



# Around the Islands Race

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Apostle Islands Station (AIS) / Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC)  
Bayfield Wisconsin, USA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Revised 6/28/2023

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2023 Around the Islands Race is the Apostle Islands Station / Wayzata Yacht Club, Inc. (AIS/WYC).

The notation [NP] in a rule in the Notice of Races means that breaches in this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US Sailing to The Racing Rules of Sailing listed in Notice of Race Addendum A shall apply and will be posted on the relevant event page of Yachtscoring.com.
  - 1.2.1. The US Sailing Prescription to Rule 63.1 will not apply.
- 1.3. Each boat shall also comply with the following:
  - 1.3.1. [DP] All U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules, and regulations.
  - 1.3.2. The 2023 WYC/AIS Safety Equipment Requirements, which can be found on the relevant event page of Yachtscoring.com and at [www.wyc.org/ais](http://www.wyc.org/ais).
  - 1.3.3. Single handed entrants shall be existing or past Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (GLSS) members and comply with GLSS Solo Challenge 2023 Equipment List, which can be found on the relevant event page of Yachtscoring.com and at [www.wyc.org/ais](http://www.wyc.org/ais).

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 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.
  - 2.1.1. Changes to the SI will also be announced approximately ninety minutes prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day by the Race Committee (RC) on VHF Radio (VHF), SI 3.3.
- 2.2. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), the RC may alter the SI on the water by flying Code Flag L, hailing the fleets, and announcing the change on VHF.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB) located at the relevant Yachtscoring.com event page.
  - 3.1.1. Competitors are expected to obtain all relevant race documents on their own.
- 3.2. The Unofficial Notice Board (UNB) is located at the dock office of the Apostle Islands Marina located at 107 Manypenny Ave., Bayfield, WI
- 3.3. On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4. The following communications may be made by the RC on VHF channel 72.



- 3.4.1. The RC may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after each start on the VHF channel. Failure to hear her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 3.5. [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, or when notifying the RC of a retirement or withdrawal, or unless specifically requested by the RC, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication, that are not available to all boats.
- 3.6. [DP] Any boat using a sail with an alternate sail number shall report the proper sail number to the RC in writing before 0900 at the Apostle Island Marina dock office, or via VHF hail no later than 30-minutes prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day.
- 4. CODE OF CONDUCT**
  - 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
  - 4.2. [DP] The registered competitor shall be responsible for conduct of the entire crew before, during, and after the Race while at Race related locations for Race related events. See RRS 2 and 69.
- 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
  - 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat at dock at the Apostle Islands Marina, 107 Manypenny Ave., Bayfield, WI 54814.
  - 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 1 hour' in the Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.
- 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**
  - 6.1. A VHF competitors' meeting will be held on VHF 72 at 0830 on July 1, 2023.
  - 6.2. The first Warning Signal will be at 1000 on July 1, 2023.
- 7. CLASS FLAGS**
  - 7.1. Class Flags are defined as follows:
    - 7.1.1. Fully Crewed Class will be bright green.
    - 7.1.2. Single/Double Handed Class will be bright pink.
- 8. RACING AREA**
  - 8.1. Racing may be held anywhere in, near or around the Apostle Islands. SI Appendix A shows the partial area in which racing may be held.
- 9. COURSES**
  - 9.1. The course is clockwise around the Apostle Islands. Start in front of Bayfield, sail and leave Red Cliff buoy to port, Devil's Island to starboard, Outer Island to starboard, Michigan Island to starboard, Grants Point Buoy to starboard, and finish (as described in SI 13.) off the break wall at the end of Rittenhouse Ave in Bayfield, WI.
- 10. MARKS**
  - 10.1. Marks will be:
    - 10.1.1. Temporary marks/buoys (which may be red, orange, yellow, white, or green and be in the form of cylinders, spheres or tetrahedrons),
    - 10.1.2. Islands,



