



2015
 Apostle Islands Station of
 The Wayzata Yacht Club (“AIS”)
 Bayfield Race Week
 Sailing Instructions (“SIs”)

Start Sequence

- Morning Announcements Will occur approx. 0830 every day via VHF Radio Channel 72
 Course information will be posted on Race Committee (“RC”) Boat prior to *start* and announced on VHF Radio Channel 72
- First Race 1100 Warning
- Succeeding Buoy Fleet Races Warning signal for subsequent Buoy Fleet races during a day will be at discretion of RC, but not less than **15 minutes** after the last boat’s *finish* in the previous race.

- 1.0 Rules.** The races specified in AIS Bayfield Race Week NOR will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (“RRS”) and by the requirements specified in the NOR.
- 2.0 Entries.** Please see AIS NOR for Entries / Eligibility & Insurance Requirements.
- 3.0 Notice to Competitors.** Official notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located at the Bayfield Pavilion on Rittenhouse Avenue (“Official Notice Board”).
- 4.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions.** Changes to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board two hours prior to the first race of the day and will be announced by RC on VHF Radio Channel 72 prior to the warning signal of a race per RRS *Rule* 90.2, except a change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000 on the preceding day before it takes effect. RC may alter these SIs on-the-water by hail and announcement on VHF Radio Channel 72 after displaying code flag “L” with one sound in the *racing* area.



5.0 Signals

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by RC Boat at Apostle Islands Marina.
- 5.1.1 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.
- 5.1.2 Flag “N” over “C” means: All races are *abandoned*. No more *racing* today. This changes RRS Race Signal N over A.
- 5.2 Special signals in the racing area:
- 5.2.1 Flag “N” over “C” means: All races are abandoned. No more *racing* today. This changes RRS Race Signal N over A.
- 5.2.2 Flag “S” is the “Shortened Course” Signal.
- 5.2.2.1 If the RC signals a shortened course (displays flag S without any sound signal) before a *start*, then the time limit for all races has been changed to 2.5 hours for all classes. No sound signal will be made.
- 5.2.2.2 If the RC signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds) after the *start* signal, the finishing line for RC-specified classes will be,
- (a) at a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a RC Boat staff displaying flag S; or
- (b) at any place along the rhumb line of the course, as determined by the RC.
- The shortened course must be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line. Listen for a hail (via voice hail and/or radio VHF Radio Channel 72) for affected classes. Sounds signals will be repeated at the discretion of the RC. This changes RRS *Rule 32.2* and RRS Race Signal ‘S’. Failure or delay to hear or provide announcements will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS *Rule 62.1(a)*.

6.0 Schedule of Races. Races are scheduled as shown in Bayfield Race Week NOR.

7.0 Class Flags.

- 7.1 Class flags must be flown from the backstay.
- 7.2 Following are the designated class flags:
- 7.2.1 Buoy Fleet: Yellow
- 7.2.2 MD-A Fleet: Green
- 7.2.3 MD-B Fleet: Purple
- 7.2.4 MD-C Fleet: Pink
- 7.2.5 MD-D Fleet: Blue
- 7.2.6 JAM Fleet: White

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8.0 Racing Areas. *Racing* may be held anywhere in, near or around the Apostle Islands (including without limitation Madeline Island).

9.0 The Course(s)

- 9.1 Courses will be posted on the display board on RC boat, which will be the official course designation. RC may also announce the course on VHF Radio Channel 72.
- 9.2 For Buoy Fleet courses (excluding Random Course):
 - 9.2.1 The diagram in addendum “A” attached shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which *marks* are to be passed, and the side on which each *mark* is to be left.
 - 9.2.2 Courses will be designated on a display board on RC Boat by letter (e.g., triangle (‘T’), windward/leeward (‘W’) and/or olympic (‘O’) or combination thereof) and number. See addendum A. If no number follows the letter(s), sail that element one time. If a number follows a letter, sail that element of the course that many times.
 - 9.2.3 The approximate compass bearing and distance from the *starting* line to Windward will be displayed from RC Boat.
- 9.3 For MD/JAM Fleets courses and Random Course for the Buoy Fleet: The marks in Addendum “B” shows the general location of fixed *marks* that could be used, in addition to temporary marks placed by RC. The course for Buoy Fleet and MD/JAM Fleets will be posted on the display board on RC Boat and will be the official course designation.

