



“Round the Island” Race

July 22, 2009

Mackinac Island Yacht Club

Mackinac Island, Michigan, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Mackinac Island Yacht Club (MIYC) is the Organizing Authority for the “Round the Island” Race (RTIR).

2 RULES

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.
- 2.3 The Rules of the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) for Mac Race Monohulls, the Rules of the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls, and the Mackinac Island Handicap Rule (MIHR) for all other monohulls will apply.
- 2.4 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held. This changes RRS 63, 64 and 66.

3 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.



4 ADVERTISING

For the purposes of RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20, this race is designated "Category C."

5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The race is open to yachts entered in the 2009 Race to Mackinac under the ORR and the GLMRA rules. In addition, yachts of an offshore type which are entered in the Mackinac-Manitoulin Race or are local Mackinac area offshore yachts are eligible under the MIHR. Entries will be limited as follows:

- 5.1.1 ORR Class = 60 yachts
This class will be subdivided into sections
- 5.1.2 GLMRA Class = 15 yachts
- 5.1.3 MIHR Class = 15 yachts

These entry limits may be increased at the sole discretion of Mackinac Island Yacht Club (MIYC).

6 ENTRY

6.1 Entry Procedure

Yachts wishing to enter the RTIR should follow the on-line process located on the race website at: www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=239

The requirements include:

- 6.1.1 Electronic submission of the completed entry form.
- 6.1.2 Entries shall be completed on behalf of a yacht by the Person-in-Charge.



- 6.1.3 Payment of the entry fee of \$60.00 per yacht for members of US SAILING or other national authority. An entry fee of \$65.00 applies to non-members. The fee includes 8 tickets to the awards party. The entry fee is not refundable.
- 6.1.4 A copy of the rating certificate which was used in the 2009 Race to Mackinac for ORR and GLMRA yachts must be available to the Race Committee upon request. MIHR yachts must submit data regarding their yacht as requested by the Race Committee.

7 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Yachts shall be equipped in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations and Michigan DNR regulations as appropriate to the type of yacht being entered.

8 RACE HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

Race Headquarters, prior to the start of the race, shall be at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club. Race Headquarters, after the race, shall be at Windermere Point, across from the Windermere Hotel. The Official Notice Board, prior to the start of the race, shall be at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club. The Official Notice Board, after the race, shall be at Windermere Point.

9 SKIPPERS MEETING

The Organizing Authority has determined not to hold a Skippers Meeting which would only require you to listen to a bunch of boring announcements and self congratulation. We do want to thank all of our sponsors who are listed on the last page of this document. Please patronize them now and in any future visit to Mackinac Island because they are truly responsible for making this event a success. If you have a question on Wednesday morning, you can reach the Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 beginning at noon or see us at Race Headquarters before that.

10 SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATIONS ASHORE

Visual signals ashore shall be displayed from the flagstaff in front of Mackinac Island Yacht Club. Accompanying sound signals will be by air horn. Your Race Committee is aware that information would be difficult to disseminate in writing in advance of the race. Therefore, should the need arise for a signal ashore (such as a postponement for a weather event) the Race Committee will make



courtesy broadcasts via VHF 71, starting as early as 1130 EDT to inform competitors of the status of the race and possible alternate starting times.

11 COURTESY BROADCASTS

It's the intent of the Race Committee to make extensive use of Courtesy Broadcasts over VHF Channel 71. These broadcasts may include information regarding Section assignments, descriptions of and countdown to race starting signals, identification of OCS (premature starters), and any other matters the Race Committee believes will enhance the understanding of the race by the competitors including possible changes to these Sailing Instructions. Courtesy Broadcasts may not be the subject of Requests for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A yacht shall not receive radio communications while racing which are not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13 THE START

13.1 Starting Area

Starting area shall be just east of the eastern breakwater at Mackinac Island.

13.2 Starting Line

The starting line shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and a nearby mark.

13.3 Starting Times and Signals

The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The first warning signal is at 1:00 pm EDT Wednesday, July 22, 2009. Starting sequence shall be as follows:

Section 1 - ORR	1:05 START
Section 2 - ORR	1:10 START
Section 3 - Island Rating	1:15 START



Section 4 – GLMRA 1:20 START

Section 5 – ORR (if needed) 1:25 START

Section 6 – ORR (if needed) 1:30 START

Class Flags will be the Numeral Pennant corresponding to the Section number.

14 THE COURSE

The course is to proceed around Mackinac Island, leaving the island to port.

The finish will be between an orange flag on a trailer at Windermere Point and the western edge of Round Island Light House on Round Island.

15 PENALTIES (RRS 44)

RRS 44.2 shall not be in effect. RRS 44.3 scoring penalty shall be in effect but the percentage in RRS 44.3 (c) is changed to 10%. An alternative penalty can be accepted by informing the protesting boat at the earliest opportunity. If that is not possible, by notifying the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. This changes RRS 44.3.

16 PROTESTS

Protests and Requests for Redress shall be decided by the RTIR Protest Committee (RTIR-PC). Protests should be submitted on a protest form to the Race Committee at Windermere Point within one hour of the protesting yacht's finish time. Protest hearings will be scheduled as soon as practical. The RTIR-PC has the authority to impose place penalties or disqualification at its discretion upon finding a breach of a rule.

The chairman of the RTIR-PC may offer an arbitration process to the parties of a protest alleging a breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS. If either party rejects this process, the matter will be heard pursuant to RRS 63.



17 SCORING

All scoring will be computed using the time on time method. Rating certificates in effect on July 18, 2009 will be used. The ORR Class yachts will be scored using a GPH as calculated by US SAILING for circular random, time on time. Multihull yachts will be scored using their GLMRA time on time number. MIHR yachts will be scored using their assigned MIHR handicap number. Results will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The race distance for scoring purposes is 12 Nautical Miles.

18 PRIZES AND AWARDS PARTY

Brag flags and keeper trophies will be given as follows:

ORR class - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each of the sections

GLMRA class - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers

MIHR class - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers

The Awards Party will be held at Windermere Point immediately following the Race. Please come and enjoy the fun!!

17 DOCKING

Free docking, courtesy of Arnold Transit Co., has been arranged for entered ORR monohull and GLMRA yachts at the Arnold Transit Co. Union Terminal Piers (the coal dock) from the finish of the race until noon on Thursday, July 23, 2009. Separate arrangements have been made for MIHR yachts.

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- Sysco Foods
- Windermere Hotel
- Village Inn Restaurant
- Mary's Bistro
- Barefoot Wines

Race Officials

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| <u>Regatta Chair:</u> | Dave Rowe |
| <u>Protest Committee Chair:</u> | Dean Cady |
| <u>Principal Race Office:</u> | Andy Kiener |
| <u>Assistant P.R.O.:</u> | Lloyd Karzen |
| <u>Shore Events Chair:</u> | Andrew Doud |