

2017 McNULTY REGATTA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB
JUNE 17 & 18, 2017

1. **RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of the International Soling class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The prescriptions of United States Sailing will not apply.
- 1.2 RRS 42.3(b) is changed by adding: Pumping of the spinnaker guy is permitted without restriction under all conditions only on the legs designated as the reaching legs of Course 2. "Pumping of the spinnaker guy" means repeated trimming and releasing of the guy by any means. This changes International Soling Association (ISA) Class Rule C.9.1.

2. **ENTRIES**

Eligibility requirement for competitors (helmsman and two crew members) is membership for Skipper or Boat in their National Soling Association or the International Soling Association (ISA). All yachts must have a 2017 ISA sticker affixed in the prescribed manner.

3. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the main door to the Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) clubhouse.

4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be approved and signed by the Regatta Chairperson and the MYC Soling Fleet Captain.
- 4.2 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00 a.m. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MYC flagpole.

5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Flag AP in Race Signals.

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Time of Warning Signal</u>
One	Saturday, June 17	1055
Two	Saturday, June 17	ASAP after Race One
Three	Saturday, June 17	ASAP after Race Two
Four	Sunday, June 18	0955
Five	Sunday, June 18	ASAP after Race Four

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on the last day of racing.

6.3 Five races are scheduled, of which three must be completed to constitute a valid regatta.

6.4 At the discretion of the Race Committee the fourth race may be started on the first day of racing if conditions and time are favorable.

6.5 The R Flag will be revised to designate another race to follow.

6.6 The warning signal for the second or third race will be made as soon as practicable.

7. **THE COURSE**

7.1 The diagrams in the attachment show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed.

7.2 Course T is intended for use when the wind is above 12 knots. No more than two races will be sailed over Course T

7.3 The course will be designated by displaying a “W” or a “T” with the compass bearing numbers.

7.4 The approximate compass bearing and approximate distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

7.5 Courses may be shortened according to RRS 32. Additionally, the Race Committee may elect to shorten a course by one leg prior to its start. If a course is to be shortened in this manner the Race Committee will display flag S prior to the warning signal for that race and for the duration of the starting sequence.

7.6 Neither the selection of the course nor the length of legs shall be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.

8. **MARKS**

Marks will be orange tetrahedrons/pyramids or yellow spheres. New marks when used in accordance with Section 10, Change of Course after the Start, will be orange tetrahedrons/pyramids or yellow spheres. The offset marks will be yellow.

9. **THE START**

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a mark at the port end.

9.3 A yacht shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

10. **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

11. **THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the nearby mark. The Race Committee boat will be flying a blue flag or shape when it is in the "Finish" position.

11.2 When the course is shortened so as to finish at a gate, a Race Committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes flag S in Race Signals.

12. **TIME LIMIT**

Any race in which no yacht rounds the first windward mark within forty minutes of the start or finishes within two hours of the start will be abandoned. If any yacht finished within the two hour time limit, the time limit for all other yachts will be thirty minutes after the finish of the first yacht. This changes RRS 35. Yachts not finishing within the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish".

13. **PROTESTS**

13.1 Protest shall be made in writing on forms available at the MYC office and lodged with the representative there within 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked. That docking time will be posted on the official notice board.

13.2 The jury will hear protests in the order that it deems appropriate.

14. **SCORING**

14.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A, will apply so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if four or more races have been completed.

14.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishing boats in the fleet as a whole.

15. **RETIREMENT**

A yacht retiring shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area or the Club office immediately upon arrival at the dock.

16. **RADIO AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make nor receive transmissions on or from any electronic communication device while racing.

17. **SAILS**

Yachts shall use only two jibs, two spinnakers of either size and one main sail. Sails may be replaced only if they are rendered unusable in the course of the regatta and only with the written approval of the PRO or his/her representative.

18. **INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT**

At the discretion of the Regatta Committee, all entrants are, at the time of registration or any time during the event subject to (a) measurement of hull, rigging and sails and (b) inspection of required safety equipment. Failure to pass a measurement or equipment check after the event has commenced will result in disqualification of all races up to the time of detection.

19. **SUBSTITUTION OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the jury. Such approval will be given in case of injury, illness or other non-preventable circumstances or when notified at registration.

20. **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Under water breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after the warning signal for the first race.

21. **SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel are not allowed within 200m of the starting area or the race course from the warning signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

23. **DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk: see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor or his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of their boat for the races.