



J/105 GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER 19 – 21, 2008

Hosted by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
Sanctioned by the J/105 Class Association
Sponsored by J/105 Fleet #18 – Detroit

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *J105 National Class Association Rules* dated February 1, 2008 and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, national authority will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible yachts shall be entered by completing the race registration by 1800hrs on Monday September 15th, 2008.
- 2.2 Eligible yachts shall be members of J105 National Class Association.
- 2.3 Each boat shall submit a crew listing and sail tag list to the Organizing Authority by 1800hrs on Monday September 15th, 2008. Changes to the list submitted require written consent of the race committee.
- 2.4 Immediately following the last race each day, the Organizing Authority may select a number of boats for inspection, measurement and sail tag checks. Selection of boats will be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located outside the “Grog Shop” on the South side of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC).
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900hrs on the day they are to take effect.
- 3.3 Competitors should monitor and use VHF channel 68 for on the water communication with the Race Committee.
- 3.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the GPYC.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Skippers Meeting will be held at Bayview Yacht Club, 1900hrs, Thursday, September 18, 2008.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for racing each day is 1030hrs.
- 4.3 Time and weather permitting and solely at the discretion of the Race Committee, a numeral #2 Pennant may be shown on the RC Signal Boat at the Finish of the first race, and a #3 pennant at the Finish of a second race, and a #4 pennant at the Finish of a third race thereby indicating the Race Committee's intent to run an additional race.
- 4.4 The Race Committee intends to run up to 10 races. One race will constitute a series.
- 4.5 No races will be started after 1600hrs on Friday and Saturday and after 1400hrs on Sunday.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 The intended racing area will be approximately 1.25nm SE of the GPYC harbor.

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1 The course will be windward/leeward with 3, 4, 5 or 6 legs. See Illustration A for course diagram.
- 6.2 Except as provided in the Sailing Instructions under change of course, all rounding marks are orange inflated tetrahedrons. All marks are to be rounded to port.
- 6.3 A windward offset may be used, to be rounded to port after the windward mark.
- 6.4 No later than the warning signal, the Starting Line Signal Boat will display the number of legs using international code flags and the approximate compass bearing and distance in nautical miles (nm) to the first mark on a placard board.

7. THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 7.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying the Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and the green inflatable mark at the port end.
- 7.3 The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number(s) of any boat(s) identified OCS on VHF channel 68. The failure to make a broadcast, the failure of a boat hearing it, the timing or order of it shall not be grounds for redress.

8. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 8.1 A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33 near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a Race Committee boat that will display code flag "C", the magnetic bearing to the new mark and sound a signal periodically.
- 8.2 The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 8.3 The new mark will be yellow, but subsequent course changes will alternate between orange and yellow marks.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line will be between the Orange Flag on the RC Signal Boat and a green inflatable mark located at the port end of the line.

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit will be two hours from the time of the start. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes, and still racing, shall be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35.
- 10.2 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points, except that she shall not be scored worse than last place by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be written on standard US Sailing Protest Forms.
- 11.2 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the finish time of the last race of the day.
- 11.3 All protests will be heard at GPYC.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Each boats series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS Appendix A-A2. There will be no throw outs.

13. AWARDS

- 13.1 Daily awards will be given to the top three finishers.
- 13.2 Great Lakes Championship Flags will be awarded to the top five overall series finishers.
- 13.3 The Great Lakes Championship J/105 Half-Hull Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall series winner.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 All support boats must stay clear, outside and away from the racing area, boats flying an RC Flag, Jury Flag, all rounding marks and start and finishing lines.
- 14.2 Communication with support boats is prohibited from the warning signal until the boat has finished or retired from the race.
- 14.3 If a support boat fails to comply with either of these requirements, the assisted boat may be given a 20% scoring penalty for the first race of each day of non-compliance.

15. HAUL OUT

All boats shall be in the water by 1700hrs on Thursday, September 18, 2008 and must remain in the water through the end of the regatta. Boats may not be hauled without written permission of the race committee.

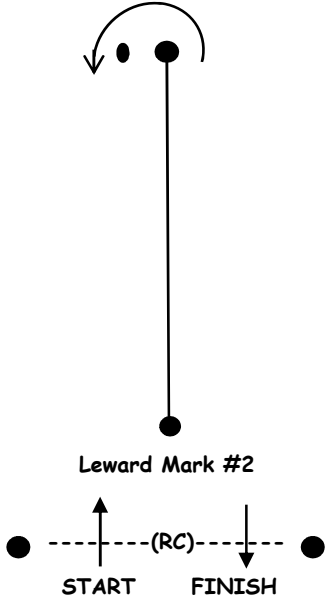
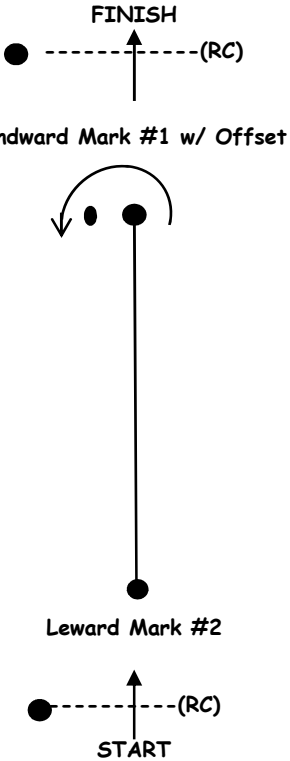
16. DOCKING

All yachts competing in the event may be moored free of charge at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club five nights prior to the beginning of racing and one night after racing ends.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Illustration A - Course Diagrams

<p style="text-align: center;">Downwind Finish #4: Start-1-2-1-Finish #6: Start-1-2-1-2-1-Finish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Upwind Finish #3: Start-1-2-Finish #5: Start-1-2-1-2-Finish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Windward Mark #1 w/ Offset</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Leward Mark #2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">START FINISH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FINISH</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Windward Mark #1 w/ Offset</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leward Mark #2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">START</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MARKS TO PORT EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Downwind finish, the leeward mark(s) are not a mark of the course on the finishing leg. Upwind finish, the windward mark & offset are not marks of the course on the finishing leg.</p>	