MCSA Sailing Instructions
2021 MCSA Masters Championship
October 7 - 10, 2021
Lake Lanier Sailing Club, Flowery Branch, GA

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix S, and the MCSA rules and by-laws.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore and Race Office

4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from a docked Race Committee vessel.

4.2 The race office will be located in the main hall at Lake Lanier Sailing Club.

5 **AP Ashore Delay.** After Flag AP ashore is lowered, the next signal will be made not less than 45 Minutes later.

6 Schedule

6.1 Seven Races are scheduled.
6.2 No more than three races will be sailed in one day.
6.3 Practice Race - TBD 2:00 pm Thursday, October 7, 2021
6.4 Competitor's Briefing: 1030 Friday, October 8, 2021
6.5 The Warning Signal for Race 1 1130 Friday, October 8, 2021
6.6 Subsequent races will follow. After going ashore, subsequent race warning times will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
6.7 If three races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1200 on Sunday, October 10, 2021
6.8 If fewer than three races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

7 Class Flag

7.1 The class flag will be the class insignia on a red, white, & blue background.

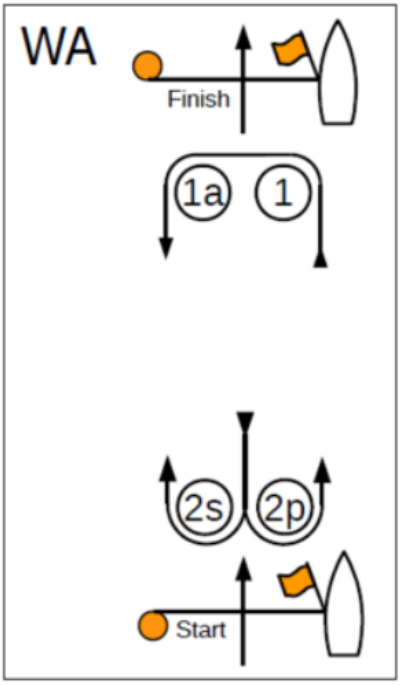
8 Racing Area

8.1 The racing area will be the navigable waters of Lake Lanier.

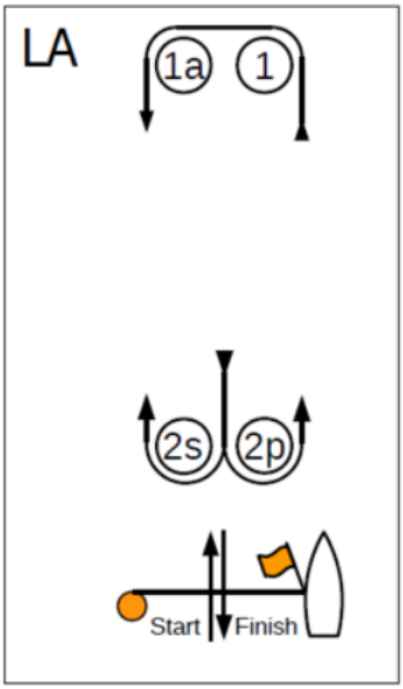
9 Courses

9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying one or two letters followed by a number, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

The course diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The supplement may include additional courses.



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	*Mark Rounding Order*
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a - 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a - 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	*Mark Rounding Order*
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

10 Marks

10.1 Original marks will be Orange Round Marks

10.2 Change marks will be Orange Round Marks

10.3 Starting line flags will be orange flags. Finish line flags will be orange.

11 **The Start**

11.1 The start will be governed by using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be:

11.2.1 Between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark or

11.2.2 Between two staffs displaying Line flags on two race committee vessels or

11.2.3 From a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the approximate center of the line to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the port end of the starting line.

11.3 If a mid-line boat is in place in accordance with SI 11.2.3 yachts subject to the I Flag rule may return to the pre-start side of the line, round the mid-line boat, leaving it to port as if it were the port end of the starting line before starting. This changes RRS 30.1.

11.4 RRS A4.1 is changed so that a boat that has not started within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS.

11.5 Following the display of the Individual Recall signal, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio the sail numbers of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the start signal and boats that must comply with Rule 30.1. Such announcements are a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear and/or understand it, shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 **Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 **The Finish**

13.1 The finishing line will be between two staffs displaying Line flags on race committee vessels or if only one Line flag is displayed, between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a finishing mark.

14 Time Limits

14.1 Mark 1 Time Limit: 30 Minutes. Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.

14.2 Race Time Limit: 90 Minutes. Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

14.3 Finishing Window: 20 Minutes Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat to sail the course and finish.

14.4 Protest Time Limit: 75 Minutes after the last boat *finishes* the last race of the day. (Flag A displayed).

14.5 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, and A11.

15 **Protests and Requests for Redress**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office.

15.2 The protest time limit is listed in 14.4.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

15.6 A boat that is intending to protest or request redress is shall notify the protest committee as soon as practical after coming ashore.

16 Scoring

16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 When fewer than 7 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

17 **Communication**

17.1 The Competitor VHF Channel is 72.

17.2 The RC will use the Competitor VHF Channel to communicate about the racing, weather issues, safety concerns, and other actions where clarification may be helpful to the competitors.

17.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

17.4 A boat that retires shall inform the Race Committee as soon as practicable via the Competitor VHF Channel and/or by informing a Race Committee vessel verbally and/or by informing an event official ashore.

18 **Prizes**

18.1 Three races need to be completed before a Masters Championship is recognized and perpetual trophies awarded. One race constitutes a regatta for purposes of awarding keeper trophies. Awards will be based on her finishes in the overall fleet.

18.2 Keeper trophies are as follows:

- Top 10 Overall (any age, male or female)
- Top 2 Grand Masters (60-69 years of age)
- Top 2 Mega Master (70-74 years of age)
- Top Old Salt (75+ years of age)
- Top Woman (any age)

19 **Outside Assistance**

19.1 A capsized boat that receives outside assistance while righting or a crew member who is ill, injured, overboard, or in danger that receives outside assistance shall retire except: if receiving said assistance from another competitor boat in the same race you may continue racing without penalty. This changes RRS 41.

20 **Equipment and Measurement**

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected by an MCSA Official at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.