

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Wednesday Night Offshore Series May 13, 2015 through September 23, 2015 Milwaukee Yacht Club Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet & Regatta Committee in conjunction with the Race Committee (RC) shall represent the Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) as the Organizing Authority for the Wednesday Night Offshore Series (WNOS).

SPECIAL NOTE:

AS STATED IN ITEM 11.3 OF THE NOR - Each boat must provide a RC Volunteer for any two events for which MYC provides the Race Committee in order to earn a throw-out for either series.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The WNOS will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The following Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 29.2: WNOS sections under General Recall will have their second start after all other sections have had one chance to start first.
 - Rules 44.1, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65: Appendix T, sections A, B, and D will apply.
 - Rule 75.1: To enter the WNOS, a boat shall comply with the requirements of the organizing authority of the race: The boat owner shall be a member of Milwaukee Yacht Club, South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC), MAST, and US SAILING.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the MYC adjacent to the Main Clubhouse front entrance.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 1200 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

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4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at MYC from the Flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP (red and white vertical striped pennant) is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One or more races are scheduled each Wednesday night from May 13, 2015 through September 23, 2015, as specified in the 2015 Race Schedule found near the Main Office or the MYC website.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1800. No warning signal for the first race will be made after 1930.
- 5.3 A second race will be started provided adequate conditions exist. Please monitor the Signal Boat for visual communication and possibly radio announcements. The failure for RC to broadcast an announcement is not grounds for redress.
- 5.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 SECTION FLAGS

Section flags, in starting sequence order, will be:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Flag/Pennant</u>	<u>Description of Section flag</u>
Soling	class flag	white square with black 'Greek Omega'-like symbol
PHRF 2 (above 61)	#2	blue triangle flag with white dot
PHRF 1 (below 62)	#1	white triangle flag with red dot
JAM 1 (PHRF)	#3	red, white, blue triangle
J-24	class flag	yellow flag with blue J-24 logo

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, east of the Milwaukee North Gap. The start will be in the vicinity of the MYC Center Mark. The Center Mark is approximately 1.6 nautical miles at 90 degrees leaving the North Gap. See Appendix C for the approximate location of racing areas.

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8 COURSES

- 8.1 Typical courses will be windward-leeward and triangle. Appendix A shows the diagrams of courses available to RC which includes the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate leg length will be between ½ and 2 nautical miles.
- 8.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the RC Signal Boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 Courses may be shortened according to RRS 32. Additionally, the RC may elect to shorten course by one leg prior to the start. If a course is to be shortened prior to the start the RC will display flag S (white square with small blue square) no later than the preparatory signal for that race and the duration of the starting sequence.

9 MARKS

Marks are throw-in buoys, either orange or yellow, cylinders or round buoys or tetrahedrons, with or without a short spar.

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons, orange cylinders, or orange round buoys.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be yellow tetrahedrons or orange tetrahedrons with a black strap.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be the MYC Center Mark at the port end and the RC boat at the starboard end. The finishing marks will be the RC boat at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.
- 9.4 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal for each succeeding class made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying and orange square flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the MYC Center Mark on the port end (unless RC moves the course to the east.) The starting For the Soling fleet the starting line will be between a buoy at the port end and the staff or halyard displaying and orange square flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end. In the event that the starting buoy at the port end for the Soling fleet cannot be set, the starting line for the Soling fleet will be between a staff or halyard displaying and

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orange square flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the MYC Center Mark on the port end (unless RC moves the course to the east.)

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep well clear of the starting area and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10.4 The scheduled starting sequence for the first race (Race One) and the scheduled warning signal time will be:

Soling	1800
PHRF 2	1805
PHRF 1	1810
JAM 1 (PHRF)	1815
J-24	1820

Please check the Official Board for the actual sequence to be used depending on the number of boats registered per section. Sections may be different during the Spring and Summer Series.

10.5 Once the first starting sequence has begun it will continue until all sections have had one chance to start a race. Sections under a General Recall will be started following the completion of the entire initial starting sequence.

