

2018 Commodores Invitational Race

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018

Organizing Authorities Grand River Sailing Club and Muskegon Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES**

- 1.1. The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including US prescriptions, the Sailing Instructions and any applicable class rules. Also, the rules of the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) and the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls.

2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notice to Competitors will be posted on the notice board at GRSC and MYC, on-line and by other means as necessary.

3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Competitors will be notified of Changes to Sailing Instructions at least one day before taking effect

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. On race day, competitors will be notified of changes by radio and by other means as necessary. Changes on the water will be announced on Channel 69.

5. **SCHEDULE**

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| 1000 hours | Deadline for entry |
| 1030 hours | Competitors meeting |
| 1155 hours | Spinnaker Fleet Warning |
| 1200 hours | Spinnaker Fleet Start/Jib & Main Fleet Warning |
| 1205 hours | Jib & Main Fleet Start |

6. **CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. Class flags will be Spinnaker Fleet – blue Jib & Main Fleet – red.

7. **RACING AREA**

- 7.1. The racing area will be the near-shore waters of Lake Michigan between Grand Haven and Muskegon, MI.

8. **THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The course will be from a designated mark approximately 1 mile WNW of the Grand Haven, MI pier head to a finish mark approximately 1 mile WSW of the Muskegon, MI pier head. The course may involve at least one turning mark. Approximate distance is 12 nautical miles.
- 8.2. The position of turning mark(s), if any, rounding instructions and actual course headings and distance will be announced at the competitors meeting.

9. **MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks will be inflatable, as announced at the competitors meeting.

10. **THE START**

- 10.1. Race will start using Rule 26.

- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying a yellow flag and a nearby race mark.
- 10.3. In the event that a race mark cannot be set, the Start will be made from the staff displaying a Yellow flag on the Committee Boat and an imaginary line running 100 yards due west (270 degrees) from the Committee Boat.

11. **THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The finish will be between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby race mark.
- 11.2. Alternatively, the finish will be an imaginary line running 100 yards due west (270 degrees) of the south Muskegon pier head, in which case Competitors shall record their own finish time, note the name of the boat ahead and astern. and confirm their finish with the race committee on channel 69.

12. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1. RRS Rule 44.1 is modified. Substitute One-Turn Penalty for Two Turn Penalty.

13. **TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1. The time limit for all boats will be 1700 hours.

14. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. The Race Committee shall be notified of any Protests or Request for Redress at the finish of the race.
- 14.2. Protest forms are available at MYC. Contact the race committee.
- 14.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) is in effect.

15. **SCORING**

- 15.1. The race will be scored under LMPHRF for Spinnaker and Jib & Main classes.

16. **SAFETY**

- 16.1. Boats that withdraw shall notify the Race Committee on Channel 69.

17. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to cellular devices.
- 17.2. Courtesy broadcast will be made via VHF channel 69. Failure to hear these broadcasts shall not be an opportunity for redress.

18. **PRIZES**

- 18.1. The awards will be presented at Muskegon Yacht Club as soon as possible after the race.
- 18.2. First, Second, and Third place will be awarded for each division in the Spinnaker and Jib & Main fleets.
- 18.3. The Commodore's Trophy will be awarded to the first overall boat in the Spinnaker fleet.
- 18.4. The Vice Commodore's Trophy will be awarded to the first overall boat in the Jib & Main fleet.

19. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities or Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

20. **INSURANCE**

- 20.1. Each Participant shall carry and provide proof of valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or equivalent.

21. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 21.1. For additional information, please contact (for GRSC) Jim Mulder, jmul1235@gmail.com, or the Muskegon Yacht Club at race.myc@muskegonyachtclub.org.
- 21.2. Dockage will be available at MYC for the Awards presentations.