

LDBSA Racing Series – Race Instructions

ALL SAIL BOAT TYPES ARE HEARTILY WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED

2017 Portsmouth Handicap scoring,

1) Race Management - The races will be conducted under and in accordance with the racing rules of the International Yacht Sailing Association as adopted by the United States Sailing Association except as altered by these sailing instructions. All boats must carry valid registration for the state of their home port and must comply with Wisconsin legal requirements for safety equipment.

2) 2 Turn Penalty Applies - The 2 turns penalty, as stated in Part 4 of the racing rules will apply. Acceptance of the penalty in no way exonerates a yacht from legal or financial liability. **Note: Hitting a mark is 1 turn penalty – the mark does not need to be rounded again. All penalty turns must be taken as soon as it is safe to do so.**

3) Scoring - scoring will be by the **High Point Scoring system** defined below:

Each boat will receive point(s) equal to the number of boats she beat, plus one point. The series score will be the sum of all the points of the individual races. There will be no exclusions (throwouts). The boat finishing the series with the largest number of points will be the first place boat.

DNS (did not start) - boats that did not start will receive 0 points.

DNF (did not finish) – Boats that did not finish will receive 1 point. She started and will be counted as racing or raced.

DSQ – (disqualification) Boats that were disqualified will receive 0 points.

RCD – (race committee duty) A boat that does Race Committee will receive the average of her finished races in the total series, rounded to the nearest whole number, for each of the races she missed while serving as race committee..

4) Overall Regatta Standings - Awards will be awarded to the top three sailors.

5) Shortened Course - If after the start, in the opinion of the Race Committee, a race will not be completed within the time limit, the course may be shortened. Shortening of the course will be signaled by sounding 2 blasts of a horn or gun and the raising of a visual signal. The finish will then be between the committee boat and the adjacent buoy. The line shall be crossed from the direction of the last regular mark of the course.

6) One Minute Rule - will be in effect for all races. No boat may cross the starting line from either direction during the last 60 seconds before the start. Yachts that are on the course side of the starting line or its extensions, must round the buoy at either end of the starting line and cross to the pre-start side of the starting line by crossing one of its extensions. A dip start would be in violation of this rule.

7)Number of races – Races will be held on Lake Dubay at the dates and times shown on the race schedule. The race schedule will be available for viewing on the Association website.

8) Minimum and Maximum wind - Wind will be blowing at least 3 knots to start a race. If the wind dies to below 3 knots for a period of 30 min, that race will be abandoned. Wind will be blowing less than 15 knots to start a race. If the winds are excessively gusty, the race committee may abandon a race for safety.

9) HAVE FUN and GOOD SAILING!!!