10.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.7 The RC may skip the starting sequence for any section if there are no boats of that section in the starting area.

10.8 The RC may change the location of the start by displaying both flag L and flag AP from the Signal Boat.

10.9 Flag R (red square with yellow cross) , which indicates a second race for one or multiple fleets, removed with multiple sounds, indicates that the warning signal for the next race will be made in 1 minute or notice of abandonment.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, due to a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

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12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end and a buoy on the port end.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.1(a) and rule 44.2 will apply to the Soling and J-24 sections.

13.2 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply for the PHRF and JAM (PHRF) sections. The penalty shall be the score the boat would have received without the penalty made worse by 1 place. The one-turn and two-turn penalties (rules 44.1(a) and 44.2) are not in effect for PHRF and JAM (PHRF) boats.

13.3 Rule 44.1(b) will apply to all sections.

14 TIME LIMITS

Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes of their start or finishes within 1.5 hours of the start will be abandoned by RC. If any boat finished within the 1.5 hour limit, the time limit for all other racing boats will be 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat. For PHRF sections, it is the above time limits plus the boat's time allowance. This changes RRS 35. One design boats only may be finished in place. PHRF boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available near the MYC main office. Additionally, they can be found on our website www.milwaukeeyc.com-> Sail Fleets.

15.2 For each section, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the MYC Signal Boat (usually Manke) docks at MYC. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

15.3 An individual from the Protest Committee or the Race Committee Director will attempt to verbally notify the parties involved in a protest of the time and place of their arbitration and/or protest hearing. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16 SCORING

16.1 One race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Spring or Summer series. The 2015 Spring Series dates are May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24 and July 1. The Summer

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Series dates are July 8, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12, August 19 and August 26. Racing dates 5/13, 5/20 & 7/15 **WILL NOT** count for season scoring.

- 16.2 The Low Point System found in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. For the Spring Series or Summer Series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores. 20% of her scores, rounded down to the next lowest integer, will be excluded. A boat's Overall WNOS Series score will be the combined score of her Spring and Summer series scores.
- 16.3 RC will score each boat's finish place and post the results on the MYC Official Notice Board as well as on the MYC website.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Before the start of racing, each boat will check in with the RC on the Signal Boat. The boat's skipper, or designated crew, will hail the boat's sail number and/or name to the RC on the Signal Boat.
- 17.2 A boat retiring shall notify the RC as soon as possible, preferably before leaving the racing area by radio or direct communication. Provisionally, racers may notify an MYC employee immediately upon arrival at the dock (Yard and Dock or Office staff). For safety purposes, the boat's designated person should be sure that RC is contacted by radio by an MYC employee as soon as practicable.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Signal Boat- *Robert C. Mahnke*
- Markset- *Judge*
- Alternate RC boat/Safety boat- *Rhonda* (blue RIB)

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, with exception for emergencies.
- 19.2 RC will use VHF radio channel 72 for general announcements and comments. RC will attempt to announce the starting time, starting sequence, course type, and course directions twice prior to the first warning signal.

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20 PRIZES

Awards shall be presented at the MYC Annual Awards Banquet for the Spring Series, Summer Series, and Overall Season Series. Please see the NOR for further information.

For the Soling section only, the Thunder Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first in the Spring Series. The Shadow Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first in the Summer Series. The Kotovic Trophy will be awarded to the boat finishing first in the Overall Season Series. The Crew Championship Trophy will be awarded to the Crew steering the first place Soling on one or multiple Wednesday nights as determined solely by the Soling fleet.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the WNOS 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 a race in the series. All boat owners/responsible parties will submit a completed waiver of liability to the MYC main office prior to racing. Waivers are available through the online registration system as well as near the MYC main office.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

All race documents will be available near the Main Office as well as on the MYC website, www.milwaukeeyc.com -> Sail Fleets.

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Appendix "A"

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Course Diagrams



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