

# 2023 Lake Huron Championship Regatta

Saturday August 19

Sailing Instructions

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The series races are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 For one design classes, their respective One Design Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.4 The Midwest PHRF By-Laws and Handicapping Rules, Credits and Penalties (HRCP) will apply, and each boat shall have a current Midwest PHRF rating certificate.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Yacht Scoring website for this event is the official notice board ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)).

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the PHYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Race date is Saturday August 19.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100.
- 5.3 Race start sequence will not be started after 1600.
- 5.4 RC will attempt to run as many races as possible.
- 5.5 Awards will be at PHYC as soon as possible after the event.

## 6 CLASS SPLITS AND FLAGS

- 6.1 Final class splits will be posted by 0800 on race day.

## 7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1 and 2S and 2P (the gate) shall be orange inflatable marks.
- 7.2 The offset mark shall be an orange hip hop.
- 7.3 New marks shall be yellow inflatable marks.
- 7.4 To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.
- 7.5 When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.
- 7.6 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.

## 8 COURSE

- 8.1 Rally point will be 2 miles north of the Blue Water Bridge on the US side of the channel.
- 8.2 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the course designation number.
- 8.3 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.
- 8.4 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course number on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the start/finish mark at the port end.
- 9.3 The starting order will be posted with the class splits.
- 9.4 After the starting sequence has initiated, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid:
  - The starting area extending 300' behind the starting line.
  - The area extending from both ends of the starting line to the first mark forming a triangle.Boats in violation of this instruction may be protested by the Race Committee under RRS 24.1.
- 9.5 Additional start sequences will begin no sooner than 5 minutes after the last finisher, or 5 minutes after time expires, whichever is sooner.

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## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the port end and the start/finish mark at the starboard end as approaching the finish.
- 10.2 After finishing, boats shall clear the finish area as quickly as possible so as to not obscure the race committee's view of the finish line and shall not re-cross the finish line with sails up.
- 10.3 Boats shall record their finish times, the boat immediately ahead and astern, and report the information to the race committee if requested.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit is 75 minutes after the class starting signal.
- 11.2 If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available online at [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Chairman or their designate within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 12.3 Notices of protests filed will be posted on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) after racing. Parties will be notified by the Race Chairman as to the time and location of the protest hearings.

## 13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 Each boat racing shall comply with US and Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 14 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 14.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## 15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 The Race Committee may be broadcasting on VHF 69 to supply information to competitors. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Each boat's corrected time shall be calculated using the single number ToD Buoy Racing Handicap (HCP) as shown on the boat's MWPHRF Certificate.
- 16.3 There will be no throw outs in each regatta weekend scoring (Modifies RRS Appendix A)
- 16.4 One race may constitute a series.

## 17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each class following racing.

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## Appendix A

### Course Illustrations

If there is only one leeward mark (Mark 2), it shall be left to port.

When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.

