



South Haven Yacht Club

Summer Series 2017

May 25 - August 31, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: South Haven Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, 63.4.
- 1.3. Appendix T1 will apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two -Turns penalty."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the dining room of the SHYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 EDT on May 25, 2017.
- 3.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by the Race Committee displaying code flag L with the section flag if appropriate. Changes will be announced on VHF channel 69. This changes Rule 90.2 and Race Signals

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Entry Forms must be submitted to the Race Committee before 0900 EDT on May 25, 2017
- 5.2. Skippers Meeting will be Thursday, May 26th at 1730EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
- 5.3. The warning signal for the first race each week is scheduled for 1900 EDT.
- 5.4. It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct two races each Thursday. The number of races each day is subject to weather conditions.

- 5.5. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.6. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.7. No Initial Warning Signal will be made after 2030 EDT.
- 5.8. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

6. SECTION FLAGS AND BREAKS

- 6.1. LM-PHRF section breaks will be available at the Skippers Meeting. Handicaps will be scored using the "Time on Time" adjustments.
- 6.2. Sections and starting order: SPIN to start first and JAM to start second each Thursday.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be open waters of Lake Michigan offshore from the South Haven Pier Head.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses for spinnaker classes will be windward leeward with a downwind finish (rounding marks to port) as shown on Attachment A.
- 8.2. The courses for jib-and-main classes will be triangular (rounding marks to port) as shown on Attachment A.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will announce the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.2. The starting and finishing marks will be an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.3. For any boat deemed OCS at the start, Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 69. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course approximately 5 degrees or less, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No signal of such change shall be required. This changes rule 33.
- 11.2. To change the next leg of the course more than 5 degrees, the Race Committee will lay a yellow mark as the new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original orange mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a yellow mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original orange mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit for each race will be two and one half hours (2 hr 30 min) for the first boat to finish.
- 13.2. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in their section will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE).

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour after the Race Committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing in the SHYC.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races. There shall be one throw out for every 5 races. This amends rule A2. PHRF fleet shall race using corrected time on time. One race constitutes a series.
- 15.2. Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in their section plus one point, not to exceed the total number of boats entered in the section, without a hearing. This changes rules A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall come within hail of the Race Committee signal boat and be acknowledged prior to the first race each day.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. 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 and other mobile data devices.

18. AWARDS

- 18.1. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each section.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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