



**The Crooked Lake Yacht Club**  
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## **Crooked Lake Fiasco 2021**

### **Sailing Instructions**

#### **Welcome to CLYC's fun regatta!**

Races will be governed by US Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing. These instructions provide further details unique to the Crooked Lake Fiasco.

#### **Participation**

Races are open to both members and non-members of CLYC. Donations to CLYC to support the sail racing program are welcome. Racing is open to all classes of sailboats and sail powered craft.

By virtue of their participation, all competitors and spectators assume responsibility for their own personal safety and that of their property.

#### **Schedule, Start Time of Race**

The 2021 Crooked Lake Fiasco is planned to be held July 17. One race is scheduled. The day's activities will begin with a skipper's meeting on the CLYC lawn at 1:30 PM, with a harbor start immediately thereafter. An attention signal from the Committee Boat will sound when competitors have gathered near the course, planned to be at or around 2:00 PM. The race day is subject to cancellation due to weather or other circumstances at the race committee's discretion, with an effort made to communicate any changes to the competitors.

After the race, sailors, friends and spectators are encouraged to socialize at CLYC for an awards announcement and friendly conversation.

#### **Courses**

The race course will be on the waters of Crooked Lake. The race committee will establish a starting line between a race committee boat and mark 'S' and place three orange course marks before the race. The finish line will be between the 'S' mark, which will be moved to a location just offshore from the CLYC dock the committee boat. The course to be sailed entails crossing the starting line, rounding each of the three course marks, and crossing the finishing line. The starting line and finishing line can be crossed in either direction and the course marks can be rounded in any order. The location of the marks are as follows:

<i>Number/Letter</i>	<i>Location</i>
S	Start: Near Committee Boat, offshore from CLYC Finish: Near CLYC Dock, offshore from CLYC
1	West of starting line, near Conway
2	Southwest of starting line, near the mouth of Minnehaha Creek
3	East of starting line, near the sandbar

## Starting

Starts will be conducted using the methodology in US Sailing’s Appendix U “Audible-Signal Racing System”. While the text of Appendix U will govern, below is an excerpt that outlines the starting sequence:

The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times. These signals shall be timed from their commencement and shall govern, even if visual signals are also used:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Time before start</i>
Attention	Series of short sounds	Before the warning
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minutes
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	5 short, 1 second apart	5 - 4 - 3 -2 - 1 seconds
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## Scoring

Divisions. There will be two divisions scored for the races—an Open division (which includes all competitors) and a Sunfish Class division (which includes only Sunfish).

Race scores. Low point scoring will be used with the winning boat in each division receiving 1 point, the second place boat 2 points, etc.

Any boats that compete in the race (i.e. come to the starting area) that do not start, do not finish, or finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score the number of points represented by the number of competitors.

**Special recognition will be given to competitors who best embody the fun spirit of the Crooked Lake Fiasco through their crew combinations (sailing with grandkids, houseguests, etc.), outfits (the louder the better!), choice of craft (just make sure it floats and can get around the course), general fun attitude (cheers, both organized and spontaneous are encouraged, harmless pranks will be tolerated), etc.**