

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The 1st Annual Lake Pend Oreille Cup Organizing Authorities: Lake Pend Oreille Yacht Club (LPOYC) & Sandpoint Sailing Association (SSA)

1. RULES

- The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the specific definitions and time limits set forth in the current RRS.
- The series is governed by the Deed of Gift Governing The Lake Pend Oreille Cup.
- Any competitor found guilty of a violation of RRS Rule 69 (Gross Misconduct) during a Series event shall be immediately expelled from the Cup Series, forfeiting all accumulated Team and Individual points.
- All PHRF Corrected Times shall be mathematically rounded to the nearest whole second (with 0.5 rounding upward).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- Competition for The Cup is strictly limited to vessels competing in declared Spinnaker classes.
- Boats competing in "White Fleet," "Jam," or "Cruising" classes are excluded from all calculations.
- Participating vessels must be registered members in good standing of either LPOYC or SSA.
- **The "Lock-In" Rule:** Boats maintaining membership in both clubs must declare their Club Allegiance prior to competing in their first event of the cycle. A boat's allegiance is locked for the remainder of that Cup Cycle once they compete for a Club.
- **The Helmsman Rule:** The Person in Charge (Helmsperson) of any scoring boat must be a Member in Good Standing of their declared Club for a minimum of 30 days prior to the event.
- **Joint Ownership (The Split Hull Rule):** Co-owners from opposing Clubs must submit a written Declaration of Allegiance prior to the season. A co-owner who is a member of the opposing Club is prohibited from acting as Helm of that vessel during any Cup Series race.

- "Extra" boats competing solely for Individual Honors are prohibited from engaging in "Team Tactics" (e.g., aggressive luffing, hunting, or blocking) against boats declared in the Team Match.

3. FEES & REGISTRATION

- **Championship Finale Entry Fee:** \$30 USD per entry.
- **Registration Deadline:** August 9, 2026 (to allow clubs time to convene on ratings).
- The Lead Authority for the Championship Finale retains 100% of the Entry Fee revenue for the Hope Regatta, as the purpose is for the purposes of paying the Race Committee and cost of running the Committee Boat.

4. SCHEDULE

- **Inaugural Year Exception:** While the Cup is normally awarded based on an annual cycle of three regattas, for the 2026 inaugural year, the Spring Event ("The Goat Float") and Fall Event ("The Spud Cup") are excluded.
- **The 2026 Championship Finale:** Summer regatta held in Hope, Idaho.
 - **Date:** Saturday, August 15, 2026.
 - **Skipper's Meeting:** Saturday AM on the water via VHF Radio (Channel 72) prior to the first warning.
 - **First Warning Signal:** At an appropriate time after the skipper's meeting.
- For the Championship Finale, the Race Committee shall endeavor to complete a minimum of 3 races on Saturday morning, weather permitting.
- No Warning Signal shall be made after 15:00 hours on Saturday, August 15, 2026, unless a "Sudden Death" Playoff is required.
- **Awards & Social:** Sunday, August 16, 2026 (Place and Time TBA).

5. SCORING METHODOLOGY

- All races are scored using Time-on-Time with Coefficients A=650 and B=550.
- **Inaugural Year Exception:** Phase 1 (Regular Season) scoring is suspended for the 2026 cycle.
- **Phase 2 (Championship Finale):** Every valid Race Win at the Hope Regatta awards 1 Cup Point.

- At the Championship Finale, all boats shall be scored as a Single Combined Fleet to determine the winner of each race for Cup Point allocation.
- The Cup is awarded to the Club with the highest total of Cup Points at the conclusion of the Hope Regatta.
- An Individual Season Champion ("The Ironman") shall be crowned using the Low Point System based strictly on participation and results at the 2026 Championship Finale.

6. VENUE & COURSES

- The 2026 Championship Finale will be held at a neutral site in Hope, Idaho.
- Specific courses are not published yet and will be made available to competitors the week before the event.

7. RATINGS ADMINISTRATION

- For the Neutral Finale, an "Event Rating List" must be agreed upon prior to the first warning gun.
- The Host Club must publish the accepted Rating List for all entrants no later than **3 days** prior to the first warning gun.
- No rating changes may be made after this **3-day** deadline except to correct clerical errors.

8. INSURANCE

- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- It is the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper to maintain this coverage.