



11th Annual

Mark Madness Regatta

June 13th & 14th, 2015

Lake Charlevoix-Boyne City, Michigan

Organizing Authority & Host- Boyne City Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Mark Madness Regatta is race one of the Quantum Fresh Water Cup Series. Please visit <http://www.quantumsails.com/qfc> for more information

- 1 – Rules** – The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2 – Notices To Competitors** – Will be posted on the official notice board located at the Boyne City Marina Lighthouse.
- 3 – Changes To Sailing Instructions** – Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Notices of any changes will also be broadcast on VHF Ch 69 & texted/emailed to those registered on yachtscore.com.
- 4 – Signals made Ashore** – Will be displayed at the BC Marina Lighthouse. Notice of any such signals will also be broadcast on VHF Ch 69 & texted/emailed to those registered on Yachtscore.com. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than forty (40) minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.
- 5 – Schedule of Races –**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location/notes</u>
Saturday, 13th	Competitors meeting	0930	Boyne City Marina Lighthouse
	First Warning	1130	
Sunday, 14 th	First Warning	1130	No Warning Signal Past This Time
		1400	

Awards ASAP after racing at the BC Marina Lighthouse

- 5.1 – Races will be sailed back to back with very little time between. Stay close to the starting area when not racing.
- 5.2 – Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means “No More Racing Today”.

- 6 – Class Flags** – The order of start may differ for each race. Watch for your class flag.

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Color</u>
JAM	Pink
Spinnaker	Green

- 7 – Racing Area** – See Attachment A.

- 7.1 – Circle A – Between Boyne City and Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club
- 7.2 – Circle B – Young State Park/Horton Bay

- 8 – Courses** – See Attachment B.

- 4 - 4 leg Windward-Leeward Course (W, L, W, L)
- 5 - 5 leg Triangle Course (Triangle, W, L)

- 8.1 – Courses will have a short weather mark (Ws) for the JAM fleet and a long weather mark (Wx) for the SPIN fleet.
- 8.2 – All marks shall be left to Port except the finishing mark shall be left to starboard.
- 8.3 – A placard designating the course, compass bearing to the first mark, and distance to Ws and Wx will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat prior to or with the warning signal for each race.

- 9- Marks-** Will be medium sized cylindrical buoys, Orange or Yellow.

10 – Start –

- 10.1 – The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start/finish buoy on the port end.
- 10.2 – The first warning signal for each race will be preceded by a series of short toots. The same signal will also accompany the lowering of the Postponement (AP) or General Recall (1st Sub) Flags.
- 10.3 – Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.4 – Boats starting later than 5 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS App A.
- 10.5 – Individual and general recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The RC will attempt to hail boats that have not started properly on VHF. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of committee to hail any or all boats; failure of committee to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats within the hail.

11 – Change of the Next Leg of the Course – To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark to a new position.

12 – Finish – the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the port end and the course side of the nearby start/finish buoy on the starboard end.

13 – Time Limits – This changes RRS 35 and APP 4.1.

- 13.1 – The time limit for each race will be 90min.
- 13.2 – The first mark time limit W(s and x) will be 30 min.
- 13.3 – Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to finish, in their class, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and will receive one (1) more point than the last boat to finish the race. This changes RRS App A.

14 – Protests and Requests for Redress –

- 14.1 – Protest forms will be available at the BC Marina Lighthouse and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit
- 14.2 – The Protest Time Limit will be 90 min following the finish of the last boat and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.3 – Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Marina Pavilion.
- 14.4 – On the last day of the regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

15 – Scoring –

- 15.1 – Seven (7) races are scheduled and one (1) race must be completed to count as a series.
- 15.2 – When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.3 – The Spinnaker Fleet will be scored using the PHRF Time-on-Time method. The ToT scoring factor will be 700/550.
- 15.4 – The JAM Fleet will be scored using Portsmouth w/wind Variance.

16 – Safety Regulations – The RC's cell # is 231-218-3700.

