



2014

**Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club
Around the Islands Race
Sailing Instructions**

1.0 Rules

- 1.1** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the PHRF class (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions, or by the local fleet and filed with the Race Committee Chair prior to the beginning of racing) and these sailing instructions. Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC) races are a category B event. All advertising must be submitted in writing to the WYC board of directors at a regular board meeting for approval, which approval, if given, must be in writing to the boat owner before the boat can display any advertising.

2.0 Entries

- 2.1** Eligible boats for the AIS series may be entered by completing registration with the WYC, the appropriate fleet, and paying all required fees. Guest racers must register on line, or by contacting the registration officer on page 1, and pay the appropriate fee.
- 2.2** Eligibility requirements for boats are:
- 2.2.1** The minimum number of crew (Including Skipper) is 4
 - 2.2.2** All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance, and provide proof of this insurance upon request.
 - 2.2.3** All boats shall have required safety gear, proper government registration, display licenses, numbers etc. as required by law, and comply with the US Sailing Nearshore Equipment Requirements as published by US Sailing and modified by The Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club. (Copies are available on www.wyc/ais)

- 2.2.4 From the time the boat sails near the racing area prior to racing, and while racing, and until a boat leaves the racing area after racing, transom mounted engines shall be stowed aboard or left mounted with the shaft in the vertical position.
- 2.2.5 All boats shall have a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, or a facsimile that gives the same information.
- 2.2.6 Any boat using a borrowed sail shall report the proper sail number to the Committee Boat both prior to starting and after finishing each race where a borrowed sail is used.
- 2.2.7 Apostle Islands boats (AIS) shall hold a valid and current PHRF rating as issued by the Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF) organization. It is the burden of each owner to convey this certificate to the Race Committee prior to racing. In absence of a current and valid rating certificate, temporary ratings may be assigned by the Race Committee and such a rating will be arbitrary and punitive. Temporary ratings are not appealable, and shall govern all races until a valid and current LMPHRF certificate is issued to the race committee.
- 2.2.8 The use of Auto Pilots or self steering is prohibited
- 2.2.9 While racing all boats shall carry the minimum safety equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and we strongly recommend compliance with the Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club Safety Equipment Requirements as posted on www.wyc.org/ais
- 2.2.10 **For the start and finish of the race, each crew member on board shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver.**

3.0 Notice to Competitors

- 3.1 Official notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located at the Dock Office of the Apostle Islands Marina.

4.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the notice board two hours prior to the first race of the day or shall be announced by the race committee on VHF 72 prior to the warning signal of a race per RRS89.2
- 4.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be announced at the Skippers Meeting at 0830 on June 28th, 2014 at the Bayfield Inn

5.0 Signals

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed by the committee boat.
 - 5.1.1** Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means; the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made in less than one hour after the "AP" is lowered.
 - 5.1.2** Flag "N" over "C" means: Scheduled races are canceled
- 5.2** Special signals in the racing area:
 - 5.2.1** Flag "N" over "C" means: Scheduled races are canceled.

6.0 Course

- 6.1** The course is clockwise around the Apostle Islands, starting in front off Bayfield, taking Devils Island to Starboard, Outer Island to Starboard, Michigan Island to Starboard, Grants Point Buoy to Starboard, and finishing off the break wall at the end of Rittenhouse Ave in Bayfield, WI

7.0 Class Flags

- 7.1** None

8.0 The Start

- 8.1** Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Yellow	10
Preparatory	Blue	5
Start	Red	0

- 8.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat and Mark 3 (or the special starting mark described in Instruction 10.1). Rule 27.2 is changed to allow the PRO to adjust the starting line at any time.
- 8.3** Recalls will be signaled as follows:
 - 8.3.1** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1 with one sound signal sounded for each boat recalled. Every attempt will be made to vocally and by VHF radio on channel 72, hail each boat being recalled. This changes Rule 29.1. A boat that does not respond to her individual recall shall be scored OCS (on the course side).

- 8.3.2** General recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Two sound signals will be made upon signaling. There will be no sound signal upon lowering. The Class recalled shall always go to the end of the starting order and start 5 minutes after the last Class started. "First Substitute" will be flown no more than 2 minutes after the start signal. This changes Rule 29.2.

9.0 The Finish

- 9.1** Bayfield City Dock Finish Lines: When Bayfield City Dock is used as one mark of the finish line, the other end will be a mark approximately 200 feet from the end of the pier in a line projected by extending Rittenhouse Avenue through the end of the pier. In the absence of a second mark in the water, all yachts will finish within approximately 200 feet of the pier along the line specified above.

10 Time Limit

- 10.1** There is no time limit

11.0 Protests

- 11.1** Rule 61.1 (a) is changed to add that a boat intending to protest shall, as soon as possible after finishing or retiring, inform the finish line Race Committee of her intent to protest and the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. Except in cases where damage or medical emergency forces a boat to retire, a protest is invalid when this requirement is not met and the Protest Committee shall refuse to hear the protest under rule 63.5.
- 11.2** Protests shall be written on US Sailing protest forms. Lacking a proper protest form, a protesting boat shall provide in writing the information required under Rule 61.2. Protests shall be submitted to the AIS Race Judge or AIS Fleet Captain.
- 11.3** Time limit for filing protests is one hour after your finish time. Protest forms will be delivered to the Race Committee at the finish line at the breakwall at the end of Rittenhouse Ave in Bayfield, WI
- 11.4** Notices will be posted on the official notice board at the Bayfield Pavilion after being delivered to the Race Committee to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. 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.
- 11.5** Notices of hearings shall be posted on the official AIS Notice Board in Bayfield. Notices of hearings may also be posted on the WYC Internet Site at www.wyc.org/ais. Internet postings, if any, are informational only.

- 11.6** Postponement of a hearing by a party: a party to a protest may request postponement of a hearing for any reason by contacting the Fleet Captain (listed on the front page of these instructions). Only one postponement by a party will be permitted. Instruction 16.10 will thereafter apply
- 11.7** Withdrawal of a Protest: when desiring to withdraw a protest already filed, the protesting party shall first contact the other party(s) to the protest to seek agreement, then shall contact the AIS Race Judge or AIS Fleet Captain. The Race Judge or Fleet Captain then may elect to approve the request to withdraw in accordance with Rule 63.1.
- 11.8** Failure to appear: if a party to the hearing does not come to the hearing, the Protest Committee may nevertheless decide the protest in the absence of the party in accordance with Rule 63.3(b).
- 11.9** Ratings Protest: if a party wishes to protest their rating or the rating of a competitor, the protest form must be submitted to LM-PHRF prior the first race of a series. Any decision of LM-PHRF shall be final.

12.0 Scoring

- 12.1** The low point scoring system, Rule A4 will apply.

13.0 Communications

- 13.1** Boats may communicate with the Race Committee via VHF radio on Channel 72, but all such communications shall be non-binding and unofficial. Visual signals shall prevail.

14.0 Prizes

- 14.1** Trophies will be awarded for 1st place WYC/AIS member and 1st place overall. Additional trophies may also be awarded.