

2023 Governor's Cup Cruising Squadron Distance Race

Notice Of Race

As part of the Governor's Cup Regatta sponsored by the Lake Stockton Yacht Club (LSYC), the Cruising Squadron of the LSYC will conduct a 12 mile distance race/cruise on Saturday, September 23rd. Starting this year, this Saturday only part of the Governor's Cup event will be named the **RON PLYMATE CRUISER CUP** with its own awards detailed below.

The Course

The start/finish line for the race will be at a point approximately 1.2nm southeast of Edge Island on a heading of 290 degrees. This area of the lake is typically called the north end of the State Park leg of the lake. The start/finish line will be between the RC flag displayed on the 18 foot Key West motorboat "Avanti" and a yellow pyramid inflatable mark. Competitors will start at their appointed time and sail south to a yellow pyramid inflatable mark located in open water approximately .5nm northwest of the 245 highway bridge. The mark can be rounded in either direction after which, competitors will return to the finish line and cross between the yellow mark and the RC flag in a northerly direction. A detailed course map and alternate shorter course will be posted.

Starting Times

This distance race will be conducted using the established pursuit start times assigned by the LSYC Race Committee. These start times have traditionally been assigned based on the New England PHRF organization or those currently being used by the USSailing organization. Base Boat Starting time will be PHRF 150 boats which will start at 11:00 AM.. Assigned times for other boats are either before or after 11:00 AM. These PHRF ratings are called base ratings and include mainsail, headsails no larger than 150% and a standard size spinnaker. For LSYC PHRF pursuit start racing, this base rating is also referred to as the Spinnaker (SPIN) rating. Those boats not using a spinnaker, are considered non-spinnaker or jib and mainsail (JAM) rating boats. For the Cruising Squadron, no further delineation in rating is made regarding equipment. The time allowance for pursuit start times is determined by subtracting 15 seconds per mile from the base (SPIN) time to determine the JAM boat starting time. The starting times can be found on the LSYC website, Facebook page, and the 5 bulletin boards found at the Lake Stockton marinas. For questions regarding ratings and start times, contact Tom Schroder by text or phone at 913-744-8319 prior to race day and VHF CH# 71 on race day.

Communication

Prior to race day, questions concerning ratings, the course, starting times and anything regarding the distance race should be directed to Tom Schroder at text/cell, 913-744-8319. On race day all [distance race communication](#) can be by phone or VHF channel #71. **VHF channel 72 is reserved for the Governor's Cup buoy racing fleets only.**

Awards

Rivaling in size the Lipton Cup, America's Cup and other well known sailing trophies, the renamed LSYC perpetual (repurposed) silver (colored) **RON PLYMATE CRUISER CUP** will be awarded at the Saturday evening gathering to the winner of the Governor's Cup Regatta Distance Race. Keeper trophies go to the winner and others who compete admirably.

IMPORTANT! Buoy racers start at 11:00am. Go out early and head directly to the distance race starting area and avoid the buoy racer area on the main lake and around Edge Island.