

Setting The Course

Considerations:

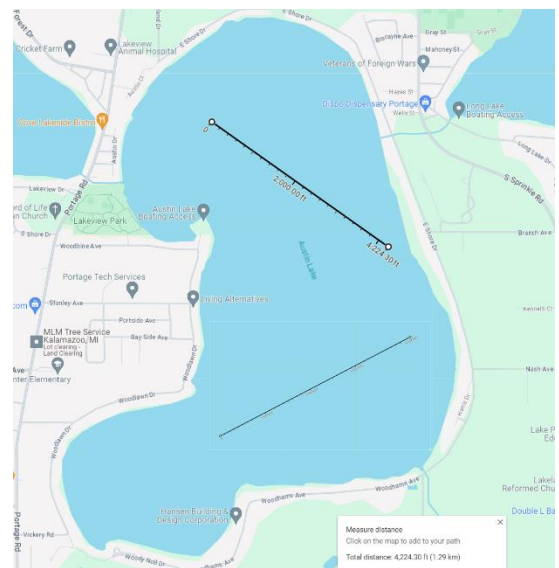
- Typical ½ hour to set course.
- Need enough wind across to set course – 5 mph minimum.
- Northwest winds set A Mark in “North Bay.”
- Southwest Winds set A Mark at “mouth” of “South Bay”.
- 35 – 45 minutes per race. (7-10 minutes legs) ~.5 (2640') - .8 (4224') miles between Windward Leeward Marks. Map shows .8-mile legs for reference.
- Setting Marks in weed beds. Do this if you do not want friends.
- Marks minimum 200 ft. from shore. (per permit)
- Keep in mind room needed for staging / starting box. We do not to be on top of docks.
- Keep safe distance from other boats anchor or not.
- Keep lines untangle when dropping anchors. Committee Boat drifts when not set correctly.

Setting A Mark (The Windward)

- Keep A Mark far enough out from shore to minimize shoreline wind influences.
- Safe distance from landing point shallow to allow boats to run before gybing downwind run. Issue as lake level decreases. More so with board boats.

Setting C Mark / Gates (The Leeward)

- C Mark is directly downwind from A mark.
- Site landmark from A mark to reference when motoring downwind to set leeward mark(s)
- Set Gates squared and centered to A mark.
- ~120 ft. between Gates. Increase with heavier winds.



To Set Starting Line

- For Downwind finishes below gates set starting line approximate 100' minimum below gates center about gates.
- For Upwind finishes set starting line 1/3 the distance to windward mark (A) with Committee boat in line with windward mark (A) and Leeward mark (C).
- The starting line is sighted from flag stand to pin.
- Set starting line length using factor of 1.0-1.5 of typical fleet boat length (e.g. 16') (e.g. 12 boats, moderate winds ($1.2 \times 16' \times 12$) = 230'). (Longer lines are always better than too short.) More wind, longer line.
- To set anchors: Position committee boat with line squared first and motor forward enough to allow boat to drift backwards once anchors are dropped. From here you should have enough anchor line for final starting line adjustment without having to reset anchors. (May the weed Gods be on your side!)
- Slightly PORT favored line is ideal (5-7 degrees) (Committee Boat will be 9' – 12' below pin at 100' line). Use of the cassette tape device placed in the flag stand can be helpful here. This will spread the fleet out and help prevent traffic jams at the committee boat.
- A squared starting line (90 degrees to wind) is also acceptable.
- Starboard line can cause major issues at committee boat end of line. AVOID this set up.

