



Notice of Race & BSC Sailing Instructions for the 2023 BSC Wednesday Night Fun Race Series

Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in the Birmingham Sailing Club **Wednesday Night Fun Race Series** to take place on Lake Logan Martin during daylight savings time. The goal of these series is solely on fun and participation.

See below schedule. Dates will be published on BSC Website home page (www.birminghamsailingclub.org)

Rules

- The races will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules for Sailing for 2021-2024 and by addendum for this series.
- This is a **fun** series. All boats participating in these fun races are encouraged to sail by the rules but especially encouraged to use this as a learning experience about the rules and discuss any rules infractions following racing. *This is a great opportunity to learn the basic rules ie Part 2 of the Racing Rules for Sailing (RRS) – When Boats Meet*
- A boat may take a one (1) turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (when boats meet not inside the zone) while racing. This changes rule 44.1

Fee:

- There is no fee for the WNFRS.
- Complimentary **Apré’ Sail** refreshments will be provided.

Eligibility

- All BSC members and their guests are encouraged to participate. All classes are invited. More important, all members are encouraged to bring and sponsor a guest(s). Member guests are subject to club rules, including rules related to pets.

Schedule:

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| Series | Day | Start Time | Dates |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Early Summer - Series 1 | Wednesday | 1700 Start | April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10 |
| Shoreline Social** | Wednesday | 1700 | May 17 |
| Mid-Summer - Series 2 | Wednesday | 1700 Start | May 24, 31 June 7, 14, 21, 28 |
| Shoreline Social** | Wednesday | 1700 | July 5 |
| Late Summer - Series 3 | Wednesday | 1700 Start | July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16 |

**Shoreline socials to include onshore games, leisure sailing, swimming, SUP’s, as well as bring your own food to grill, BYOB – grills will be provided and ready.

Scoring

- Scoring will be High Point based **solely on participation**.
- Be sure to check in on-the-water with RC and give names

| Category | Points Per Day |
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| Member Skipper | 1 point |
| Member Crew | 1 point |
| Non-Member Guest Aboard | 2 points (Crew + 1 bonus point) |
| Single-handing (crewed boat) | 0.5 points (applicable to only crewed boats – ie: FS, Thistle <i>Does not include Lasers, EVO, Hobie Wave, Opti, etc.</i>) |
| Race Committee | 2 points |

- No make-up races for cancelled races.
- Scoring only applies if there is a race or races conducted.
- Tie breakers will be left to the discretion of the organizing body.

Race Committee

- RC will be completely voluntary, and a sign-up will be available. Remember, there are bonus points for RC.
- Race Committee will be from Whaler (See course information)
- Race committee may hail by bull-horn and will monitor channel 68
- It will be the full discretion of the RC to conduct, cancel, or resume racing at any-time on any day.

Communication / Weather

- Weather will be determined using the weather data observed at the club (club website)or at <https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KALVINCE4>
- Club membership email list will be used for special notices, changes, cancellations.
- Communication on a GO or NO-GO based on weather will be made with advance notice.
- A definite call on the racing for each particular evening will be made **no later than 1500 day of racing.**
- ***Forecasted thunderstorms with, or predicted with, lightning and/or high winds will be the primary reason for cancelling races.***

Risk Statement

- ***RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.***

Starting Signals

Starts will be 3 minutes sequence as follows:

- 3 Min – Yellow Flag Up – 3 short whistles
- 2 Min – P-Flag Up – 2 short whistles
- 1 Min – P-Flag down – 1 short whistle
- Start – Yellow Flag Down (10 sec whistle countdown) – 1 long whistle

Awards

- Awards will be presented at the BSC Annual meeting.

Courses

- See attached for suggested courses. Other courses may be used to provide a level of fun and based on weather.
- X may be used as a C (leeward) mark in the event of a 2 lap race. **Note that this changes BSC rule for standard course for club races.**
- Note that this alters the BSC club racing courses.
- Course changes may be left to the discretion of the RC and/or Organizing Body to keep this a fun series.



C / X



Start / Finish



Course 1 = AX (1 Lap)

Course 2 = ACAX (2 Laps)