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# **Milwaukee Bay Offshore Series (MBOS)**

**August 1 – Sept. 19, 2020**

**Milwaukee Yacht Club  
South Shore Yacht Club  
Milwaukee, WI**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Milwaukee Bay Offshore Series (MBOS) Sailing Instructions consist of the sections titled Sailing Instructions, Race Instructions, and Fleet Rules, for all Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club Offshore Fleets racing on weekends on Milwaukee Bay during the sail race season.

These Sailing Instructions apply to racing officiated by both the Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club race committees.

# MBOS

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Milwaukee Bay Offshore Series (MBOS) for the MYC and SSYC PHRF fleets will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for US Nearshore Safety Equipment will apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the LMPHRF, Policies and Procedures, are amended as follows:  
The Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club PHRF Fleets may jointly adjust the LMPHRF Handicap of specific boats for Milwaukee Bay Offshore races.
- 1.4 RRS 25.2 and 26 are changed so the start sequence is audible only, i.e., no class flags or preparatory flags.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the South Shore Yacht Club derrick house and the Milwaukee Yacht Club clubhouse front entrance.

### 3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions for each specific race will be posted at least 2 hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the MYC and SSYC flag masts.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 1 hour" in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing and numbers of races for the day are shown on the ***Race Schedule***, the ***Race Instructions***, and the ***MBOS Fleet Rules***.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is given in ***Race Instructions*** below.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, a sound may be made at one minute before the first warning signal.
- 5.4 The first race warning signal for daytime races shall be made no later than 1200 hrs.
- 5.5 On days when 2 races are scheduled, the warning signal for the 2nd race will be made no later than 1300 hrs.
- 5.6 On days when 3 races are scheduled, the warning signal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> race will be made no later than 1400 hrs.
- 5.7 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."
- 5.8 Race committee time will be GPS Central Daylight Time.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will not be used for the 2020 racing season. See SI 10, THE START.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

Illustration 'A' shows the locations of the racing areas. The racing areas will be east of the Milwaukee Harbor Main Entrance (Main Gap) approx. 1.5 – 3 NM and to the north or south of the shipping channel.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1** The diagrams in Illustration 'B' show the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2** No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal boat will announce via VHF the course name and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3** The approximate nautical miles to the first mark will be hailed or broadcast from the race committee signal boat.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Marks used by the SSYC race committee are as follows:

- a) The south mark, illustrated Mark 'B', is the green government Bell Buoy '1'.
- b) Throw-in buoys are orange or yellow inflated buoys
- c) There will be no windward offset mark.

**9.2** Marks used by the MYC race committee are as follows:

- a) The MYC fixed mark is an orange structure buoy illustrated Mark 'M'.
- b) Throw-in buoys are either orange cylinders with no spar, or inflated buoys.
- c) The MYC courses' windward mark will be orange.

**9.3** New marks, as provided in instruction *CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE*, will be either of the following:

- a) Orange cylinder with no spar or inflated buoys, or
- b) Yellow inflated buoy.

**9.4** A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction *CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE*.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26, except that class flags and preparatory signals will not be displayed. If a succeeding section's warning signal is delayed the race committee will announce the delay by hail or on VHF. This changes RRS 25.2 and 26.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4** A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5** The race committee may change the location of the start by displaying race signal L and proceeding to the new location.

**10.6** The race committee may skip the starting sequence for any section if there are no boats of that section in the racing area.

**10.7** The race committee will attempt to hail any individual recall boat(s) by hail or broadcast on VHF channel 72 at MYC, or channel 69 at SSYC. Failure to make a hail or broadcast, to time it accurately, to hear it, or the order of the boats recalled shall not be grounds for redress. This amends rule 29.1

## **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 in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**11.2** Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

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## **12 THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark. This description may be changed by the *RACE INSTRUCTIONS* for a specific race.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Scoring Penalty, Rules 43.1, and RRS V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, will apply. The penalty will be the greater of two (2) or the number of places described in 44.3(c) or V2, respectively.

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND SCORES**

**14.1** Time limits are given in the RACE INSTRUCTIONS.

**14.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes, except 1 hour for races with a time limit of 5 hours or more, after the first boat of her section sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. They will be assigned 2 places higher than the number of boats that finisher. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

**14.3** If boats racing cannot, in the judgment of the race committee, place ahead of any boat finished, the race committee may record the time and the relative positions of the boats racing. The boat(s) are not required to "Finish". The race committee will attempt to notify the boats involved by hail or by radio. This changes rule 35.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**15.1** Protests forms are available from the host yacht club office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered, or emailed there, to any of the following, in order of preference: 1) the principle race officer; 2) scorer; 3) the fleet captain of the hosting club, 4) the fleet captain of the boat's home club, within the appropriate time limit. If the form is emailed, any of the above recipients must be contacted in person or by telephone within the time limit.

