



## **Lake Norman Keelboat Council Member Yacht Clubs Spirit of Cooperation Policy**

**PURPOSE:** This policy provides guidance for cooperation between the Lake Norman Yacht Club (LNYC), the Outrigger Yacht Club (OYC) and the Safe Harbor Peninsula Yacht Club (SHPYC) (hereinafter referred to as the “Clubs”) with respect to certain events and activities of mutual interest and as to their relationship with the Lake Norman Keelboat Council (LNKC).

**THE LAKE NORMAN KEELBOAT COUNCIL:** The purpose of this organization is to promote, encourage and coordinate the racing activities of the various keelboat racing Clubs on Lake Norman while preserving the individual identities of the Clubs. To this end LNKC may facilitate in the coordination of racing schedules among the various Clubs, promote good race management, establish uniform handicap ratings, make available uniform sailing instructions, establish and maintain permanent course marks and distances, maintain mailing lists, assist in scoring, organize and arrange for the hosting and sponsorship for racing events not identified with a particular club, and such other activities and functions deemed desirable.

**LNKC LAKEWIDE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**LNKC will maintain and update the Lakewide Sailing Instructions (LSI) available for Keelboat Races held by the Clubs. The LSI must be reviewed for revision in those years that the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) are altered, but may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the Council. Detail on Lake Marks positions and distances may be updated any time as necessary.

**ICICLE SERIES:** The Icicle Series is in place to raise funds to allow the LNKC to perform its function therefore expenses for these events should be kept in check in order to maximize revenues returned to the Council. Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction templates are available to the host clubs. The Icicle Series is held during the months of January-March. The format will be proposed by the host club.

**CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:** Responsibility for the Chairmanship of the Lake Norman Keelboat Council will rotate among the member clubs in alphabetical order, i.e., LNYC -> OYC -> SHPYC -> LNYC, etc. The Club responsible for the Chairmanship will also be responsible for staging the following year's Icicle Series.

**PHRF TAX:** To financially support the PHRF program and Permanent Mark maintenance expenses incurred by the LNKC on a fair and equitable basis, the Council levies a PHRF Tax of \$5 per boat per event which uses LNKC PHRF Ratings and/or the LSI and/or any LNKC Permanent Race Marks. Only LNKC Events (Icicle Series and any other to be named) and Charity Events are exempt. "Events", for these purposes, is defined as a Series or Regatta.

The Tax for the year is to be paid in full before the first meeting of the Council in the following year. The Council Chairperson will be responsible for ascertaining each Club's responsibility and invoicing accordingly. The Tax may be suspended temporarily by a 2/3 vote of the Council.

Last amended and adopted by the LNKC Board of Directors: Tuesday, February 9, 2023.  
Summary of changes: added Safe Harbor to Peninsula Yacht Club.