10.0 Marks

- 10.1 *Marks* will normally be red or orange spheres, though white or green spheres as well as permanent navigation buoys may also be used. The *starting mark* will be the same as the leeward mark. An offset *mark* may be used near the windward mark and is a *mark* of the course to be passed after and on the same side as the windward mark.
- 10.2 A keep-off buoy(s) may be attached to, and made part of, the RC Boat to keep boats from contact with the RC Boat.
- 10.3 All boats will obey all navigation buoys while *racing*, except if the navigation buoy is a *mark* of the course, when such navigation buoy may be rounded pursuant to RC instructions.

11.0 The Start

- 11.1 *Start* Order: Buoy Fleet, MD-A, MD-B, MD-C, MD-D, JAM
- 11.2 Races will be *start* using RRS *Rule 26* and the following signals. Times will be taken from the visual signals; the absence or delay of a sound signal will be disregarded.



Signal	Flag	Minutes before start signal
Warning	Class Flag	5
Preparatory	Blue & White “P” Flag	4
One Minute	Preparatory Flag removed	1
<i>Start</i>	Class Flag Removed	0
The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with the <i>start</i> signal of the preceding class.		

This modifies RRS *Rule 26*.

- 11.3 The *start* line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on RC Boat and port end *start mark*.
- 11.4 RC may move a *start mark* at any time prior to removal of preparatory signal flag. This changes RRS *Rule 27.2*.
- 11.5 Recalls will be signaled as follows:
 - 11.5.1 When signaling an individual recall with an ‘X’ flag, RC may hail (and may announce via radio) the sail number(s) of boat(s) being recalled. Failure or delay to hear or provide announcements will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS *Rule 62.1(a)*.
 - 11.5.2 General Recall.
 - 11.5.2.1 When at the *starting* signal RC is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the *start* line or to which RRS *Rule 30* applies, or there has been an error in the *start* procedure, RC may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). A recalled class will go to the end of the *starting* order and *start* 5 minutes after the last class *starts*. “First Substitute” will be flown for approximately 2 minutes after the *start* signal and taken down without any sound signal.
 - 11.5.2.2 This changes RRS *Rule 29.2* and Race Signal First Substitute.
- 11.6 Any boat using a borrowed sail with an alternate sail number will report the proper sail number to RC Boat prior to *start* of each race where such borrowed sail is used.



12.0 Cancellation

12.1 Races will be cancelled or *postponed* when the 5-minute mean wind speed exceeds 24 knots or wind gusts exceed 30 knots, as determined by RC Principal Race Officer ('PRO'). If these conditions exist 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal, signals will be made ashore. If these conditions develop less than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal *start*, signals will be made by RC Boat.

12.2 Should the 5-minute mean wind speed exceed 20 knots but not 24 knots RC PRO will change the course to a Random course, as determined by the PRO (with input by RC Chair at PRO's discretion). Buoy and MD/JAM Fleet racers, who hold a valid and current LMPHRF certificate, may radio RC PRO and announce their commitment to race without spinnakers. RC PRO will notify the official scorer after the race so that the appropriate revised rating is used.

13.0 Change the Next Leg of the Course. RC may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* or at a gate by changing the position of the next *mark* (or the finishing line) and signalling all boats before they begin the leg. The next *mark* need not be in position at that time.

(a) If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal will be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and the new compass bearing.

(b) RC will not display (i) green triangle or flag for a change to starboard or a red rectangle or flag for a change to port, or (ii) the minus (-) sign or the plus (+) sign.

(c) Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling to maintain the course shape.

This changes RRS *Rule 33*.

14.0 The *Finish*

14.1 Buoy Fleet: The finishing line for Buoy Fleet will be between a staff displaying an orange or blue flag on a RC Boat and the course side of the *mark* closest to RC Boat, except however (i) prior to *start* of the race, RC may substitute the Bayfield Fishing Dock as a *finish mark* for the Buoy fleet, or (ii) when a race is shortened, only flag s will be displayed at finish (without an orange or blue flag). This changes Race Signals.

