

Around the Lake Race

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Sailing Instructions

Course and Rules:

Rules: The race will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024. If you’re unfamiliar with this document do not bump into marks or boats.

Handicap: Calculated under the Portsmouth Number System as published by US Sailing

Start: Both Division A - Racing Sailboat and Division B - Recreational Sailboat will start together at approximately 1:00 pm*. The starting line will be south of the Hebron Beach, between the stern of the official’s boat and a nearby buoy to port of the official’s boat. Start by passing through this line in the direction of Mayhew Island after the starting signal. The officials may attempt to notify boats that cross the starting line prematurely. However, it is the responsibility of each skipper to start properly and not prematurely.

***One-class boats may request a separate start if more than 3 boats are present**

If the weather conditions around 1:00 pm are not favorable, the officials may postpone the start, announce a modified course, or cancel the race. If necessary, the race course may be shortened by the Race Committee at their discretion.

The starting sequence is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:55 pm. An air horn will signal the time until the start by short blasts corresponding to the minutes remaining (4 minutes = 4 short blasts). The start will be signaled by a 5 second blast.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before Start Signal</u>
Warning	5 short blasts (Airhorn)	5
Preparatory	4 short blasts (Airhorn)	4
Two minute	2 short blasts (Airhorn)	2
One-minute	1 short blast (Airhorn)	1
Start	1 long blast (Airhorn)	0

Postponement: At any time, the Race Committee may for any reason postpone alerting all boats by siren and bullhorn/megaphone instructions

Competitors Meeting: There will be a brief meeting of competitors at the Grey Rocks Conservation Area at noon. If unable to attend, please check in at the Race Committee boat prior to the starting sequence. Afterwards, tows to the start may be available.

Courses: Leave all marks to port (left side, rounding counter-clockwise)

Course: For all racing boats:

After the start, proceed by any route in the direction of Mayhew Island to an orange ball buoy and support boat on the north side of the Island. Then, by any route, north to between the stern of the official's boat and a nearby buoy, both in the vicinity of the Hebron Town Beach.

Note: Shallow (sandy) areas are common as you near Mayhew Island at the South End of the lake. Reference the race map for areas that are potential hazards.

Navigation Marks are for your benefit. Although not required by these Sailing Instructions, compliance is advised. Violate at your own risk.

Time Limit: Regardless of the starting time, the last recorded finish time will be 5:00 pm, local time. Only boats finishing by that time will be scored. All others will be recorded as not finishing.

Changes to courses and these sailing instructions may be made verbally by the officials on the water. The repeated sounding of a siren by the officials is a signal to come within hail to receive information verbally.

Scoring: Finish places shall be awarded according to the lowest adjusted time.

Results and Awards: There will be awards for the three lowest adjusted times. The award ceremony will include beverages and snacks at Grey Rocks Conservation Area following the race or at approximately 5:00pm. Please contact Andrew Veilleux, andrew@newfoundlake.org to arrange prize pick-up or delivery if unable to attend.

**Launching is available at Wellington State Park (Good Ramp/Long Sail to the Start) and Grey Rocks Conservation Area (Fair Ramp/Paddle to Start)
We will be organizing towboats out of Grey Rocks to the Starting Line**

Please be at the starting area by 12:30 pm to get into position for the 1:00 pm start! Start sequence is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:55 pm.

