



"THE SHIP'S LOG"

The Lynn Creek Yacht Club Newsletter

Racing Schedule For 2009

Frostbite Series

The Frostbite Series, held on Saturdays, will be a bridge and back race starting at 2:30. The series will consist of 7 races total with 3 throw outs. All you have to do to compete is show up for 4 races.

Here's the schedule:

Saturday, Jan 10	2:00 pm Captain's meeting
Saturday, Jan 10	2:30 pm Start of Race 1
Saturday, Jan 17	2:30 pm Race 2
Saturday, Jan 24	2:30 pm Race 3
Saturday, Jan 31	2:30 pm Race 4
Saturday, Feb 7	2:30 pm Race 5
Saturday, Feb 14	2:30 pm Race 6
Saturday, Feb 21	2:30 pm Race 7

The Spring Series

The spring sees a return to Sunday afternoon buoy racing. The series will consist of 5 race days with 2 races per day - 10 races in all - with 2 throw outs or 1 day of racing missed. You only need to participate in 8 races to compete.

Here's the schedule:

Sunday, March 8	1:30 pm Captain's Meeting
Sunday, March 8	2:30 pm Race 1 & 2
Sunday, March 22	2:30 pm Race 3 & 4
Sunday, April 5	2:30 pm Race 5 & 6
Sunday, April 19	2:30 pm Race 7 & 8
Sunday May 17	2:30 pm Race 9 & 10

The May Day Regatta (otherwise known as the Knotta Regatta)

This will probably be a 1 day regatta with as many races as we can start before 4:00 pm and a dinner to follow at 5:30 pm. The schedule will be announced. If we can find some sponsors and enough commitments to racing, we may do a 2 day regatta. With enough participation, it can be our premier racing event once again.

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There Are New Rules for Marks And Obstructions

The first big change to note is that there are now three, instead of two, rules in Section C: Rule 18, Mark-Room; Rule 19, Room To Pass an Obstruction; and Rule 20, Room To Tack at an Obstruction.

Old Rule 18 covers almost all marks, while new Rule 19 applies to most obstructions. However, this means that it now takes a little more thought to figure out which Section C rule applies in a given situation.

Under the old rules (Rule 18), the rule that applied when passing an obstruction was the same as the one that applied at marks.

New Rule 19, which does not use the zone concept, is the simplified rule that most sailors sail by. (See example 1)

The starting line set between two committee boats. The course is a beat to Mark 1, a swim float, then a reach to Mark 2, String Bean Island, a run to Mark 3, a reach to Mark 4 and a beat to the finishing line. All four roundings are to port. At the moment shown in the diagram, the last class was about to start and the faster boats were started earlier are well on their way around the course. The diagram shows several common situations. Let's figure out which new rule applies to each.



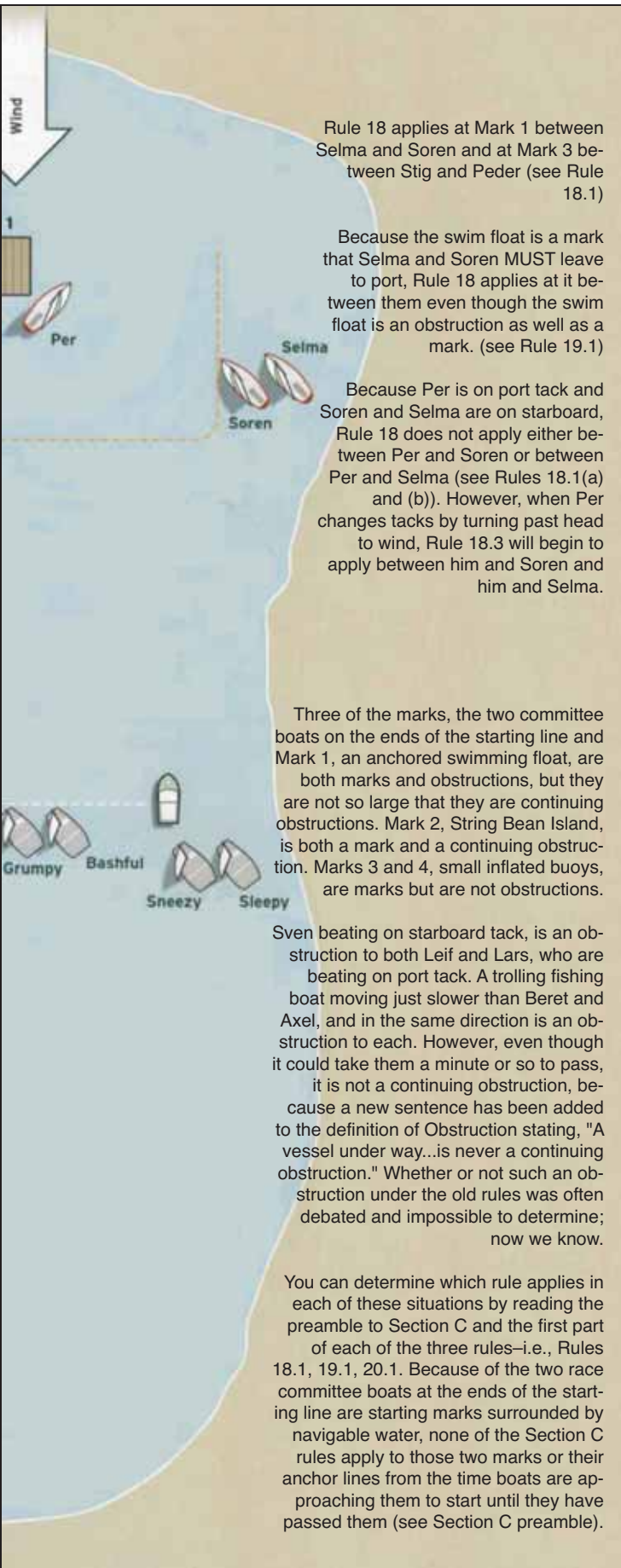
Rule 19 applies at Mark 2 between Inga and Olaf, because Mark 2 (String Bean Island) is a continuing obstruction (see either Rule 18.1(d) or Rule 19.1).