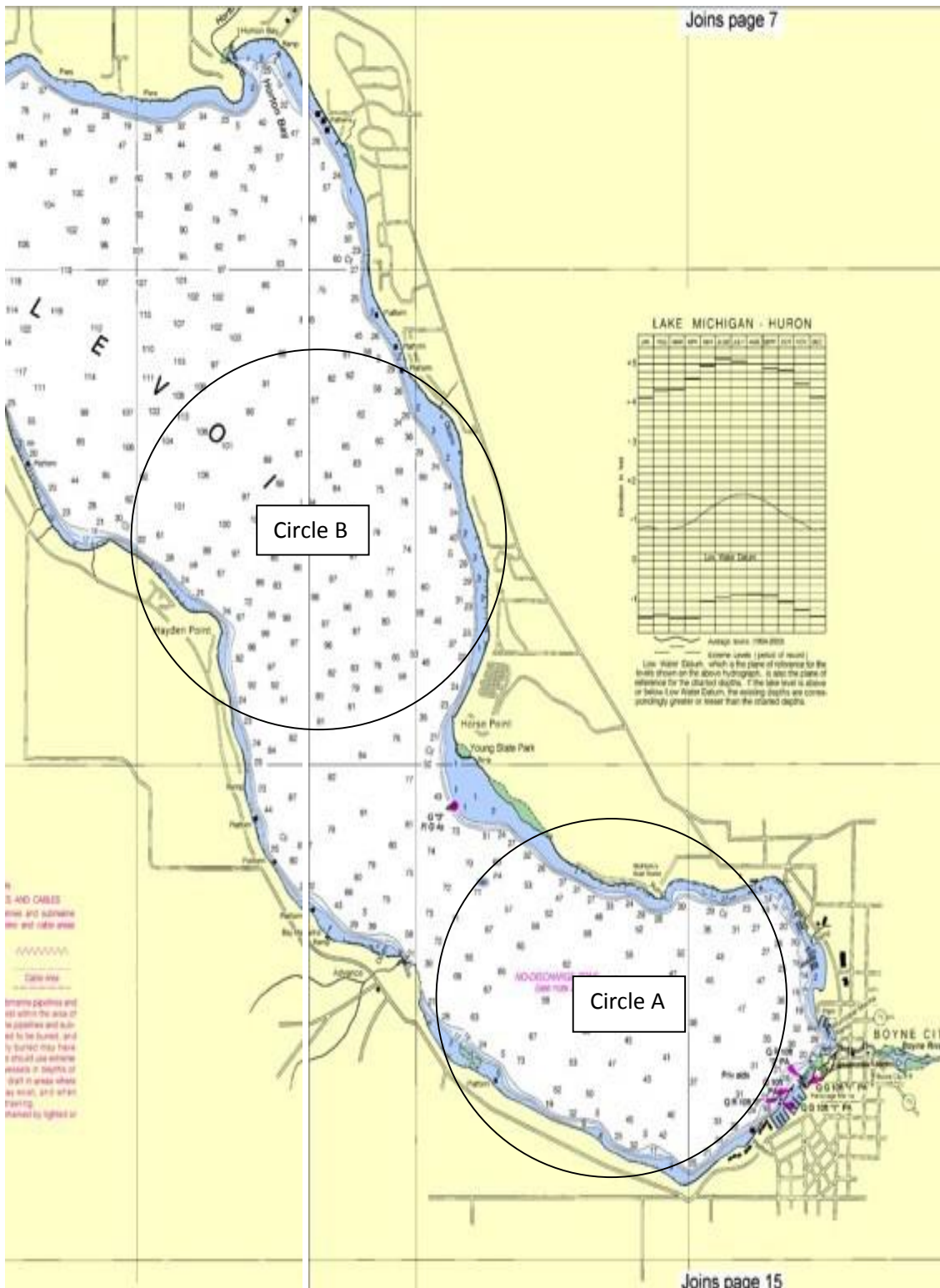
- 16.1 – Please check-in before the first signal each day by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal boat and hailing your sail #.
- 16.2 – A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on VHF, by Cell phone, or by hailing any RC Boat. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the RC Signal boat as in 16.1, via VHF or cell phone.
- 16.3 – Swimming in the Boyne City Marina is NOT permitted and is grounds for disqualification.

17 – Radio Communication – Boats shall neither make radio/cell transmissions while racing nor receive radio/cell communications not available to all boats. The RC may communicate race management information via VHF Ch 69.

18 – Prizes – Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division. Flags will be awarded to the first three (3) boats in each division.

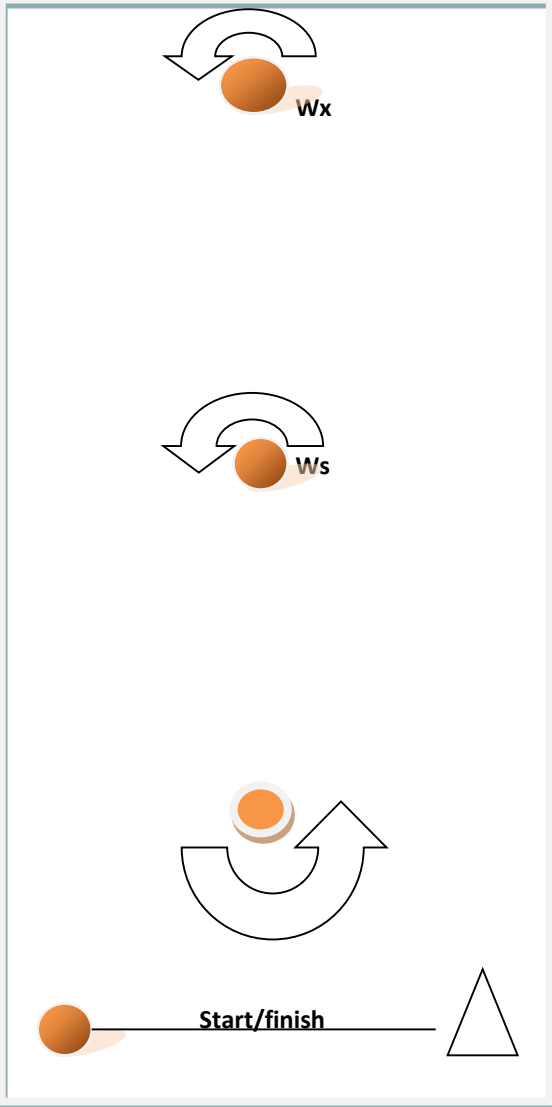
19 – Disclaimer of Liability – Competitors participates in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4- Decision to Race. The Organizing authority will not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury, bodily injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Attachment A



Attachment B

Course #4 – Windward/Leeward Course



Course #5 – Triangle Course

