

2019 WSC FROSTBITE SERIES NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Event Dates. Saturday, January 5; Saturday, January 19; Saturday, February 2; Saturday, February 16; and Saturday, March 2, 2019.

General. The Frostbite Race and Cruise Series is intended for, but not limited to, keelboats. If you intend to sail a centerboard boat, however, know that the air and water will be cold and that a capsize can be dangerous for you and anyone who assists you. Regardless what boat you sail, the decision to participate or to continue participating in a race is the personal responsibility of each skipper and crew member, and each sails at their own risk. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 as modified by the sailing instructions and notice of race. Races will be monitored by the competitors themselves. There will be no on the water Race Committee, signal boat or chase boats. A Race Coordinator will conduct the skippers meeting, make required announcements and other organizational matters.

Weather Conditions. No race will be held if the maximum sustained wind speed at Keystone Lake is 20 mph or greater and the air temperature is 32°F or colder. Otherwise, the race will take place subject to abandonment.

Skippers Meeting. There will be a skippers meeting in the club pavilion at 11:00 a.m. on the day of the race; the day's race course and other pertinent matters will be announced at that time. Later announcements such as course changes may be made to participants by VHF radio.

Start and Finish. The Frostbite Series races will have "pursuit" starts. Competitors will start at their designated starting times using GPS/Cell phone time without any other signal. PHRF handicaps will be used to determine starting times for all boats. Starting times will vary according to the course to be sailed for the day. Competitors shall record the boat finishing immediately ahead of and behind them and submit that to the Race Coordinator. The starting/finish line will be a line extending between the "no wake" buoy in Windycrest (Barker) Cove and an orange mark adjacent to it. The direction of sailing to the first mark on either course will be as close to windward as possible.

Course to be Sailed. A race will be sailed on one of three possible courses around the lake: *Course A* (4½ miles), *Course B* (5½ miles) or *Course C* (9 miles). If the anticipated windspeed is 5 MPH or less, Course A or Course B will be sailed; if it is greater than 5 MPH, course C will be sailed. A map of the courses will be posted in the club pavilion and copies will be provided to participants. Rounding marks will be identified on the maps. Depending on the prevailing wind direction, the course for the day will be sailed either "clockwise" or "counterclockwise" around the marks. If the course to be sailed is "clockwise" around marks, then boats shall keep marks to starboard; if the course sailed is "counter-clockwise" around marks, then boats shall keep marks to port.

Safety! *VHF radios should be on board. Channel 71 will be used for direct communication. Lifejackets or other USCG approved personal flotation gear must be worn at all times by all participants, skippers and crew alike. Each boat must have a throwable flotation device accessible for ready use.*