Sven is an obstruction to both Lars and Leif. Lars has right of way over Leif under Rule 11 and, therefore, can choose whether to duck behind Sven or to tack to avoid him (see Rule 19.2(a)).

If Lars chooses to bear away, the Rule 19.2(b) applies between him and Leif.

If Lars elects to tack to avoid Sven, then he must hail Leif for room to tack. In that case, Rule 20 applies and Rule 19 does not (see Section C preamble).

Axel has right of way over Beret and under Rule 12 or Rule 11 and, therefore, can choose to pass the trolling boat on either side (see Rule 19.2(a)), Rule 19.2(b), but not Rule 19.2(c), applies as they pass it.



Rule 18 applies at Mark 1 between Selma and Soren and at Mark 3 between Stig and Peder (see Rule 18.1)

Because the swim float is a mark that Selma and Soren MUST leave to port, Rule 18 applies at it between them even though the swim float is an obstruction as well as a mark. (see Rule 19.1)

Because Per is on port tack and Soren and Selma are on starboard, Rule 18 does not apply either between Per and Soren or between Per and Selma (see Rules 18.1(a) and (b)). However, when Per changes tacks by turning past head to wind, Rule 18.3 will begin to apply between him and Soren and him and Selma.

Three of the marks, the two committee boats on the ends of the starting line and Mark 1, an anchored swimming float, are both marks and obstructions, but they are not so large that they are continuing obstructions. Mark 2, String Bean Island, is both a mark and a continuing obstruction. Marks 3 and 4, small inflated buoys, are marks but are not obstructions.

Sven beating on starboard tack, is an obstruction to both Leif and Lars, who are beating on port tack. A trolling fishing boat moving just slower than Beret and Axel, and in the same direction is an obstruction to each. However, even though it could take them a minute or so to pass, it is not a continuing obstruction, because a new sentence has been added to the definition of Obstruction stating, "A vessel under way...is never a continuing obstruction." Whether or not such an obstruction under the old rules was often debated and impossible to determine; now we know.

You can determine which rule applies in each of these situations by reading the preamble to Section C and the first part of each of the three rules—i.e., Rules 18.1, 19.1, 20.1. Because of the two race committee boats at the ends of the starting line are starting marks surrounded by navigable water, none of the Section C rules apply to those two marks or their anchor lines from the time boats are approaching them to start until they have passed them (see Section C preamble).

THE ZONE REDEFINED

The second big change in new Section C is in the new Rule 18 and the definition of Zone. The new rule, like its predecessor, applies between two boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side. The old rule was too ambiguous. The new Rule 18 is far simpler and clearer. The moment at which new Rule 18 begins to apply is the same as the moment at which the obligations are "locked in." That moment is when the first of them is in the zone.

The definition Zone has been changed in three important ways. (1) MOST IMPORTANT, the zone's size has been increased from two lengths to THREE LENGTHS. (2) The new definition specifies what it means to be "in the zone" – a boat is in the zone when any part of her hull is in the zone. (3) The new term zone is only defined for marks, where as under the old rules, there was a two-length zone for both marks and obstructions.