14.2 MD/JAM Fleet: Bayfield Fishing Dock *finish* line will be used for all MD/JAM Fleets. The MD/JAM course may be shortened and finished as permitted in 5.2.2

14.3 Bayfield Fishing Dock Finish Line: When Bayfield Fishing 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, and in a line perpendicular to the dock. In absence of a second *mark* in the water, all boats must *finish* approximately



200 feet off the dock along the line specified above. In any event, each boat must cross the *finish* line from its course side.

- 14.4 All boats must log their GPS *finish* time and the sail number of the boat finishing ahead and behind their *finish* position.

15.0 Time Limits

- 15.1 Buoy Fleet: For Buoy Fleet, the time limit for races will be 3 hours from their *start* signal. Any boat not finishing a race within 3 hours from their *start* signal will be scored TLE.
- 15.2 MD/JAM Fleets: For the MD/JAM Fleets the time limit will be 4 hours from their *start* signal. Any boat not finishing a race within 4 hours from their *start* signal will be scored TLE.
- 15.3 All boats retiring from a race at any time must inform RC and will be scored DNF.
- 15.4 Failure for any boat to meet time limit(s) will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS *Rule* 62.1(a).

16.0 Protests

- 16.1 A boat intending to *protest* will, as soon as possible after finishing or retiring, inform the *finish* line RC Boat of her intent to *protest* and the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being *protested*. If RC Boat is not ‘on station’ at the finishing line, then the boat must inform RC within 1 hour of their *finish*. This changes RRS *Rule* 61.1(a). Except in cases where damage, injury or medical emergency forces a boat to retire or RC Boat is not on station at the *finish* line, a *protest* is invalid when this requirement is not met.
- 16.2 *Protests* must be delivered to RC PRO or AIS Fleet Captain.
- 16.3 Time limit for filing *protests* and requests for redress will be **one (1) hour** after a boat’s *finish*.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted as soon as reasonably possible of receiving the 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.
- 16.5 Notices of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.6 Postponement of a hearing by a *party*: a *party* to a *protest* may request postponement of a hearing for any reason by contacting the PC. PC may grant additional request(s) for postponement of hearing by a *party* only with good reason. RRS *Rule* 63.3(b) is changed by adding this SI #16.6.



- 16.7 Ratings *Protest*: In furtherance of RRS *Rule 64.3*, all class rules questions will be referred to LMPHRF (or one design authority, if one design class rules are at issue).
- 16.8 Breaches of SI #11.6 will not be grounds for a *protest* by a boat. This changes RRS *Rule 60.1(a)*. Violation of this SI may be subject to a lesser penalty, or no penalty, at discretion of the PC. This changes RRS *Rule 64.1*.
- 17.0 **Scoring**: Scoring will be done with the PHRF Time on Distance calculation. There will be no throwouts.
- 18.0 **Engine Placement while *Racing***. From the time the boat sails near the *racing* area prior to *racing*, and while *racing*, and until *finishes*, transom mounted engines must be stowed aboard or left mounted with the shaft in the vertical position.
- 19.0 **Prizes**. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophy prizes will be awarded for each fleet. Daily prizes may also be awarded. Additional trophy prizes or awards may be awarded at the discretion of the Trophy Chairperson.

20.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVER AND RELEASE

- 20.1 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 and others) participates in each race, social event and/or associated activity(ies) entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS *Rule 4*, “Decision to Race”.
- 20.2 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

