



NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Rules.**

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following Racing rules will be changed as follows.
 - 1.2.1.SI 6.2 changes RRS Race Signal AP
 - 1.2.2.SI 9.2 changes RRS 60.1
 - 1.2.3.SI 12.1.4 changes RRS 18 and RRS 28 and adds the definition of a waypoint
 - 1.2.4.SI 13.5 changes RRS 29.1
- 1.3. [DP] and [NP]
 - 1.3.1.The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR/SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee ("PC"), be less than disqualification. SI 1.3.1 changes RRS 64.1.
 - 1.3.2. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR/SIs means this rule may not be protested by a boat. SI 1.3.2 changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. Entries / Eligibility

- 2.1. The event is open to Single handed and Double handed boats, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker.
- 2.2. All boats must be seaworthy and self-righting sailboats 20 feet in length or greater,
- 2.3. All boats must comply with the safety requirements see NOR/SI 18
- 2.4. All boats may use autopilots and power winches.
- 2.5. The event will follow a pursuit format. Start times will be calculated using a boat's LMPHRF rating with the slowest boats starting first and the fastest boats starting last.
- 2.6. All eligible boats must enter by delivering a completed entry form online or by handing to OA prior to the radio call of the day of race.

3. Fees

- 3.1. WYC/AIS Members FREE (included in fleet dues)
- 3.2. Non WYC/AIS Members \$30
- 3.3. Fees must be received and acknowledged by the OA prior to *Racing* for entry to be scored.

4. Notices to Competitors

4.1. Official notices to competitors will be posted on the Yachtscoring event page.

5. Changes in Sailing Instructions.

- 5.1. Changes to the NOR/SIs will be posted on the Yachtscoring event page by 0900 on the day of the race; changes to the SIs will also be announced approximately 90-minutes prior to the first warning signal by the RC on VHF Radio Channel 72.
- 5.2. In accordance with RRS 90.2(c) the RC may alter these SIs by hailing the fleets and making the change on VHF CH 72.

6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC Boat at dock at MIYC and announced via VHF CH72.
- 6.2. 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.





7. Schedule

- 7.1. 2100 Friday Each boat's start time will be posted on the Yachtscoring event page.
- 7.2. 0930 Saturday OA will hold a Skipper's meeting via radio call on VHF CH 72
- 7.3. 1100 Saturday Scheduled warning signal for the first boat.
- 7.4. 1730 Saturday Social to be held at MIYC with the club to provide dock space as well as transportation to and from the ferry.

8. Class Flags

8.1. Class Flags will not be used

9. Measurement

- 9.1. Each boat must have a valid 2017 Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF) certificate.
- 9.2. If a boat does not present a valid LMPHRF rating certificate a PHRF rating for this boat will be assigned by the OA. The assigned handicap rating will not be subject to protest or request for redress by the boat assigned a handicap; or any other boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

10. Racing Area

10.1. Racing will be held in the vicinity of the Apostle Islands

11. Course

11.1. The course will be a combination of marks to provide a course of the desired distance.

12. Marks

- 12.1. Marks may be:
 - 12.1.1. Temporary buoys
 - 12.1.2. Islands,
 - 12.1.3. Government navigation marks/buoys,
 - 12.1.4. Waypoints as defined by latitude and longitude coordinates, that the course requires a boat to leave on a specified side. Any use of a waypoint shall be in accordance with World Sailing Appendix WP. This appendix changes RRS 18 and RRS 28 and adds a definition of a waypoint.
- 12.2. All boats will obey all government navigation marks/buoys along the rhumb line while racing, except if the navigation mark/buoy is a mark of the course, when such navigation mark/buoy may be rounded pursuant to RC instructions.

13. The Start

- 13.1. The race will be started using RRS 26.
- 13.2. Starting area will be in the vicinity of La Pointe unless otherwise announced via VHF CH 72.
- 13.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 13.4. Each boat's start time will be posted on the Yachtscoring event page See NOR/SI 7.1
- 13.5. Starts will be made with RRS 30.1. The I Flag will be displayed as a preparatory signal from four minutes before the first start and taken down one minute before the last start. Racers are reminded of RRS 24.1.
- 13.6. When signaling an individual recall, RC shall announce via VHF CH 72 sail number(s) of boat(s) identified as being OCS. Failure or delay to hear or provide announcements will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1.





- 13.7. Any boat using a sail with an alternate sail number will report the proper sail number in writing to the RC, no later than 90-minutes hours prior to the warning signal or by VHF hail to the RC no later than 30-minutes prior to the first warning signal. [DP]
- 13.8. Competitors are reminded of their Rule 24.1 obligations. Specifically, unless a boat is within four minutes of her start time, she is to stay clear of the starting area. If she is within four minutes of her start time she is racing. [NP] [DP]

14. The Finish

- 14.1. Finish line will be in the vicinity of La Pointe unless otherwise announced via VHF CH 72.
- 14.2. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat and the course side of the mark approximately perpendicular to the RC Boat.
- 14.3. Boats finishing shall also log the sail number of the boat ahead and behind their finish position if available and their GPS time in hours-minutes-seconds.