- 10.1.3. Government navigation marks/buoys.
- 10.2. All boats shall obey all government navigation marks/buoys while racing, except if the navigation mark/buoy is a mark of the course, when such navigation mark/buoy shall be rounded pursuant to RC Course instructions per SI 9.1.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal of each succeeding class may be made with the start signal of the preceding class.
- 11.2. The Fully Crewed Class will be started first. The Single/Double Handed Class will start second.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Signal Boat and course side of the starting mark.
- 11.4. [DP] A boat shall start within 20 minutes of her starting signal.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. The course shall not be shortened or changed after the warning signal. This changes RRS 32 and 33.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff with a blue flag located on the Bayfield City Dock and the course side of a mark located approximately 300 feet offshore from the end of the pier off Rittenhouse Avenue.
- 13.2. All finishing boats shall take their own GPS time, noting where reasonably possible the sail number of boats finishing ahead and behind them.
- 13.3. The finish line will be staffed for 3 hours after the first boat finishes. Boats finishing after this time shall be scored based on their declared GPS finish time.
- 13.4. While on station, the finish line RC staff will acknowledge each finish with a horn blast or whistle. If a boat does not receive an acknowledgement signal upon finishing, you shall record your time and deliver it to the Principal Race Officer (PRO), or the registration desk at the Bayfield Pavilion, and text to the designated scorer announced at the competitors' meeting no later than 1400 on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Boats still racing at that time shall deliver finish times at the first opportunity after finishing to the Pavilion.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS Appendix V Alternative Penalties, a US Sailing prescription, shall apply.
- 14.2. The Race Committee shall penalize a boat without a hearing for a breach of NOR 4.4.; by applying a scoring penalty of five (5) minutes corrected time per infraction. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 14.3. The discretionary penalty [DP] will be one (1) of the following:
  - 14.3.1. No penalty
  - 14.3.2. Additional corrected time
  - 14.3.3. Disqualification

## 15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. There is no time limit.

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. Protest Time Limit for all fleets shall be 1200 hours on July 2, 2023.



- 16.2. Protest forms will be available at the protest table located on the patio on the east end of the Pavilion, or from a member of the RC, or on [YachtScoring.com](https://www.YachtScoring.com).
- 16.3. For the requirements stated in RRS 61.3, a *protest* or request for redress by a boat may be met by electronically submitting the protest information to the protest committee within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions.
  - 16.3.1. If information is to be emailed to the Protest Desk, send the information required by RRS 61.2 to [WYCAISPROTEST@gmail.com](mailto:WYCAISPROTEST@gmail.com),
  - 16.3.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening may be delivered online using [YachtScoring.com](https://www.YachtScoring.com) by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form (a diagram may be brought to the hearing),
  - 16.3.3. The party submitting a protest electronically should travel to the regatta venue as quickly as possible to participate in an arbitration meeting or protest hearing,
  - 16.3.4. Protestors submitting protests digitally shall be present at the protest desk within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 16.4. Notices will be posted on the ONB and on the UNB no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Where reasonably possible, hearings will be scheduled for the day the protests were received and in the order the protests were received. In unusual circumstances and with sufficient notice, the Protest Committee may schedule a hearing for a different day, time, or order.

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1. The corrected time for each boat will be calculated using time on time scoring. Elapsed times will be adjusted to the corrected time using the MWPHRF ToTcf for random leg handicap (DHCP) for each boat.
- 17.2. One race is scheduled, and one race is required to constitute a regatta.
- 17.3. Corrected times will be rounded to the nearest whole second (0.5 rounded upward).

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [NP] [DP] Each boat shall comply with the following:
  - 18.1.1. Each boat shall comply with all USCG and other applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations.
  - 18.1.2. AIS Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), which can be found at [www.wyc.org/ais](https://www.wyc.org/ais) and the relevant [YachtScoring.com](https://www.YachtScoring.com) page for this event.
  - 18.1.3. Singlehanded entrants shall comply with Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (GLSS) Solo Challenge 2023 Equipment List, which can be found at [www.wyc.org/ais](https://www.wyc.org/ais) and the [YachtScoring.com](https://www.YachtScoring.com) page for this event.
  - 18.1.4. Personal Flotation Devices
    - 18.1.4.1. At the Start and Finish of the race, each person on board each boat is required to wear a USCG or ISO approved personal flotation device (PFD). The use of an ISO approved PFD does not negate the USCG requirement that each vessel shall have at least one (1) USCG approved Type III or V life jacket for each person on board. Belt pack style PFD's are not allowed.
    - 18.1.4.2. For any boat with only one (1) or two (2) individuals on board, each individual shall wear a life jacket at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 18.2. [DP] Prior to the first race, each boat shall check-in by:
  - 18.2.1. Sailing astern of the RC Signal Vessel and hail her sail number.
  - 18.2.2. The RC will acknowledge the hail.



18.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible via VHF, voice, or text. This notification shall include: the boat name, sail number, and Lat/Lon position when retiring. The RC will monitor VHF 72, and cell number (515) 238-4118.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, Notice of Race, and Sailing Instructions.

## **20. RISK STATEMENT, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

20.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against AIS/WYC and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

## **21. INSURANCE**

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 for bodily injury and minimum coverage of \$100,000 for property damage per incident.

21.2. Each boat shall present proof of insurance upon the OA's request.



## Appendix A – Racing Area

