

MENTOR HARBOR YACHT CLUB INVITATIONAL REGATTA

Mentor Harbor Yacht Club Sunday, August 8, 2021

5330 Coronada Drive, Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS rule 63.7
- 1.4 "Class" in these Sailing Instructions is defined as the Class or the Division within a rating system to which a boat is assigned on the scratch sheet. (example: PHRF B, JAM A, J/105, etc.).
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2 CLASSES

- 2.1 Boats without current a PHRF or JAM measurement certificate will be assigned a rating, at the discretion of the Race Committee, which shall be valid for this regatta only and cannot be appealed.
- 2.2 Class splits will be made after entries close for PHRF and JAM. The decisions by the Race Committee on splits are final. This changes RRS rule 60.1(b).

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the Yachtscoring Page for this event. Official bulletin board at MHYC located at the MHYC Gas Dock.

4 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 2 hours before the first warning signal on 8/8/22 it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 on the day before it will take effect.

5 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole directly south of the MHYC club house. When a signal is displayed with a Class flag, it applies to that Class only, otherwise it applies to all.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The first warning gun will be at approximately 0955 hrs. The first start will be at approximately 1000 hrs.

(Insert table of starting order and times approx. here?)

7 **CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags and starting sequence for the race will be posted on the Official Board and available with the scratch sheets.

8 **RACING AREA**

Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie immediately north of Mentor Harbor Yachting Club.

9 **THE COURSE**

- 9.1 The diagram attached as Exhibit "B" show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 When the Race Committee sets a leeward gate instead of mark L, boats shall sail between the two gate marks as shown in the course diagram.
- 9.3 No later than the Preparatory signal, the Race Committee Signal vessel shall display the course designation and an approximate compass bearing of the first leg. The compass bearing may be rounded to the nearest ten (10) degrees and rounded to two digits (e.g. "23" for 230 degrees).

10 **CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT** *[DP]* *[DN]*

- 10.1 All boats shall check in during the 10 minutes preceding their start by sailing past the committee boat and hail their sail number and division.
- 10.2 Boats which retire from the race for any reason MUST report their action as soon as possible to the Race Committee. This report may be made either by marine radio VHF channel XX or in person to one of the Race Committee Boats, or in person at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club gas dock.
- 10.3 Failure to correctly check in (10.1) or provide notice of retirement or leaving the race area (10.2) may result in a protest by the Race Committee.
- 11 **THE START** *[DP]* *[DN]*
- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal vessel at the starboard end and either the course side of the port-end starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end Race Committee vessel.
- 11.3 The Race Committee Signal Vessel (starboard end of the start line) may trail a Red Hip-Hop ball off its transom. It and its tether line are part of the RC vessel.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. Boats interfering with starts other than their own may be protested by the Race Committee.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 6.31. A4 and A5
- 11.6 More than one class flag may be displayed at the Warning Signal.
- 12 **RECALLS**
- 12.1 The race committee, as a disinterested party, may attempt to notify boats that have not started properly on the VHF radio channel XX and/or via hail.
- 12.2 The following are not grounds for redress: failure of the committee to radio or hail any or all boats, failure of a boat to hear or receive its hail, timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats within the hail.
- 13 **THE FINISH**
- 13.1 The finish will be between yellow tetrahedron, and a mast displaying a blue flag placed on the Race Committee Boat.
- 14 **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 The time limit for this race shall expire at 1800 on the day of the race.

14.2 Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored as Did Not Finish.

15 **COMMUNICATIONS** *[DP] [DN]*

15.1 The Race Committee monitors VHF channel 78.

15.2 Communications between the race committee which may be overheard by a competitor or competitors shall not be grounds for redress or protest.

15. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or similar such devices.

16 **PENALTIES**

16.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to “A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty”. This changes RRS 44.1. RRS 44 applies, including Rule 44.2 (TWO TURNS PENALTY). In case of a sustained protest involving the racing rules, the protested boat, at the discretion of the Race Committee, may be penalized by having her corrected time increased by a penalty of thirty minutes in lieu of disqualification. This modifies RRS rule 44.3.