THE NEW DEFINITION OF MARK-ROOM

The third big change is the introduction of a new definition, MARK-ROOM: Room for a boat to sail to the mark, and then room to sail her proper course while at the mark. However, mark-room does not include room to tack unless the boat is overlapped to windward and on the inside of the boat required to give mark-room.

This new definition fixes three problems that the old definition for room at a mark had. (1) The old definition was located in a preamble to Rule 18 and not the Definitions section of the rulebook. As a result, it was often overlooked. (2) It only covered room for an inside boat to round or pass between an outside boat and the mark. However, old Rule 18.2 required an outside boat to give room from the time that Rule 18 began to apply until the inside boat need room to pass between her and the mark. During this time interval, the boats sailed for at least two hull lengths before reaching the mark, and it was not at all clear what the obligation on the outside boat was during this period. (3) The old definition only covered overlapped boats, but old Rule 18.2(b) required a boat to give room even if "the overlap is broken."

The new definition has none of these problems. Henceforth, if an inside boat is entitled to mark-room, then before she arrives at the mark she is entitled to "room to sail to the mark," i.e., the space she needs in the existing conditions to sail promptly to the mark in a seamanlike way. After she arrives at the mark, she is entitled to room to sail her proper course as she rounds or passes it. One final note: The only rule in which the term mark-room is used is Rule 18.

The last of the big changes is that none of the new Section C rules will EVER "take precedence" over any of the basic Right-of-Way Rules in Section A or the General Limitations in Section B. (There is one exception, that will rarely come into play, in new Rule 19.2(c)) This change was accomplished by deleting the preamble to old Section C.



THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Sailors,

We are looking forward to a great year of sailing at **LCYC**. We have elected our officers for the 2009 sailing season and have already met and discussed the future of **LCYC**. I am excited to report that everything discussed was very positive and some great ideas have come to light to help make our club the best sailing club in the North Texas area.

We do need your help! It is important to know what you want or what you are looking for as a member of **LCYC**. I have attached a brief survey. We ask that you take the time over the next couple of weeks to look it over and answer a few questions. You are also welcome to share your thoughts about the club. I ask that you send the survey or any comments to me at the following shozdulick@me.com.

I have decided to send this survey out to everyone on the one list. If you are a past member and still on the one list let me know why you left or what could bring you back. If you are thinking about joining **LCYC** let me hear from you as well.

Steve Hozdulick

Commodore

According to our bylaws, our objective and purpose of our yacht club is as follows:

"It shall be the object and purpose of the Club to promote recreational boating at Joe Pool Lake, preserve all forms of yachting, encourage water safety, provide instruction in boat handling, seamanship, and sailboat racing and foster a spirit of good fellowship through social and community activities."

The health of our club is dependant on several factors. One is the willingness of our membership to step up and take a Leadership role in the form of officers and committee chairs. It is also dependent on member participation in activities, introducing new sailors to LCYC, and taking ownership in the success of the club.

From conversations with long time members, it appears that the complexion of our club has changed several times over the years. In order for us to chart a course for the future, it is important that we understand the desires of the current membership as well as identify opportunities for future growth. To help stay on course we have developed the survey included below. Please take the time to complete the survey, giving us your ideas and opinions. The results of the survey will be published but names will be withheld so feel free to give your honest opinion.

The completed survey can be submitted via email to shozdulick@me.com or via regular mail to:

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Survey Says....

Thanks in advance for your help.

1. How many yacht club events do you participate in each year? _____
2. Do you prefer racing events or social events? _____ Racing _____ Social Events
3. If you don't race, what would help interest you in participating in racing?

4. Do you like having social events at the lake (party mark)? If not, where would you prefer to have them?

5. How many racing and/or social events do you think should be hosted by the yacht club each year? _____
6. Are you willing to volunteer for social/racing events? _____ Yes _____ No
7. Do you like receiving trophies or an award for racing? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Doesn't Matter
What would you like to see awarded besides a trophy? _____
8. If you could improve one thing about the club, what would it be? _____

9. Is there an activity other than racing that you would like to see the club organize? _____

10. Would you be interested in a fund raising event for the club? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, what would you suggest as a fund raising event? _____
11. What are your suggestions for improving the health and growth of our club?

Anniversaries

January

Send in your anniversary date to be posted here. Who knows, you may get a party out of it...

February

Birthdays

Send in your birthday month to be posted here. Who knows, you may get a party out of it...

