



2024 VanderLeek Hospice Regatta

Saturday August 17th

Title Sponsor: Yacht Basin Marina
Organizing Authority: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and LMPHRF and the class rules of those classes sailing.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC).
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescription to **RRS 63.1 and 63.2** will not apply.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. This changes **RRS 63.7**.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS –

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board will be the Event Site on Yacht Scoring.
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16648>. Courtesy posting will be on the Patio windows at MBYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day they will take effect.
- 3.2. The Race Committee may modify the Sailing Instructions on the racecourse by a broadcast over VHF radio **channel 72**.

4. COURTESY BROADCASTS

- 4.1. VHF channel 72 will be the designated hailing channel for all courtesy broadcasts.
- 4.2. **[NP]** A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.
- 4.3. Boats shall monitor the designated hailing channel at all times from 30 minutes before the warning signal until 30 minutes after finishing.
- 4.4. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed upon the flag pole located on the north side of the MBYC clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.



6. SCHEDULE

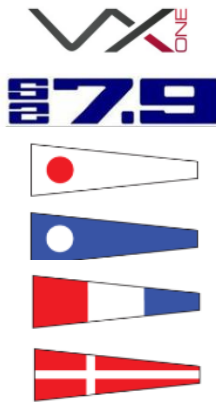
- 6.1. A competitors’ meeting will be held at 1000 hours on August 17th on the patio of MBJA.
- 6.2. Competitors shall check-in with the Race Committee prior to the warning of the first race by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal vessel and hailing their sail number.
- 6.3. The scheduled time for the first signal of the first race is 1130 hours.
- 6.4. No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours.
- 6.5. Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

7. CLASS FLAGS - ORDER OF START

7.1. The intended start order for the first race will be announced at the skipper’s meeting and broadcast on the hailing channel before the first warning of the day.

Section flags:

- VX – VXOne class flag;
- S2 7.9 - 7.9 class Flag;
- PHRF 1 - Numeral Pennant 1;
- PHRF 2 - Numeral Pennant 2;
- JAM – Numeral Pennant 3;
- Comfort Cruiser - Numeral Pennant 4



- 7.2. The starting sequence will be posted on the display board on the Race Committee Boat prior to the first warning signal on each race day and will also be announced in a courtesy broadcast
- 7.3. After the first race has been completed, the Order of Start may be changed based upon conditions and Race Committee judgment.
- 7.4. Changes to the order of start will be posted on the display board on the Race Committee Boat. Change in starting order will also be announced in a courtesy broadcast. Competitors are responsible for monitoring the class flags displayed during each starting sequence.

8. **RACING AREA** – The sailing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 1.5 nm from the Holland Pier.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be Windward / Leeward: 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port.
- 9.2. There may be both a Long and a Short windward mark.
- 9.3. RC may elect to set a triangle course for the JAM section and/or Comfort Cruiser sections.



- 9.4. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will announce:
- the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1
 - the distance to Mark 1
 - the course assignment for each class
- 9.5. The leeward mark is not a mark of the course for the first leg or a final downwind leg

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks shall be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.2. In the event of a course change during a race, C Flag will be displayed per RRS 33. A courtesy broadcast will also be made.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26. 5-minute rolling starts.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the adjacent mark at the port end.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the Starting Area.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **Did Not Start**. This changes rule **RRS A4**.
- 11.5. **[NP]** The Race Committee shall attempt a courtesy broadcast of the sail numbers of any OCS boats on channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule **RRS 62.1**.
- 11.6. **[NP]** The race committee may elect to combine fleets for a start and will signal combined starts by displaying both class flags simultaneously and also made an announcement on the hailing channel before the warning.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the port end and the orange start mark at the starboard end.
- 12.2. The Race Committee may give the last boat in fleets racing one-design its place prior to the finish.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. Time limits apply to each section individually.
- 13.2. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see **RRS 35**), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

| Time limit to First Mark | Race Time limit | Finishing Window |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 20 Minutes | 90 minutes | 15 minutes |

- 13.3. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.4. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be



scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes **RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10**.

13.5. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.

14. Penalties

14.1. One Turn Penalty will be required for breaking one of more rules of Part 2 RRS. This changes **RRS 44.1**

15. WITHDRAWAL

15.1. A boat that retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racecourse area or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving at the shore.

16. PROTESTS

16.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 45 minutes after the RC signal boat docks.

16.2. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Notice Board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.

16.3. Protest forms are available on Yacht Scoring / General Race Forms.
https://www.yachtscoring.com/race_forms.cfm

17. SCORING

17.1. PHRF fleets will be scored Time-on-Distance.

17.2. The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

17.3. There will be no throw outs for all fleets.

17.4. One race completed constitutes a series.



Addendum A - Course Diagrams

| Class | Rounding order |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| All PHRF / One Design | L4: 1 – Pin – 1- Finish |
| All Comfort Cruiser | TL3: 1 -1a- 2 - Finish |

