

2nd Annual Vermilion 45005

Vermilion Boat Club
September 25, 2021

Sailing Instructions



1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. All participants are reminded that the *Inland Navigation Rules* are always in effect and shall be followed at all times; in particular, skippers should take particular note of Rule 2 (*Responsibility*), Rule 5 (*Look-out*), Rule 7 (*Risk of Collision*) and Rule 35(c) (*Sound Signals in Restricted Visibility*; — ••, every 2 minutes).
- 1.2. No class rules are applicable.

2. Notices to Participants

- 2.1. Prior to the day of the event, notices to participants and changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the *Vermilion 45005* page on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 2.2. Any notices or changes prior to the event, but on the day of the event, will be emailed to participants by the Event Chair or his designee.

3. Skippers' Meeting

- 3.1. There will be a skippers' meeting held at VBC at 1700 on Friday, September 24, 2021.
- 3.2. Participants new to GLSS-sponsored events are strongly encouraged to attend.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. There will be no signals made ashore for this event.

5. Official Time and Radio Communication

- 5.1. Official time shall be EDT as referenced by GPS.
- 5.2. The Event Chair, start boat and all participants shall monitor VHF Channel 72.
- 5.3. Participants are permitted to use any and all forms of communication available to them during the event.

6. Course

- 6.1. The Start will take place approximately 0.5 nm North of the Vermilion Breakwater [**41°26.3' N; 082°21.7' W**].
- 6.2. From the Start, boats shall sail approximately 14.5 nm on a heading of 354°T to NOAA Weather Buoy #45005 [**41°40.6' N; 082°23.9' W**], which shall be left to port; then proceed approximately 17.25 nm on a heading of 201°T to Huron Harbor Entrance Lighted Buoy G"1" [**41°24.5' N; 082°32.2' W**], which shall be left to port; and then proceed approximately 7.9 nm on a heading of 80°T to the Finish.
- 6.3. The Finish will be a line from the Vermilion Breakwater Light "B" extending North to the staff on the signal boat displaying an orange flag.
- 6.4. The course may be shortened in the event of light winds at the sole discretion of the Event Chair. Any course change will be communicated to the participants via VHF Channel 72 by the Event Chair or his designee.

7. Check-In

- 7.1. Each boat intending to participate in the event shall check in with the signal boat either verbally or via VHF Channel 72 at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start at 0800.
- 7.2. Each boat shall communicate its sail number and class during check-in and obtain acknowledgement from the signal boat.

8. The Start

- 8.1. The starting area will be approximately 0.5 nm North of the Vermilion Detached Breakwater Light "B" [**41°25.6' N; 082°21.85' W**].
- 8.2. The starting line will be between the staff on the signal boat displaying an orange flag at the Eastern end and the staff displaying an orange flag at the Western end.
- 8.3. The starting line will be perpendicular to the course to the first mark regardless of the wind direction.
- 8.4. The starting boat will attempt to hail, via VHF Channel 72, the sail numbers of boats that are OCS.
- 8.5. The starting boat will endeavor to start the event precisely at 0800 EDT GPS time.

9. Rounding the Marks

- 9.1. Boats shall note the time, to the nearest minute, that they have rounded each mark.
- 9.2. Boats shall announce to the fleet on VHF Channel 72 their rounding times for each mark within a reasonable time after each rounding, but at all times in keeping with good seamanship, navigation and collision avoidance.

10. The Finish

- 10.1. The finish line will be a line between the Vermilion Detached Breakwater Light "B" and the staff flying an orange flag on the signal boat.
- 10.2. The finish line will be oriented North/South, generally perpendicular to the heading from the second mark.

11. Retiring

- 11.1. Any boat retiring from the event shall notify the fleet via VHF Channel 72 as soon as possible. Alternatively, a retiring boat may notify the Event Chair, Jim Otton, via text or voice call to 330-417-0417.

12. Protests

- 12.1. A boat intending to protest shall notify the Event Chair of such intention within one hour after finishing either via VHF Channel 72 or by calling or texting 330-417-0417.
- 12.2. All protests will be heard and decided in the sole discretion of the Event Chair.

13. Scoring

- 13.1. A low-point system of scoring based on corrected time will be used based on the elapsed time of each finishing boat.
- 13.2. Handicap scoring shall be "Time on Distance."
- 13.3. The rated distance for the intended course is 40 NM.