

8/23/24 Sept 1st 2024 -- St Joe to Michigan City - MCYC Sailing Instructions

1 GENERAL

Courtesy communications on VHF 78. Time reference CDT.

NOTICE REGARDING RAILROAD BRIDGE: This bridge closes for trains, please plan your departure so that your vessel is not late for check-in and/or starting.

1.2 COURSE

The course will be from a starting mark approximately 0.8nm SW of St. Joe Pier to Michigan City Yacht Club racing mark #5 approximately 0.75nm N of Michigan City Pier.

COURSE: 224°M DISTANCE: 28.6nm

STARTING MARK: 42° 06.60'N 86° 30.50'W

FINISH MARK (MCYC#5 Orange Buoy): 41° 44.40'N 86° 54.70W

ALTERNATE STARTING MARK FOR HEAVY WEATHER

In the case of heavy weather, the starting line may be moved to the St. Joseph south pier head.

1.3 HANDICAP SCORING DISTANCE

The scoring distance will be 28.6nm

1.4 SAFETY: Life rafts or GPIRBs are suggested.

1.5 CLASS BREAKS

Class breaks will be issued in separate SSI amendment.

2 STARTING:

2.1 STARTING AREA

Starting area: Starting mark or St. Joe pier. Announced by RC on VHF channel 78.

2.2 STARTING SEQUENCE

Starting sequence may be adjusted based on actual section breaks in SI amendments.

	JAM/	PHRF	PHRF	PHRF
	Cruise	3	2	1
Warning	9:00	9:05	9:10	9:15
Prep Up	9:01	9:06	9:11	9:16
Prep Down	9:04	9:09	9:14	9:19
Start	9:05	9:10	9:15	9:20

2.3 STARTING LINE

Between a mark on the port side of the starting line and the orange flag on the RC boat. RC may set a guard mark. Yachts shall not pass between the guard mark and the RC boat.

2.4 ALTERNATE STARTING

In the event of heavy weather, the start may be between the orange line flag on the end of the north pier head of the St. Joseph Harbor entrance and a stake boat, or drop mark, approximately 600 ft. west.

3 FINISHING

Finish Line: Between MCYC#5 mark (orange buoy) to port and the blue flag on the RC boat. The RC boat will be to starboard.

Sail Number Boards shall be displayed on the yacht's starboard side. Yacht Finish Reports are required and must be turned in within one hour of your finish at RC headquarters in the Pavilion. Finish reports MUST include: yacht name & sail #, phone #; finish time CDT; boats ahead & behind if known. Reports may be sent by text to (219) 983-2042.

3.1 ALTERNATE FINISHING

In the case of heavy weather or if a committee boat is not on station, finish at MCYC Mark # 5 located at 41° 44.40N 86° 54.70W. The finish line will be due west from Mark 5 passing as close as practical to Mark 5 leaving it to Port. Competitors should take their own time and turn it in at the pavilion and send via text to 219-983-2042 or email dean@domanweb.com.

Include sail number, boat name and time.



Only yachts finishing by 2000 hours on the same day as the start will be considered as finishing.

4 PRIZES

1st, 2nd & 3rd place brag flags will be awarded in the Pavilion at 8 PM.

6 DOCKAGE

Tri-state registered yachts can moor on the wall west and south of the yacht club at no charge. Slips in the basin can be rented via MC Port Authority (219-872-1712).

7 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Party in the Pavilion. Awards ceremony at 8 PM CDT. Details will be posted in an SSI amendment. Ice and bottled water will also be available for purchase on Monday morning at the Base Camp store, near the Port Authority building. The bath house east of the Coast Guard station is available. All other bath houses are for MC Port Authority, slip holders and fee paying transients only.

Call MCPA, (219) 872-1712, to rent a slip.