17 **INSPECTION**

The Race Committee may inspect Boats before starting or after finishing.

18 **PROTEST PROCEDURE**

18.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing. In addition, a boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee of her intention by VHF radio channel XX as soon as possible after finishing, retiring or withdrawing and shall include the sail number of the boat(s) being protested until acknowledged by the Race Committee. All other requirements of RRS rule 61.1(a) apply.

18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of its class has finished, retired, or withdrawn.

- 18.3 Protest forms are available at the MHYC Gas Dock and protests shall be delivered to the Protest Office located in the lower level Board room prior to the end of the protest time limit specified in Instruction 18.2.
- 18.4 Protests will be heard in the Protest Office in the approximate order received.
- 18.5 Protest notices will be posted on the notice board, shortly after the Protest Time Limit ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.6 Protests which do not involve award winners may, at the Protest Committee's sole discretion, be heard after the awards presentation.
- 18.7 The penalty for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

19 **SCORING**

- 19.1 The scoring system is defined in RRS Appendix A, except A2 is changed in that no score shall be excluded.
- 19.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 19.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available at the race office and submit to the Scoring Officer within the protest time limit.

20 **PRIZES**

- 20.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the first, second and third place boats in each class.
- 20.2 Other prizes may be offered at the discretion of the organizing authority.

- 21 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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 the regatta.

Attached diagrams Exhibit "B"

EXHIBIT "B" – Course Diagram(s)

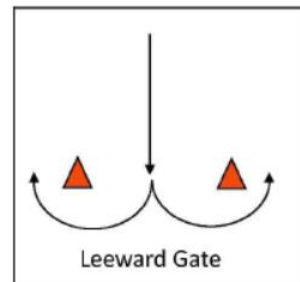
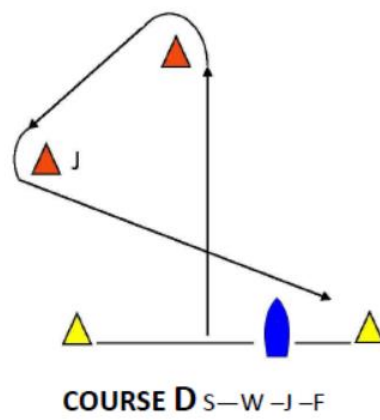
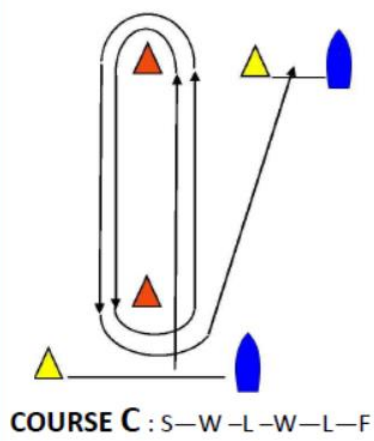
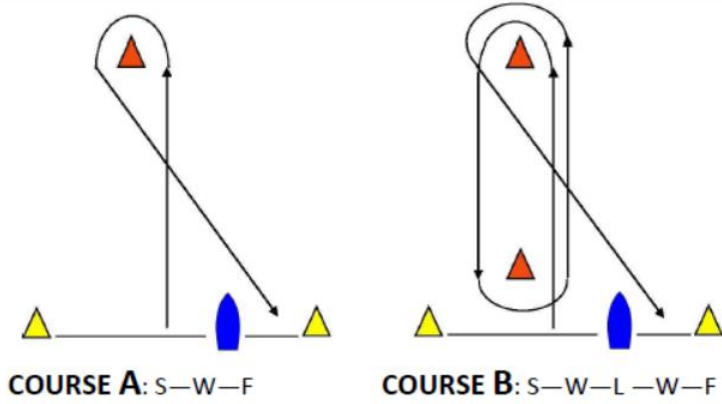


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