



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

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## 2018 TRANS-MICHIGAN RACE

Muskegon Yacht Club | JUNE 22, 2018

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions of RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4 The following rule will be changed:

(a) The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF channel 73 to communicate to competitors. Failure to make any broadcast or failure to hear any broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## **2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on yachtscoring.com.

## **3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day of the race.

3.2 For any on the water changes to the sailing instructions, the signal vessel will display code flag L and each boat will be notified by Loud Hailer or on the designated VHF channel before her warning signal. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Yacht Scoring Website.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thur., June 21, 2018	Online Registration Ends	1859
Thur., June 21, 2018	Competitors Meeting	1900
Fri., June 22, 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> warning,	0955

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

The Class flag used in accordance with RRS 26.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be in Lake Michigan between Milwaukee, WI and Muskegon, MI. Boats racing outside of a band of 50 miles North of South of the line between Milwaukee, WI and Muskegon, MI, will be considered outside of the Racing Area and subject to DSQ.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The course will be a port to port configuration. The course diagram is included on the last page of this document.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 The starting marks will be the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel on the South End of the line and the Mast Buoy, located at approximately N 43 02 220' and W 087 50 885' on the South End. The Mast Buoy is located approximately 1.57 nm @ 69 degrees from the center of the Milwaukee Main Gap.

9.4 The finish line will be marked by a Red RC powered boat (the Gordon Torresen) to the South and an Orange inflatable to the North. The line will be located 1 nm from the Muskegon North Pier bearing 315 degrees (the reciprocal of the rum line of 83 degrees) will be a vessel displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel .

## **10 THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.3 Recalls will be signaled in accordance to RRS 29.1 and 29.2. If a boat is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 73. Any errors or omissions of these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a vessel displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel, located to the South end of the line and an orange inflatable on the North side of the finish line.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 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

13.2 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be two (2) places.

13.3 Boats OCS and overlapped with the starting line at the start signal, who do not properly restart within 15 minutes will be given a 30 minute time penalty in lieu of DSQ without a hearing. This changes Rule 28.1 and 60.1b

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 The time limit for the race will be 20-hours after the designated start time for each boat to finish.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 hours of its start time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and 63.1.

## **15 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available from the race committee vessel at the Muskegon Yacht Club and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is one (2) hours after the boat finishes the race.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the MYC Lakeview Room and will be conducted in the approximate order as received.

15.4 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than the protest time limit in SI 15.2. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 The PHRF system shall be utilized for scoring. ORR scoring will also be provide for those boats submitting a valid 2017 ORR certificate.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible[DP]. The use of VHF is acceptable. Phone/text 616-3408678

## **1 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

19.2 The RC will use VHF channel 73 to communicate visual signals to the fleet. The information is provided as a courtesy. Any errors or omissions of these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **20 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded between 30 and 60 minutes after the RC boat docks at MYC

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

## **22 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.

**Course Diagram**