

Commonwealth Yacht Club Sailing Series Course and Instructions

Introduction:

This course and race series is designed to introduce skippers and crews to the sport of sailboat racing as well as develop and improve sailing skills. By practice sailing around the course skippers and crews can work on: sailing all points of wind, tacking, turning on specific marks, GPS and compass navigation as well as single-handing boats.

Course Description:

The course, shown on the attached map, is approximately 5 nautical miles in length. The start – finish line and turning marks are USCG permanent channel markers. GPS and compass navigation information* is provided on the map. The coordinates and compass bearings were checked July 2010. Compass bearings are based on true north. By using USCG markers the course is available any time for skippers and crew to practice.

Races:

Races are held on Saturdays according to the published schedule each season. The starting time is 10:00 a.m. in front of Kentucky Lake Dam; exceptions to start time are noted on the schedule. Racers are assigned specific times(handicap) to cross the start line based on their boats PHRF and performance in previous series races. The race lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours depending on wind conditions. If the wind diminishes and boats stall the race is concluded at 12:30 PM. Racers are assigned their place based on position with other boats on the course. Contact Sharla Graham for more information on starting times and racing rules.

Scoring of Points:

Eight races will be scheduled per season. For the purpose of scoring, points will be awarded according to finish place in each race as follows:

1 st	6 points
2 nd	5 points
3 rd	4 points
4 th	3 points
5 th	2 points
6 th	1 point

Any other place earns 1 point.

Each boat's best four times per season are combined to reach a cumulative score and series placement is awarded accordingly. Any boat finishing below 5th place in individual races will receive a two minute head start adjustment to their start time for subsequent races, up to two adjustments per season. First place boats will receive a one minute delay for subsequent races, up to two adjustments per season.

Communication:

During races monitor marine **channel 72 (alternate channel 68)**

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*GPS coordinates and compass headings were obtained using a Garman Map-60 handheld GPS unit. The map was generated using Garman mapsource and Arc-View 3.3 topographic mapping software. Water depth was not included. Skippers should consult USCG navigation charts for this information. This map is intended to be as accurate as possible as of the preparation date.

Sailing has inherent dangers and risks. Skippers and crews should practice safe boating at all times. Participants hold harmless CYC and race organizers of liability.