15. Penalty System

- 15.1. RRS Appendix V1 will apply
- 15.2. RRS Appendix T ARBITRATION will be in effect.

16. Scoring

16.1. A boat's score will be the finishing position within the race.

17. Protests and Request for Redress

- 17.1. Protests must be delivered to RC PRO within the protest time limit.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as reasonably possible of receiving the protest/request for redress 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 ('PC') may schedule a hearing for a different day, time or order.
- 17.4. Failure to hear radio communication required by the RC by items NOR/SI 5.1, NOR/SI 5.2, NOR/SI 7.2, and NOR/SI 13.5 shall not be grounds for redress.
- 17.5. Each boat may rely on verbal communications made by RC; RC verbal statements will take precedence over flags and signals.

18. Safety Regulations.

- 18.1. Each boat must comply with the following:
 - 18.1.1. All U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations.
 - 18.1.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible via VHF CH 72.
 - 18.1.3. All boats over 22 feet must have a working motor.
 - 18.1.4. Each boat must have a functioning VHF marine-grade radio while racing. [DP], [NP].
 - 18.1.5. Each boat must have a functioning GPS receiver capable of displaying a boat's latitude and longitude position while racing. [DP], [NP].
 - 18.1.6. Each person on board each boat is required to wear a USCG or ISO approved personal flotation device (PFD) while racing. The use of an ISO approved PFD does not negate the USCG requirement that each vessel must 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.





19. Radio Communication

- 19.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication, by any device, that is not available to all boats.
- 19.2. Boats are reminded of their obligation to maintain a radio watch on VHF Channel 16 to be compliant with USCG regulations.

20. Prizes

20.1. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in Single and Double handed divisions, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- 21.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Each person (including without limitation owner, skipper, crew, spectators, officials, volunteers and others) participates in each race, social event, and/or associated activity(ies) entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS 4, "Decision to Race".
- 21.2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE, SOCIAL EVENT AND/OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES) (COLLECTIVELY, "RACE ORGANIZERS") WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM OR SUIT (COLLECTIVELY, "CLAIMS") OR LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY WHATSOEVER (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, "DAMAGES") TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT WHETHER CAUSED BY, ARISING OR RESULTING FROM THEIR ACT, ERROR, OMISSION OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT, WEATHER OR SEA CONDITIONS, HAZARDS OF ANY KIND, DEFECTS OR FAILURE OF BOATS TO BE SEAWORTHY IN HULL, RIGGING OR GEAR, OR ANY ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT OF RACE ORGANIZERS OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS OR BOATS WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RACE, REGATTA, EVENT, CRUISE, SPECTACLE, SOCIAL EVENT, RACE FACILITIES OR ANY ACTIVITY SCHEDULED, SPONSORED OR AIDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY **RACE ORGANIZER(S).** TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 21.3. BY PARTICIPATING, EACH PARTICIPANT (AND IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN AND MINORS, EACH PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) <u>FOREVER WAIVES</u>, <u>DISCHARGES AND RELEASES</u> ANY AND ALL **CLAIMS** WHATSOEVER AGAINST **RACE ORGANIZERS** FOR ANY **DAMAGES** TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE, SOCIAL EVENT AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY RACE, SOCIAL EVENT OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 21.4. PARTICIPANT <u>RELEASES</u> ALL **RACE ORGANIZERS** FROM ALL **CLAIMS** ON ACCOUNT OF GIVING ASSISTANCE, AID, CARE, ADVICE, RESCUE, FIRST AID, TREATMENT OR SERVICES.





21.5. OWNERS AND SKIPPERS OF ALL PARTICIPATING BOATS ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM ALL CREWMEMBERS OF THIS DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE **OF LIABILITY** AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY.

22. INSURANCE

22.1. All boats must maintain Liability Insurance in full force and effect during *Racing* which will include a General Liability policy written by a reputable insurance company insuring the owner and any operators against liability for bodily injury in limits of not less than \$300,000 and for property damage of not less than \$100,000. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA's request.

23. PUBLICITY AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS

23.1. As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children and minors) grants OA, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertising, promotions, sales of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

24. Further Information

24.1. Organizing Authority (OA) and host club is the Madeline Island Yacht Club in cooperation with the Apostle Island Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club. For more information;
24.1.1. MIYC: Contact George Johns. gjohns@stpconstruct.com 651-755-5670
24.1.2. AIS/WYC: Contact Doug Milroy. doug.milroy@gmail.com 651-261-1071