



# Barefoot Sailing Club 2019 Fall Series Sailing Instructions

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## 1. Rules

Rules shall be governed by “the Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

## 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be published on the Barefoot Sailing Club WWW site (<http://www.barefootsailingclub.org>), which is the official notice board.

## 3. Changes to Sailing instructions

Any changes to sailing Instructions will be published on the official notice Board with in 24 hours before any scheduled race. In addition, the Race committee has at its disposal an official clipboard for publishing notices that apply to daily activities.

## 4. Schedule of Races

Fall Series 1 → Saturday August 17, 2019. Skippers Meeting 4:00, Race start at 6:00

Fall Series 2 → Sunday August 25, 2019. Skippers Meeting 11:00, Race start at 1:00

Fall Series 3 → Saturday September 14, 2019. Skippers Meeting 11:00, Race start at 1:00

Fall Series 4 → Sunday September 22, 2019. Skippers Meeting 11:00, Race start at 1:00 \*\*

Fall Series 5 → Saturday October 19, 2019. Skippers Meeting 11:00, Race start at 1:00 \*\*

Fall Series 6 → Saturday November 9, 2019. Skippers Meeting 11:00, Race start at 1:00 \*\*

\*\* These races will be held in conjunction with the LARC Fall series races.

## 5. Fleets and PHRF Adjustments

BFSC basic fleets for the Fall Series will consist of the Auxiliary PHRF (Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker). Non-Spinnaker boats will have PHRF adjustment of 15 seconds. Boats must maintain same adjustments for all races in the series (exception being the BFSC adjustment outlined in next paragraph).

There will be a boat (not skipper) PHRF adjustment based on the previous 2019 BFSC Series race results. After each race, each boat that raced will have their PHRF adjusted to have a virtual tie for first place in the race (rounded down to a valid 3 second interval for a PHRF rating). There will be a maximum adjustment of 99 seconds greater than the boat's LLPHR certificate. The new rating will be used for the next race the boat participates. No adjustments are awarded for boats that did not complete a race (DNC, DNS, DNF, DSQ, etc.). Exception to this will be DNF boats that continued to compete till “motor time”. For such boats, they will be awarded a new PHRF rating based on a finish time equal to “motor time”. New PHRF rating based on previous BFSC races will be published and can be obtained from the BFSC Racing Captain via email (meinet@yahoo.com), or at the skipper's meeting.

\*\* For races done in conjunction with the LARC Fall series, base ratings (with non-spin adjustments) will be used to calculate start times for Pursuit races. However, for BFSC results the ratings will be set to the adjusted values to determine placements and next race adjustments.

## 6. Racing Area

The racing area will be determined and announced at the skipper's meeting.

## 7. Course

The course will be posted on the official course board and will be displayed during the skipper's meeting. The location of the islands and permanent marks are indicated on the map shown in Appendix A. All marks or islands must be left either to port or to starboard as indicated on the posted course.

**\*\* Exception to this may be Fall Race #6 done in conjunction with the LARC series races.** That race will be hosted by the Lake Lanier Sailing Club's Keelboat Fleet (formally AISC) and thus most likely be a flat start race. Course will be posted on the back of the Race Committee boat.

## 8. Marks

Permanent marks are either Corps of Engineer marks or Lanier Area Racing Council (LARC)/Lake Lanier Sailing Club (LLSC) permanent marks. If temporary marks are used, the marks will be orange tetrahedrons (pyramids) or any other device as decided by the racing authority.

## 9. The Start

**The Races will be started using the staggered start system (pursuit race).** \*\*

Each boat will have its own specific start time as determined by each boat's specific PHRF rating and course length. Course length will be obtained at the skipper's meeting. Start times based on length can be obtained at skipper's meeting. PDF file containing table for start times provided here. [Link to Pursuit Handicap start times](#)



All starts are based on the honor system as no race committee is usually on station to monitor and police the starting sequence.

The Starting Line is an imaginary line that extends no further than 20 yards and is perpendicular to the first mark. For a proper start, you must start within 20 yards of the proper side of the starting mark as indicated on the official course board.

