



Lake Pend Oreille Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Goat Float Regatta 2026

Version May 13, 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2025-2028, as well as these SIs and notices given at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 1.2. Spinnakers are defined in the current version of Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) for 2025-2028, Section G.1.3(f). A spinnaker is "Where the measurement between the half-luff point and the half-leech point is equal to or greater than 75% of the foot length."
- 1.3. Amendments to this SI will be posted on the LPOYC Race Documents page at <https://www.lakependoreilleyachtclub.org/race-docs>.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. This regatta is open to:
 - 2.1.1. Boats eligible to race under Time Correction Factor (TCF) handicap rules and regulations.
 - 2.1.2. One-Design class boats. Each boat is responsible for conforming to its class rules and regulations.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1. Handicap classes shall be designated as Red Fleet, White Fleet and Blue Fleet.
- 3.2. Red Fleet boats will be handicapped using a spinnaker whether or not they choose to fly one.
- 3.3. White Fleet and Blue Fleet boats will be handicapped without a spinnaker unless they declare their intent to fly one per Rule 3.4 below.
- 3.4. White Fleet and Blue Fleet boats may fly a defined spinnaker if they declare their intent before the Skippers' Meeting, raising their handicap over the non-spinnaker handicap as determined by the Race Scorer. Once declared, their spinnaker ruling will be in effect for the entire regatta.
- 3.5. A Blue Fleet may be designated by the Race Committee based upon entries received as of the Skippers' Meeting.
- 3.6. Blue Fleet and White Fleet class breaks will be determined by the Race Committee based upon entries received as of the Skippers' Meeting.
- 3.7. Class flags for handicap Fleets will be rectangular and correspond to the Fleet's color.

- 3.8. Class flag(s) for One-Design fleet(s) will be designated by the Race Committee at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 3.9. One-Design classes with at least 5 entries will receive their own start.

4. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$30 per yacht.
- 4.2. Entry fees are nonrefundable.
- 4.3. Entry fees may be paid at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 4.4. Boats are encouraged to register online using LPOYC's form at <https://www.lakependoreilleyachtclub.org/race-entry>

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND MEETINGS

Saturday, May 23, 2025

8:30-9:00 AM - Registration and payment of entry fees at MacDonald's Marina.

9:00-9:30 AM - Skippers' Meeting at MacDonald's Marina. Verbal instructions, restrictions and information pertaining to the regatta will be announced. Course charts and Mark descriptions will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting and are also available for printing from the LPOYC website Race Docs page at

<https://www.lakependoreilleyachtclub.org/race-docs>

10:00 AM - Warning Flag for first race. Four (4) races will be attempted.

3:00 PM - No race will be started after this time.

Sunday, May 24, 2025

(No Skippers' Meeting)

9:00 AM - Warning Flag for first race. Two (2) races will be attempted.

1:00 PM - No race will be started after this time.

3:00 PM - Results announced, prizes awarded at The Captain's Wheel restaurant in Bayview.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. Racing will take place on Lake Pend Oreille.
- 6.2. The Start/Finish area for the day's race will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

7. COURSE

- 7.1. The course for the first race on Saturday will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 7.2. All other courses on Saturday will be announced by the Race Committee using VHF Channel 72.
- 7.3. The courses for Sunday's races will be announced by the Race Committee using VHF Channel 72.
- 7.4. Course charts will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 7.5. No later than the Warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the course letter to be sailed.
- 7.6. Prior to a class's Warning signal, any change to the course will be broadcast by the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 and the new course will be displayed on the Race Committee boat.

- 7.7. The legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

8. AREA OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Start/Finish line is designated as an obstruction except when starting or finishing.
- 8.2. The Navy barge (Mark N) is designated as a continuing obstruction.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Mark descriptions will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting. They are also available for printing from the LPOYC website Race Docs page at <https://www.lakependoreilleyachtclub.org/race-docs>.

10. START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 except as follows:
 - 10.1.1. At approximately 4 minutes before the Warning signal for the first start, the Race Committee will announce it is "on station" by hoisting the AP flag and sounding multiple horns.
 - 10.1.2. At 1 minute before the Warning signal for the first start, the Race Committee will drop the AP flag and sound multiple horns.
- 10.2. The start line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat and a GPS buoy.
- 10.3. The start order of classes for the first race will be designated at the Skippers' Meeting. If more than one race is scheduled in a day, the start order of classes for subsequent races will be announced by the Race Committee using VHF channel 72.
- 10.4. If more than one class is scheduled to start consecutively, the Start signal for a class shall serve as the Warning signal for the next class (aka "rolling" 5-minute start).
- 10.5. After a yacht starts, it may not sail through the Start/Finish line except to finish or when a course specifically uses a start mark as part of the course. The Race Committee shall disqualify any boat that violates this instruction.
- 10.6. Boats whose Warning signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.7. A boat starting more than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored a Did Not Start (DNS) and receive points according to RRS A4 and A5.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1. Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.
- 11.2. Per RRS 29.1 Individual Recalls, the race committee shall promptly display Code Flag X with one sound. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will make every effort to broadcast OCS notices to yachts using VHF channel 72. Failure of radio equipment or failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). It shall be each yacht's responsibility to ascertain if they are OCS at a start.
- 11.3. Per RRS 29.2 General Recalls, the Race Committee shall promptly display the First Substitute Flag with two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

12. FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat and a GPS buoy.
- 12.2. A boat shall cross the finish line in a direction coming from the last rounding mark.

13. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING A RACE

- 13.1. After the starting signal the Race Committee may shorten or abandon a race in accordance with RRS 32.
- 13.2. A course may be shortened by eliminating marks to be rounded. This modifies RRS 32.2. The Race Committee will use VHS channel 72 to announce which mark(s) of the course to eliminate. Eliminated marks will be subsequent to the next mark to be rounded by the lead boat of a class or may be at the discretion of the Race Committee. This modifies RRS 32.2.
- 13.3. Boats shall sail through the finish line in a direction coming from the last mark of the shortened course.
- 13.4. If the Race Committee signals a shortened course (displays code flag S with two sounds) and displays one or more class flags, the signal shall apply to the Fleet(s) whose class flag(s) are displayed. If the Race Committee signals a shortened course and no class flags are displayed, the signal shall apply to all Fleets. This changes RRS 32.2.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The finishing time limit for all yachts, if any, will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting. Any boat still racing after the expired time limit will be scored DNF. Four blasts by the Race Committee horn will indicate the time limit has expired. This changes RRS 35.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. The Race Committee will monitor VHS channel 72.
- 15.2. The Race Committee will attempt to notify competitors via VHS channel 72 of changes to the course, the Sailing Instructions or the verbal instructions announced at the Skippers' Meeting. It shall be the competitors' responsibility to monitor the Race Committee's radio transmissions.
- 15.3. If the Race Committee is unable to deliver radio transmissions or if a competitor is unable to receive radio transmissions, visual signals displayed on the Race Committee boat shall take precedence.
- 15.4. Without limiting the application of RRS 41, the transmission or receipt while racing of any communication for an individual boat's direct or indirect benefit is prohibited. This includes fee-for-service weather information and all routing information or advice. This does not include communication, including electronic communications, required to comply with the notice of race and sailing instructions or for personal messages not related to a boat's performance in the race.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Races will be scored as provided in Rule 90.3 and Appendix A2 of the current version of the RRS.
- 16.2. The Red Fleet will be scored using a TCF handicapping system.

- 16.3. The White Fleet and Blue Fleet will be scored using the NHC (National Handicap for Cruisers), expressed as TCF.
- 16.4. One-Design Fleets will be scored according to RRS A4 Scoring System (Low Point System).
- 16.5. One (1) completed race constitutes a Regatta.
- 16.6. If 5 or fewer races are completed, no race scores shall be excluded. If 6 or 7 races are completed, each boat's Regatta score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race. If 8 or more races are completed, each boat's Regatta score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst races.

17. TIES AND OTHER RULES

- 17.1. Series ties shall be resolved as provided in RRS A8.1 and A8.2.

18. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 18.1. If a yacht violates a Rule under RRS Part 2 (When Boats Meet), she may exonerate herself by doing one Penalty Turn.
- 18.2. As provided in RRS 67, the Protest Committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

19. PROTESTS

- 19.1. Protest Forms are available at the Bitter End Marina clubhouse and the Skippers' Meeting preceding the race. The protest time limit for each class is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the day's final race.

20. SERIOUS COLLISIONS

- 20.1. A collision causing damage requiring more than routine maintenance is considered a serious incident. When such damage occurs, the Protest Committee shall hold a hearing under RRS 60.2, 60.3 & 63 to determine the facts and consider whether those involved exercised reasonable care in handling their boats. When the Protest Committee finds that either or both boat(s) did not, one or both shall be disqualified, regardless of any alternative penalties accepted under RRS 44.1. In extreme cases, either boat(s) may be excluded from the rest of the regatta or Series (this enhances RRS 64.2).

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee immediately. In addition, boats shall carry all legally required safety equipment. Consult The Handbook of Idaho Boating Laws and Responsibilities.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Results and prizes will be presented at the awards ceremony at The Captains' Wheel restaurant on Sunday at 3:00 PM.
- 22.2. Winning skippers in each fleet will have their names engraved on the Goat Float Trophy awarded at the club's annual Awards Banquet.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1. Competitors participate in racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after racing.

24. VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY RIGHTS

- 24.1. All marks, pictures, audio, video recordings, graphic logos and service names contained herein or produced during the season by or on behalf of the LPOYC are the properties of the LPOYC. No rights are granted to use pictures, graphics, logos and service names without permission. Competitors give absolute rights and licenses for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boats to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. Each participating boat shall maintain valid third-party liability insurance.

26. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 26.1. For additional information, email the LPOYC Race Administrator at lpoycrc@gmail.com