Announcements

For Sale 1975 Morgan Classic 250

Hello Lynn Creek Yacht Club. My wife and I no longer sail this very sound, good condition Morgan 25'. Price includes \$660 slip fees. Slip 34-G. Don't like the price, make an offer. Outstanding value, good cruising boat. Raced at one time. **10% referral fee.** Very good condition. 8' beam, lead keel w/ retractable centerboard. 8' cockpit, V-berth forward sleeps two with closet & porta potty. Cabin has galley w/ alcohol stove, sink, water pump, ice chest, seat/table converts to bed, sleeps two. Quarter berth sleeps one. Equipped with 3 very good original Dacron jibs, 1999 Dacron main; New main, motor, & tiller covers. 1999 9.8 hp Nissan engine, excellent condition, (very low hours). Running rigging w/ new battery, charger. Bottom painted 1999. Additional equipment; Boom vang, forward blocks for spinnaker, barometer, two anchors, bilge pump, fire extinguisher, air horn, reefing lines, bosons' chair, 8 life vests (one child's), 6 float cushions, 6 bumpers, dust buster, boarding ladder, whisker pole and track, first aid kit. Slipped at Lynn Creek Marina, (G-34), Joe Pool Lake, Grand Prairie, Texas. Wife & I no longer sail the boat.

\$3,995 includes motor (below NADA Appraisal Guide, \$5,820, & \$350 motor) Includes \$660 slip fees. Send email for pics.
214 942 4555 or ronwnelson@tx.rr.com



Here's the schedule:

Saturday, May 2nd – Day 1
9:30 am Captain's meeting
10:30 am Start of Race 1
Mid-Day Lunch Break
4:00 pm No More Races Started
5:30 pm Dinner and Alcoholic Imbibing

Sunday, May 3rd – Day 2 (To Be Determined)
11:30 pm Start of Race 1
Mid-Day Lunch Break
Afternoon Alcoholic Imbibing

The Memorial Day 25 Mile Long Distance Race

This will be two laps around the lake equaling 25 miles. Starting time is yet to be determined.

Sunday, May 24 Captain's Meeting and race start time to be determined.

The Summer Series

With the Summer Series, bridge and back racing returns to late Saturday afternoons. Start times will be staggered so that everybody finishes together. Hopefully, the races will be followed by a social event. As with the Frostbite Series, there will be 7 races total with 3 throw outs, so you only need to participate in 4 races to compete.

Here's the schedule:

Saturday, June 13 4:30 pm Captain's Meeting
Saturday, June 13 5:00 pm Race 1
Saturday, June 20 5:00 pm Race 2
Saturday, June 27 5:00 pm Race 3
Saturday, July 11 5:00 pm Race 4
Saturday, July 18 5:00 pm Race 5
Saturday, July 25 5:00 pm Race 6
Saturday, August 1 5:00 pm Race 7

What Is The Ship's Log?

To put it simply, *The Ship's Log* is an information outlet for the LCYC group and those interested in what's happening in our club.

I hope to post messages from our board and other club members about what's happening in our club. But, also, I hope to share information about our club members, such as marriages, baby/grandbaby birth

The Labor Day 25 Mile Long Distance Race

This race will consist of two laps around the lake for a total distance of 25 miles. Exact format of the race is yet to be determined.

Sunday, Sept 6 Captain's Meeting and starting time to be determined.

The Fall Series

The fall sees a return to Sunday afternoon buoy racing. The series will consist of 5 race days with 2 races per day - 10 races in all – with 2 throw outs, or 1 day of racing missed. You only need to participate in 8 races to compete.

Here's the schedule:

Sunday, Sept 20 1:30 pm Captain's Meeting
Sunday, Sept 20 2:30 pm Race 1 & 2
Sunday, October 4 2:30 pm Race 3 & 4
Sunday, October 18 2:30 pm Race 5 & 6
Sunday, November 1 2:30 pm Race 7 & 8
Sunday November 15 2:30 pm Race 9 & 10

The Pearl Harbor Race

To be held on Saturday, December 5th, the Pearl Harbor Race is a bridge and back. Start times will be staggered so that everybody finishes together. Hopefully, the race will be followed by a social event. Shall we have another chilli cook-off? How about a gumbo cook-off this time?

NOTE: All schedules printed here are preliminary and subject to change. Please check with Race Chairman or the website for updates.

announcements, or birthdays and anniversaries coming up.

Got a boat for sale? Let us post it. Got equipment or services for sale? We can post that too.

Basically, it's help us get to know what's happening in our club and each other's lives. But, I need your help to get this information. Please send anything you'd like to post to brianahebert@yahoo.com. Thanks!