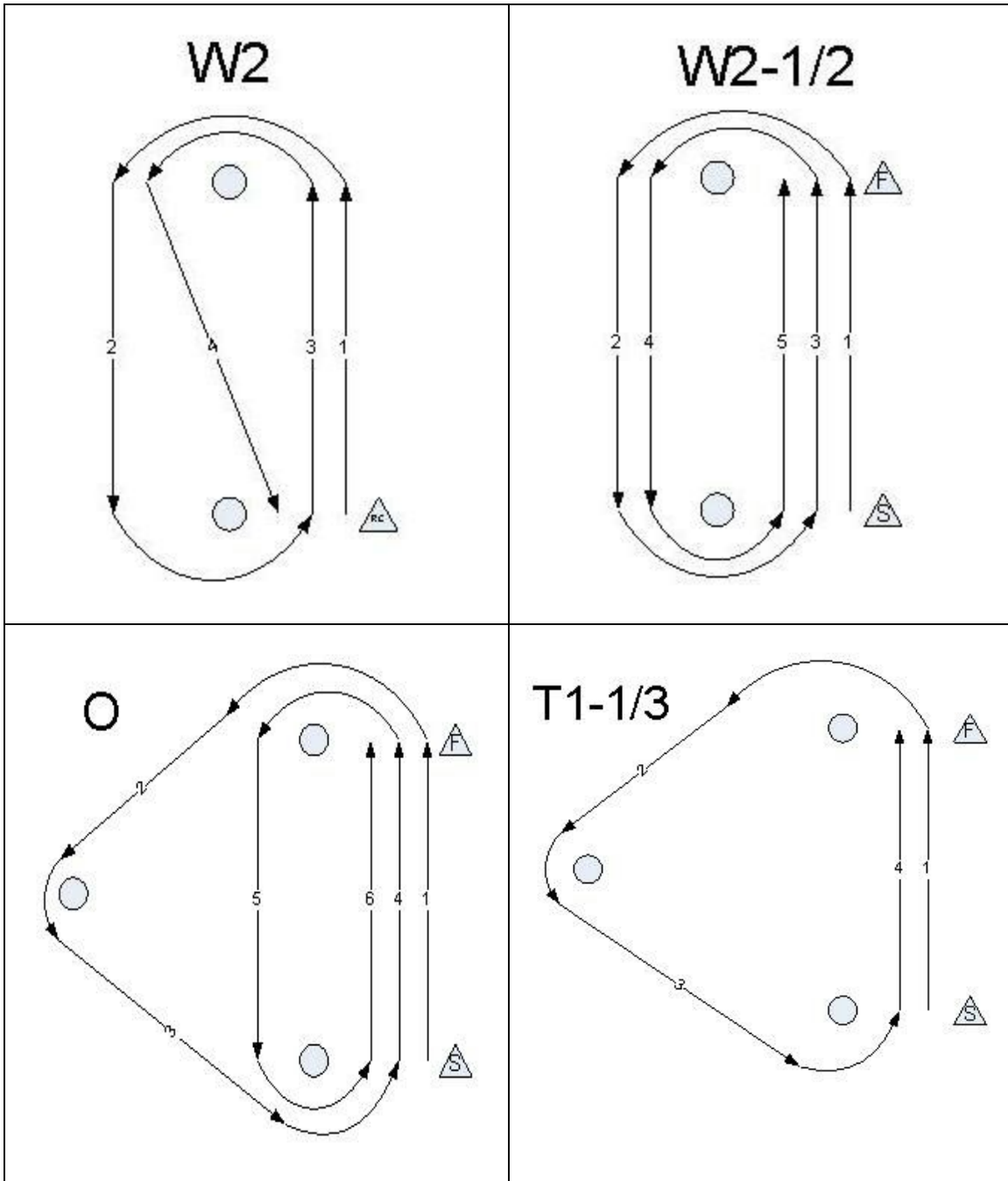


RACE ORGANIZERS OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS OR BOATS WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RACE, REGATTA, EVENT, CRUISE, SPECTACLE, SOCIAL EVENT, RACE FACILITIES OR ANY ACTIVITY SCHEDULED, SPONSORED OR AIDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY RACE ORGANIZER(S), TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

- 20.3** By participating, each participant (and in the case of children and minors, each participant’s parent or guardian) forever waives, discharges and releases 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.
- 20.4** Participant releases all Race Organizers from any Claim on account of giving assistance, aid, care, advice, rescue, first aid, treatment or services.
- 20.5** Owners and skippers of all participating boats are required to inform all crewmembers of this Disclaimer of Liability and Release as a Condition of Entry.
- 21.0 Insurance.** 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.
- 22.0 Publicity and Photographer’s Rights.** As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children and minors) grants Organizing Authority, 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.
- 23.0 Organizing Authority & Host Club.** Organizing Authority (“OA”) and host club is Apostle Island Station of Wayzata Yacht Club.



Addendum A



Any course listed above may be changed to *finish* at the Bayfield Fishing Dock.



Addendum B

The following marks may be used:

- Start, finish or any buoy racing marks
- Moveable, temporary inflatable marks
- Any islands such as Basswood or Hermit
- Fixed navigation marks such as Grants Point, Red Cliff or Houghton Point
- North Channel Inflatable Mark: 46 52.00N / 90 41.00W
- Roy's Point Inflatable Mark: 46 50.60N / 90 46.80W

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