



Duluth Yacht Club

26th Biennial Trans Superior International Yacht Race

August 3, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Trans Superior Race Committee shall represent the Duluth Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority.

2. START DATE

The start of the Trans Superior International Yacht Race shall be on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 for all divisions.

3. RULES

3.1 The race shall be governed by:

- a. The 2017-2020 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, except as changed by the 2019 Trans Superior Sailing Instructions
- b. The prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association
- c. The Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards Category 3.
- d. The Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race (NOR) for any conflicts that may exist between the two documents, this changes RRS 63.7.

3.2 The Trans Superior Protest Committee, in addition to hearing protests and requests for redress, shall have the authority to resolve questions of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements.

4. TIME ZONES

All times shown in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions involving pre-race activities including the start are in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). All post-start race activities including finish times and ready room hours are in Central Daylight Time (CDT).

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Prior to the start, notices to competitors shall be emailed to skippers via yachtscoring.com. An unofficial copy will also be posted at the George Kemp Marina office in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change or addendum to these Sailing Instructions shall be in the form of an Additional Sailing Instruction issued by the Trans Superior Race Committee. Any additional Sailing Instructions shall be posted before 0700 CDT on the day they take effect.

7. SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

The race will be started using Rule 26 with classes starting at 5-minute intervals: the starting signal of the preceding class shall be the warning for each succeeding class.

The race sequence will be scheduled to start at 13:00 (EDT) with the raising of the yellow flag.

Class	Start Time	Class Flag
Singlehanded A and B	13:05 (EDT)	Yellow
Cruising and Doublehanded	13:10 (EDT)	Purple
PHRF B	13:15 (EDT)	Blue
PHRF A	13:20 (EDT)	Green
ORR	13:25 (EDT)	White

7.1 The starting line will be between the staff holding the Orange starting flag on the Committee Boat and the Gros Cap Reefs Light. The committee boat will be located to the west of the Gros Cap Reefs Light.

7.2 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. A yacht failing to keep clear shall be subject to time or placement penalty upon protest. The starting area is defined as a "box" extending 300 feet to windward and 200 feet to leeward of the starting line, and extending 300 feet beyond the ends of the starting line.

8. PRE-START CHECK IN

All boats must come within hail of the committee boat to check in prior to the starting sequence to ensure they have reached the starting area. Pre-start check in may also be made by hail on VHF 68 provided the boat is in the starting area but not within 15 minutes of the first warning signal.

9. STARTING PROCEDURES

9.1 The starting area will be situated in the vicinity of Gros Cap Reefs Light in Whitefish Bay.

9.2 The starting line shall be between a flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the Gros Cap Lighthouse or, in the event a second boat is available, a flag displayed on a second Race Committee boat.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 Individual Recalls - Boats on the course side (OCS) in accordance with RRS 29.1 at their start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee. This changes RRS 29.1. If made, the hail will be on VHF 68 or by loud hailer or voice. Failure to hear a courtesy hail is not a basis for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.2 General Recall – After a general recall has been signaled for a Division, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the removal of the General Recall Flag. Starts for the succeeding class shall follow the new start. This is in accordance with RRS 29.2.

11. COURSE AND MARKS

The Trans Superior International Yacht Race starts in the vicinity of Gros Cap Light in Whitefish Bay, near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and finishes near the entrance to the Duluth Ship Canal in Duluth, Minnesota. Yachts are required to leave Copper Harbor, Michigan to port. Yachts may pass through or around the Apostle Islands. The official race distance is 326 Nautical Miles.

12. CALL INS

- 12.1 All boats shall contact the Finish Line when approximately 30 minutes from finishing by hailing the Trans Superior Race Committee on VHF 68 or by calling Trans Superior Headquarters at (218) 221-6374.
- 12.2 Single and Double Handed boats shall conduct a radio call-in to in accordance with the Single-Handed Division Special Sailing Instructions.

13. FINISH LINE

- 13.1 The finish line extends from the North Pier of the Duluth Ship Canal in an easterly direction to a buoy approximately 200 yards off shore. Detailed information about the finish line will be provided at the skipper's meeting. Finishing yachts must break the finish line from a northeasterly to southwesterly direction. You may want to have your engine running, in neutral, several minutes prior to the finish line.
- 13.2 The finish line will be staffed until 1700 on Thursday, August 8th. After this time, boats should take their own GPS finish time.

14. FINISHING PROCEDURES

- 14.1 Finishing boats will need to hail the Aerial Lift Bridge on 16 to request a lift. Please be aware that the bridge will only lift on the hour and half hour from 0700 to 2100 CDT. The Aerial Bridge will lift on demand from 2100-0700 CDT. Please inform the bridge of your total height above waterline.
- 14.2 After finishing please proceed under the bridge to the Race Committee Headquarters , which is situated to starboard, and check in with the Race Committee by hailing the Trans Superior Race Committee on VHF 68 or by calling Trans Superior Headquarters at (218) 221-6374
- 14.3 All boats shall turn in their assigned YB Tracking Device to the Race Headquarters after docking and securing their vessel.
- 14.4 All boats shall clear customs in Sault Ste. Marie, MI prior to the start of the race. Any boat not clearing customs prior to the start of the race and arriving from Canada must clear customs prior to crew disembarking. Individual arrangements must be made with customs in Duluth, MN at (218) 720-5203.

15. DOCKING PROCEDURES

- 15.1 Free docking will be provided on the southwest wall of the Minnesota Slip. The depth along the wall is 15 feet or more. To access the Minnesota Slip hail the Minnesota Slip Bridge on channel 16. Boats are encouraged to raft up in this area to maximise the use of this sheltered docking space. Boats should not dock or raft in any area not designated by the Race Committee.
- 15.2 Boats not docking in space provided may proceed to their own dockage area only after checking in with the Race Committee.
- 15.3 All boats shall be subject to inspection by the Race Committee upon arrival.

16. **WITHDRAWAL**

- 16.1 Boats that retire shall notify Race Headquarters immediately by calling Trans Superior Headquarters at (218) 221-6374.
- 16.2 Race tracking transponders must be returned to Race Headquarters in Duluth within **24 hours** of withdrawing from the race.

17. **PROTESTS**

- 17.1 Penalties and protests will be handled by the Duluth Yacht Club Protest Committee. Any boat not in compliance with regulations is subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 17.2 Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee at Race Headquarters located at Minnesota Slip within four (4) hours of finishing.

18. **SCORING**

Each boat shall be ranked by corrected time in Class. The lowest corrected time is the winner. Corrected times shall be calculated using time-on-time scoring.