series & Rice Series), a boat does not need to sail every race that day or evening to be scored.

Ties in all series will be decided by comparing the results of all races the tied boats sailed against each other in that series. The boat placing higher than the other boat the most times will win. If the boats remain tied, then the scores of the tied boats in the overall handicap fleet will be compared for those races they sailed against each other. The boat finishing with a lower overall score for those races will win the tie break. If the tie remains and the boats did not sail against each other in any race of that series, their qualifying series scores in the overall handicap portion of that series will be compared and the boat with the lower overall score will win the tiebreak.

Prizes will be awarded to qualifying skippers and crews in the Sunday, Manning and Rice Series. There will be Women's prizes, as well as Overall prizes in each series. The top Junior skipper will be awarded the Murray Hollister Trophy. If there are sufficient participants in the open class, the open class prizes will be further divided into classes (e.g. fixed keel, drop keel, planing centerboard).

The Murray Hollister Trophy:

Award given to the Junior skipper who has met the following conditions:

- In high school or graduated in June of the season of consideration.
- If sailing with crew, the crew is in high school or graduated in June of the season of consideration.
- Has sailed in at least eleven regular Sunday or Wednesday evening races (if more than eleven have been sailed, the best eleven will be scored).