Boats that are not starting should keep clear of the starting area as to not interfere with those that are starting.

It is the responsibility of each skipper to synchronize his or her own starting watch with that of the official starting clock posted on the official course board at the skipper's meeting.

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## 10. The Finish

All finishes are based on the honor system as no race committee is usually on station to monitor and police the order of finish.

The Finish Line is an imaginary line that extends no further than 20 yards and is perpendicular to the last mark. For a proper finish, you must end your race within 20 yards of the proper side of the finishing mark as indicated on the official course board.

As part of the published course, one mark will be determined to be the short finish mark along with a designated time.

The short finish will be used to score the race if the **top two lead boats** (this is a change from the RRS Rule 90.3 a) do not complete the full course by the pre-determined time (motor-up time). Note: The rules for a proper finish still apply to a "Short Course" finish. **All skippers should take and record their short finish time for each race.**

In the event a race is shortened, the order of finish will require adjusting as start times were based on a course with a

longer distance.

All skippers are responsible for keeping up with their own finish times. Once again, this is based on the honor system. Skippers are responsible for providing both their start and finish times at the Dirt Up after the race.

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## 11. Minimum Wind Speeds and Time Limit

The Race Committee will not attempt to start a race if they judge the wind to be less than three miles per hour (mph) over the course area. Should Race Committee deem there is not enough wind to start a race, the Postponement pennant will be displayed along with two short horn bursts. Pennant will be displayed at the race start time (1:00 PM or 6:00 PM). At each 15 minute interval, Race Committee will reassess wind conditions. If an additional delay is warranted, two short horn signals will again be given. Postponement pennant will remain flying. If Race Committee determines there is enough wind to start racing, the Postponement pennant will be lowered with one short horn burst. Racers will adjust their start time base on 15 minute delay intervals. (For example: A boat which had an original start time of 6:06:28 PM, would have a start time of 6:36:28 PM if the Postponement pennant is lowered at 6:30 PM.)

As part of the published course, a motor-up time will be determined. If a boat does not finish the entire race by the predetermined time, the race is over for that skipper and the boat will receive a Did-Not-Finish (DNF) for the race. The "entire race" being either the full course or the shorten course as determined by conditions stated in the "Finish" section.

**\*\* Exception to this may be Fall Race #6 done in conjunction with the LARC series races.** That race will be hosted by the Lake Lanier Sailing Club's Keelboat Fleet (formally AISC) and thus most likely be a flat start race. Race Committee will be managing delays from the Race Committee boat. Postponements will not be on the 15 minute delay intervals as described for Pursuit races. Instead postponements will stay in effect till the RC determines the conditions are favorable for racing.

## 12. Withdrawal

Boats withdrawing from a race should notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## 13. Scoring

Races will be scored using the PHRF rating system (with adjustments covered in section 5) using the **time-on-distance** formula. A valid PHRF certificate is required of each boat to be scored for series standings.

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be used. Ties will be broken in accordance with A8. Points will be awarded as follows (this changes A4.2):

### Finish

First  
Second and Subsequent  
DNF  
DSQ or OCS  
DNC

### Points

1  
Place  
Starters in race + 1  
Starters in race + 1  
Entrants in series + 1

One throw out will be applied if and only if all six races in the series are sailed. This is a change from the RRS Appendix A2.

## 14. Protests

In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, a protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee (on shore at dirt up) of its intent to protest at the conclusion of the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS 61. PROTEST FORMS are available on the race committee boat or may be attained via [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) website. Written protests shall be

postmarked or e-mailed no later than the Monday following the race, to the BFSC Racing Captain (meinet@yahoo.com), who will notify all involved parties of the date and time of protest hearing.

## **15. Awards**

After each race, small pennants will be awarded to the first, second and third place winner. Series awards shall be made to the top BFSC member finisher based on cumulative total of points in all the races of the series as stated in the Scoring section. If necessary, one completed race shall constitute a series



Appendix A – Racing Area Map

