

# The Northern Lake George Yacht Club Racing Guidelines

The guidelines are submitted for the approval of the Board of Directors on May 23, 2009.

The Racing Committee:

- Recognizes the success of a helmsman and crew as the fleet champion when awarding the season NLGYC trophies.
- Encourages each sailor (or team) to qualify for the July and August monthly series and the season trophies.
- Promotes participation in off-lake regattas, but only when the integrity of the NLGYC fleet award is maintained.
- Fosters fleet building and supports our young sailors as they grow out of the junior fleets.

1. The Racing Committee will establish the sailing calendar each year and will attempt to maintain 10 races for July and August for a total of 20 races in a sailing season at NLGYC. Qualification will be based on the following:

Number of Races In Monthly Series	Races to Qualify	Number of Races in Season	Races to Qualify
10	6	20	12
9	6	19	12
8	5	18	11
7	5	17	11
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Note: A skipper (or syndicate) may request permission from the Race Committee to receive credit for participation in qualifying, sanctioned off-lake events; however, at least 50% of the series must be sailed at NLGYC.

2. When a race is scheduled and is not abandoned by the Race Committee, the race will be counted regardless of the number of boats on the starting line. If no boats show up for a particular fleet, the race will still count for qualification.
3. If only one boat in a fleet is on the starting line, the Race Committee will allow that boat to sail with another fleet or to retire as the skipper desires. The race will count as a qualifying race for the entire fleet; however, no score will be recorded for the boat sailing. **A minimum of 60% of races in a series must be contested by more than one boat for trophies to be awarded.**
4. Syndication (a group of sailors choosing to share the responsibility of the helm during the course of the season) is permitted under the following guidelines:
  - Requests must be made in writing to the **Race Committee Chair or Race Committee Secretary PRIOR to the beginning of any series. Notification should include the boat class, sail number, series for which it is syndicating (July, August, and/or Summer), and the names of the skippers involved in the syndicate.**
  - Only one sailor may be at the helm during any single race.
  - The number of sailors permitted in a syndicate are: Star (**3 immediate family/co-owners, or two unrelated individuals**), Thistle (**3 immediate family/co-owners, or two unrelated individuals**), Flying Junior (2), and N10 (2). **Lasers and Optimists are not permitted syndication.**
  - **Skippers may syndicate in only one boat per fleet.**
5. **Any beginning N10 sailor may elect to race with an adult aboard, or receive coaching assistance while racing. All racing N10s will qualify for race day ribbons. However, N10s receiving coaching assistance or racing with adults aboard will not scored for racing points in the series standing.**
6. Make-up races (for scheduled races that have been previously abandoned) will be scheduled at the first available opportunity. The on the water Race Committee will attempt to notify everyone at the beginning of the race day that a second race will be held if conditions allow.