



Medical Madness Lake Champlain Hospice Regatta September 2nd 2017 Sailing Instructions

1. *Rules*

- 1.1. *The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*
- 1.2. *If four or more races are completed there shall be a throw out.*
- 1.3. *If there is a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.*

2. *Notice To Competitors*

- 2.1. *The official notice board will be located on the North End of the City Marina, next to the stage. In the event the stage is not set prior to the harbor start on the first day, the location shall be marked by Code Flag L*
- 2.2. *The Skippers meeting shall be at 08:30 at the Notice to Competitors area which may be interchangeable with the term 'Table'.*

3. *Changes to the Sailing Instructions*

- 3.1. *Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08:30 AM each day before the Harbor Start.*

4. *Signals Made Ashore*

- 4.1. *Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Notice to Competitors area.*
- 4.2. *When the AP flag is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. In the race signal AP*
- 4.3. *Harbor start shall be indicated by one horn along with removal of the RC Flag from the Notice to Competitors area.*
- 4.4. *Harbor start shall be one hour prior to the first start of the day.*

5. *Schedule of Races*

5.1. *Divisional Splits*

<i>Division</i>	<i>PHRF Rating</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Lower than 81</i>	
<i>B</i>	<i>81-126</i>	
<i>C</i>	<i>126-149</i>	
<i>D</i>	<i>Greater than 149</i>	
<i>JAM (Cruising)</i>	<i>All – Jib and Main Only</i>	

5.1.1. *Divisional Splits may be combined into starting groups.*

5.1.2. *Classes may be combined if there are two or fewer boats registered for any class as of the day of the event.*

5.2. *The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 10:00 AM.*

5.3. *No races shall begin after 1500 hrs on Saturday.*

6. *The Course*
 - 6.1. *The JAM course shall be described at the Competitors meeting*
 - 6.2. *The Racing Course shall be a windward leeward course with the start finish line in the middle.*
 - 6.3. *The start/finish line shall be closed.*
 - 6.4. *An offset may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee.*
 - 6.5. *A Gate may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee.*
7. *Marks*
 - 7.1. *The weather mark and leeward mark/gate shall be an orange or yellow inflatable buoy. If in use, the off set will be a small reddish orange buoy*
8. *The Start*
 - 8.1. *The RC Flag Will signify the Race Committee is on station. The flag will be lowered not less than one minute prior to the first Warning Signal.*
 - 8.2. *Before the first Warning Signal of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.*
 - 8.3. *Races will be started using RRS 26*
 - 8.4. *The starting line will be between a staff displaying The RC Flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end mark. The port end mark will be an organge or yellow inflatable bouy.*
 - 8.5. *The class flags shall be as listed in 5.1.*
9. *Recalls*
 - 9.1. *Race Committee shall display Code Flag X for General Recalls and Code Flag First Substitute for General Recalls.*
 - 9.2. *Race Committee may announce the sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start on VHF Channel 72.*
 - 9.2.1. *Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast, or the timing and order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This Changes RRS 62.1(a)*
10. *Changes of Course after the start*
 - 10.1. *To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark or lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) in a new position in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not be in position. If the new mark is a windward mark, no offset mark will be used. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark, no offset*
11. *The Finish*
 - 11.1. *The RC flag will signify the Race Committee Boat is on station at the finish line.*
 - 11.2. *The Finishing line will be between a staff displaying The RC Flag Flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the finishing mark at the port end.*
 - 11.3. *The Finishing Mark will be an orange or yellow inflatable bouy.*
12. *Time Limit*
 - 12.1. *Time to reach the first mark shall be one 45 minutes.*
 - 12.2. *The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 1.5 hours.*
 - 12.3. *All boats finished 2 hours after the start shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired)*
 - 12.4. *In order for any race in the series to count, at least two boats must finish within the Time Limit.*
13. *Wind Strength*
 - 13.1. *Races will not start if the sustained wind strength is 30 knots or higher.*
14. *Safety*

- 14.1. *Boats retiring or leaving the racing area between races shall notify the Race Committee Boat as soon as possible.*
15. *Protests*
 - 15.1. *Protests shall be delivered by hand to the Notice to Competitors area no later than 45 minutes after the committee boat docks.*
 - 15.2. *The Protest time limit shall be displayed at the Notice Board*
 - 15.3. *Protests shall be written on a US Sailing Protest form available at the table.*
 - 15.4. *Boats involved in a protest will be announced via the speaker system at the close of the protest time limit.*
16. *Scoring*
 - 16.1. *The low point scoring system RRS Appendix A as modified herein will be used.*
 - 16.2. *Up to five race may be held.*
 - 16.3. *A Minimum of one race is required to constitute a regatta.*
 - 16.4. *If fewer than three races have been completed a boat(s) series score will be the total of her races. When three or more races have been completed, a boat(s) series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.*
17. *Disclaimer of Liability / Insurance Requirements*
 - 17.1. *Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to race). The Valcour Sailing Club, Hospice of the North Country, and their officers, members, staff, volunteers, and any other affiliated organization or official including the City of Plattsburgh, will not be responsible for, and participants hereby release them from any claim, cause of action or liability for damage to any boat or any other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with, or prior to or after this regatta on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the Race Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. Each Participating boat shall be required to present proof upon request that the boat is insured with valid third-party liability insurance in an amount of at least \$100,000/\$300,000.*
18. *Prizes*
 - 18.1. *Prizes will be awarded as follows:*
 - 18.1.1. *Perpetual Trophies:*
 - 18.1.1.1. *Gorman Cup Shall be awarded to the overall Winner*
 - 18.1.2. *Take Home Trophies*
 - 18.2. *Take home prizes shall be awarded to the top three*
 - 18.3. *Additional trophies shall be awarded in the event there are more than one fleet*
 - 18.4. *The Skipper of the overall winner shall be invited to attend the Hospice Regattas National Championship in 2018. If the overall winner cannot attend the National Hospice Regatta, the boat which finished second overall will be invited, and so on until a willing and able representative from the Medical Madness, Lake Champlain Hospice Regatta is selected.*