

2023 Women's Race

September 9

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 The minimum number of crew per boat is two (2).
- 1.4 The Midwest PHRF By-Laws and Handicapping Rules, Credits and Penalties (HRCP) will apply, and each boat shall have a current Midwest PHRF rating certificate.
- 1.5 Racing rule (RRS) 44.3 scoring penalty will not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Yacht Scoring website for this event is the official notice board (www.yachtscoring.com).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the PHYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Warning signal is 1200.

6 CLASS SPLITS

- 6.1 Splits will be posted by 2100 the day before the race.

7 RACE DAY CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

- 7.1 No later than the first warning signal on race day, all participating yachts shall check in with RC by passing the stern of the RC boat and check in by hailing the participating yacht's name, sail number, number of people on board and class to the RC committee and shall continue to do so until they are verbally acknowledged by the race committee.

8 MARKS

8.1 Identification

- A, G, M, and X are a 4' diameter yellow ball marked with a black letter.
- CC is a 4' white ball marked with black letters.
- G7 is a green a permanent US Coast Guard navigation channel marker structure.
- R2 is a red Coast Guard navigation buoy.

8.2 Locations

- A: 43 01.463N 82 25.378W (new location for 2023)
- CC: 43 03.015N 82 22.197W
- G: 43 04.713N 82 27.304W
- G7: 43 03.581N 82 25.067W
- M: 43 01.306N 82 23.598W
- X: 43 00.530N 082 24.266W
- R2: 43 00.547N 82 24.894W

- 8.3 A green inflatable may be used as a limit mark for the race committee boat. This mark will be considered an extension of the race committee boat.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Course to be sailed is the Long Course unless the RC boat displays the 'S' flag then the course to be sailed is the Short Course.

- 9.2 Courses are detailed in chart below:

Long Course (13.8 NM)			Short Course (9.2 NM)		
Mark	M Dir.	Dist. (NM)	Mark	M Dir.	Dist. (NM)
A			A		
G	345	3.5	G	345	3.5
G7	133	2.0	M	149	4.4
A*	194	2.1	X	220	0.9
CC	064	2.8	Finish	270	0.5
X	219	2.9			
Finish	270	0.5			

- 9.3 Mark rounding shall be to starboard unless noted by an '*' in the table, and then it shall be to port.

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- 9.4 In the event of poor racing conditions in the lake there is an option for a course to be set in the St. Clair River. Code C and code R flags will be displayed ashore if the St. Clair River course is to be used, and the course will be posted on the notice board.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using the RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The race committee will display the corresponding number flag for each start. This modifies RRS 26.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the A mark at the port end.
- 10.4 The starting order will be posted with the class split.
- 10.5 After the starting sequence has initiated, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid:
- The starting area extending 150' behind the starting line.
 - The area extending from both ends of the starting line to the first mark forming a triangle.
- Boats in violation of this instruction may be protested by the Race Committee under RRS 24.1.
- 10.6 When a general recall for a class has been signalled, the start for the recalled class will be moved to the bottom of the starting order. This will retain the starting order for the other classes. (Modifies RRS 29.2)

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line shall be between R2 and the SYC Race Shack.
- 11.2 After finishing, boats shall clear the finish area as quickly as possible to not obscure the race committee's view of the finish line and shall not re-cross the finish line with sails up.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit is 4.5 hours after the class starting signal. If one boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit for that class extends by 30 minutes. (Modifies RRS 35)
- 12.2 If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.3 Boats that race and do not finish within the time limit will be scored one more than the number of finishers in their class. This modifies RSS A4.2.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available online at yachtscoring.com. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Chairman or their designate within the time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.3 Notices of protests filed will be posted on yachtscoring.com after the race. Parties will be notified by the Race Chairman as to the time and location of the protest hearings.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 14.1 **The US Coast Guard has advised PHYC that commercial traffic may be under escort through the St. Clair River and the Lake Huron shipping channel out to government buoys #11 and #12. All commercial vessels have the right-of-way in these areas and boats must use caution when approaching or crossing the path of any commercial vessel.**
- 14.2 Pursuant to RRS 42.3(i) and subject to RRS 62.1(b), auxiliary propulsion may be used to avoid dangerous crossings with commercial vessels.
- 14.3 Each boat racing shall comply with US and Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 14.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 14.5 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 The Race Committee may be broadcasting on VHF 69 to supply information to competitors. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 15.2 Race Committee announcement will occur 10 minutes before the warning gun for introduction to the race, discuss the weather conditions and any other relative information for the day's activity.

16 COACH CLASS

- 16.1 Only one coach, either male or female, is allowed on each boat.
- 16.2 From the warning until the finish, a coach may only provide verbal coaching and may not assist the crew physically, except in an emergency.
- 16.3 If a coach provides assistance to the crew while racing the boat must retire from the race.
- 16.4 During an emergency as determined by the coach, the coach can assist to avoid emergency situation, this action must be reported after the race to the Race Chairman to ensure a competitive advantage was not gained by that assistance. A boat could be asked to retire if it is clear that the assistance was not necessary or gave the boat a clear advantage.

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17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply.

17.2 Each boat's corrected time shall be calculated using the single number ToD Random Leg Handicap (DHCP) as shown on the boat's MWPHRF Certificate, except for JAM class boats shall be calculated using the single number ToD Non-Spinnaker Handicap (NSHCP).

18 PRIZES

18.1 See <https://phyc.org> Racing/Awards, Women's Race.

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COURSE Diagrams – This is reference only, see Section 9 for details.

