

Notice of Race and Special Conditions for the Muskegon Yacht Club Wed Summer Series and Blacklock Trophy Series

- **Rules**

The sailing and management of all races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

- **Yacht Ownership and Eligibility**

Each yacht shall be owned and skippered by a member of the Muskegon Yacht (MYC). With approval of the Fleet Captain, yachts from other clubs may be invited to participate in individual races or regattas. Such visiting yachts are eligible to win trophies or flags for an individual race or regatta, but not for a series of races.

- **Fees**

MYC members in good standing will pay an entry fee of \$130 for full the season including the Wednesday Summer Series and The Blacklock Trophy Series or \$20 per race for individual races. Non MYC members will pay \$20 entry fee per individual Wednesday Summer Series race or such other Regatta entry fee as may be designated by the Race Committee for Blacklock Trophy Series races as indicated in the Racing schedule. MYC will collect the fees for series and individual races. Applications can be downloaded from the www.muskegonyachtclub.org or www.yachtscoring.com and delivered along with a current Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) Certificate and proof of liability insurance of a minimum of \$300,000, to the MYC race committee prior to racing.

- **Race Schedule**

Race schedule will be created by Fleet Captain with consultation from the Race Committee. Schedule will include dates, starting times and in the case of series, the number of throw outs if applicable.

- **Measurements**

Each boat shall produce a valid LMPHRF measurement certificate.

- **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be available prior to the first scheduled race. These will be available from MYC Race Committee or online at the MYC website www.muskegonyachtclub.org or www.yachtscoring.com.

- **Course**
Courses will be set in Muskegon Lake unless indicated in the race schedule. A series with their own race instructions may use Lake Michigan if indicated in the sailing instructions. The Race Committee boat will plan to leave the dock approximately 30 minutes prior to a Muskegon Lake start and approximately 60 minutes prior to a Lake Michigan start and will signal their leaving by sounding one horn blast.
- **Radio Communication**
A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. Courtesy broadcasts from the Race Committee will be on channel 73.
- **Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded at the awards dinner noted on the race schedule.
- **Disclaimer of Liability**
Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any racing.
- **Insurance**
Each yacht shall provide proof of watercraft liability with coverage of at least \$300,000. This must be submitted with your Yacht Identification Form and payment.
- **Further Information**
For further information contact MYC Race Committee, Jon Ledsworth at MYC or at 1804 Edgewater, Muskegon, MI 49441.

Special Conditions

- **Jib and Main rules**
For the Jib and Main (non-spinnaker) races, no more than one headsail may be flown at one time, and it may not be set flying. When yachts with headfoil type fore stays change jibs during a race, they must do so as though the sail was hanked on. That is, the first sail must be completely lowered before the second is raised. The same halyard must be used for both sails. Spinnaker/whisker poles may be no longer than the "J" measurement. Poles must be attached or held to the mast during use, and may be carried only the side opposite the boom.

- **Lake Michigan Destination and Return Races**
 When there is no turning mark at the halfway point of a destination and return race, yachts shall turn to seaward within 100 yards of a pier or the shore if the reference point is a landmark.
- **Change of Ownership**
 The changing of yachts by an owner/skipper in mid-series shall be permitted only if the change represents a permanent change from one yacht to another. At such times, the scores of both yachts may be used towards series totals except in cases where the new yacht is in a different division or class.
- **Handicap Ratings**
 Each yacht must have a current LMPHRF Certificate. Each skipper will provide a copy of the LMPHRF Certificate when submitting the Yacht Identification Form, Proof of Insurance and payment. In the event a skipper is unable to obtain a rating through no fault of their own, or only wish to race in one race during the season, they may be allowed to race with an assigned rating upon the approval of the MYC Race Committee. The assigned handicap will carry a 6 second per mile penalty. Yachts using such assigned rating will be eligible to win trophies/flags for an individual race, but not for a series. Once an assigned rating yacht receives a current rating, her finishes in previous races will be recalculated, but she need not forfeit any trophies/flags already awarded. The Race Committee may wave the 6 second per mile penalty for yachts which do not normally race in MYC LMPHRF events.
- **Government Marks**
 Government Marks are to be passed on the USCG correct side. The exception to this rule will be the Muskegon Lake green mark USCG #3 (MYC RC #9), which may be passed on either side per the SI's.
- **Multiple Starts**
 In any multiple division single race, the starting order of the classes will be determined by the Race Committee and will be signaled by the appropriate class flag displayed during the start sequence.
- **Non-Racing Vessels**
 Racing yachts shall observe the Great Lakes Rules of the Road which require avoidance of commercial vessels underway.

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