**15.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The same time

limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

**15.3** Notices will be posted, emailed, mailed, telephoned, or delivered in person to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Each party to a protest is responsible for notifying their witnesses.

**15.4** The protest hearings will be scheduled either on that race day beginning as soon as practicable following the last race of the day, or beginning at approximately 1900 on the Thursday following each race or regatta at the yacht club which hosts the race or regatta.

**15.5** Breaches of instructions 10.3, 17 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## **16 SCORING**

**16.1** One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta or series.

**16.2** For 2 and 3 race regattas, a boat's score for a regatta will be the total of her race scores.

**16.3** Overall winner, when awarded, will be determined based on fleet overall LMPHRF time-on-time scores. This amends rule A2.

**16.4** A boat that is disqualified under instruction *SAFETY REGULATIONS* shall be scored DNE, Disqualification Not Excludable. This amends Appendix A.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1 Check-in:** Before the first race of the day, boats intending to race shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat, hail her sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee. She may do this either before the first warning signal or after her warning signal. Any boat failing to do so shall notify the race committee by hail or radio when she starts.

**17.2** A boat that starts, or sails in the vicinity of the starting line between her warning and starting signal, then retires from a race and fails to notify the race committee by end of protest time of her retirement, may be protested. If disqualified, she shall be scored DNE, Disqualification Not Excludable. This changes Appendix A.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**18.1** Except in an emergency, while racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to all mobile devices.

**18.2** The communication between the race committee and racing boats will be on the following marine radio channels:

VHF channel 72 for MYC races, or VHF channel 69 for SSYC races.

A boat shall not monitor private communications between race committee personnel, except as permitted by the notice of race or the sailing instructions.

## **19 PRIZES**

**19.1** Flags and trophies will be awarded as stated in the race instructions and fleet rules.

**19.2** Prizes, when awarded, will be awarded in all sections according to the following schedule:

- (a) 1 to 3 starters -- one prize,
- (b) 4 or 5 starters -- two prizes,
- (c) 6 or more starters -- three prizes.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the Milwaukee Bay Offshore races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Milwaukee nor South Shore Yacht Clubs will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

## **21 INSURANCE**

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

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**MBOS**  
**RACE INSTRUCTIONS**

**Tanger Memorial Regatta**

**Saturday, August 1 (3 races)**

RACE COMMITTEE: South Shore Yacht Club  
COURSE(S): W  
FIRST WARNING: 1025  
1<sup>ST</sup> START SEQUENCE: MBOS 2, MBOS 1

TIME LIMIT: 2 hours + 2 times boat's allowance  
AWARDS: Flags, Tanger Cup for 1<sup>st</sup> Overall  
SOCIAL ACTIVITY: None Planned Due to COVID –  
Have Fun Sailing and Stay Safe

**Eldred Stephenson Memorial Regatta**

**Saturday, August 15 (3 races)**

RACE COMMITTEE: Milwaukee Yacht Club  
COURSE(S): W  
FIRST WARNING: 1025  
1<sup>ST</sup> START SEQUENCE: MBOS 2, MBOS 1

TIME LIMIT: 2 hours + 2 times boat's allowance  
AWARDS: H. Eldred Stephenson Memorial Trophy for PHRF first overall, and flags  
SOCIAL ACTIVITY: None Planned Due to COVID –  
Have Fun Sailing and Stay Safe

## Commodore's Regatta

**Saturday, August 22 (3 races)**

RACE COMM: Milwaukee Yacht Club  
COURSE(S): W  
FIRST WARNING: 1025  
1<sup>ST</sup> START SEQUENCE: MBOS 2, MBOS 1  
TIME LIMIT: 2 hours + 2 times the boat's allowance  
AWARDS: Flags  
SOCIAL ACTIVITY: None Planned Due to COVID –  
Have Fun Sailing and Stay Safe

## Grudge Regatta

**Saturday, September 12 (3 races)**

RACE COMMITTEE: South Shore Yacht Club  
COURSE(S): W  
FIRST WARNING: 1025  
1<sup>ST</sup> START SEQUENCE: MBOS 2, MBOS 1  
TIME LIMIT: 2 hours + 2 times the boat's allowance  
AWARDS: Flags  
SOCIAL ACTIVITY: None Planned Due to COVID –  
Have Fun Sailing and Stay Safe



# **Last Blast Regatta**

**Saturday, September 19 (3 races)**

RACE COMMITTEE: Milwaukee Yacht Club  
COURSE(S): W  
FIRST WARNING: 1025  
1ST START SEQUENCE: MBOS 2, MBOS 1

TIME LIMIT: 2 hours + 2 times boat's allowance  
AWARDS: Flags  
SOCIAL ACTIVITY: None Planned Due to COVID –  
Have Fun Sailing and Stay Safe

# **MBOS FLEET RULES**

## **1 RACES SCORED FOR EACH CLUB'S SERIES' FOR MBOS:**

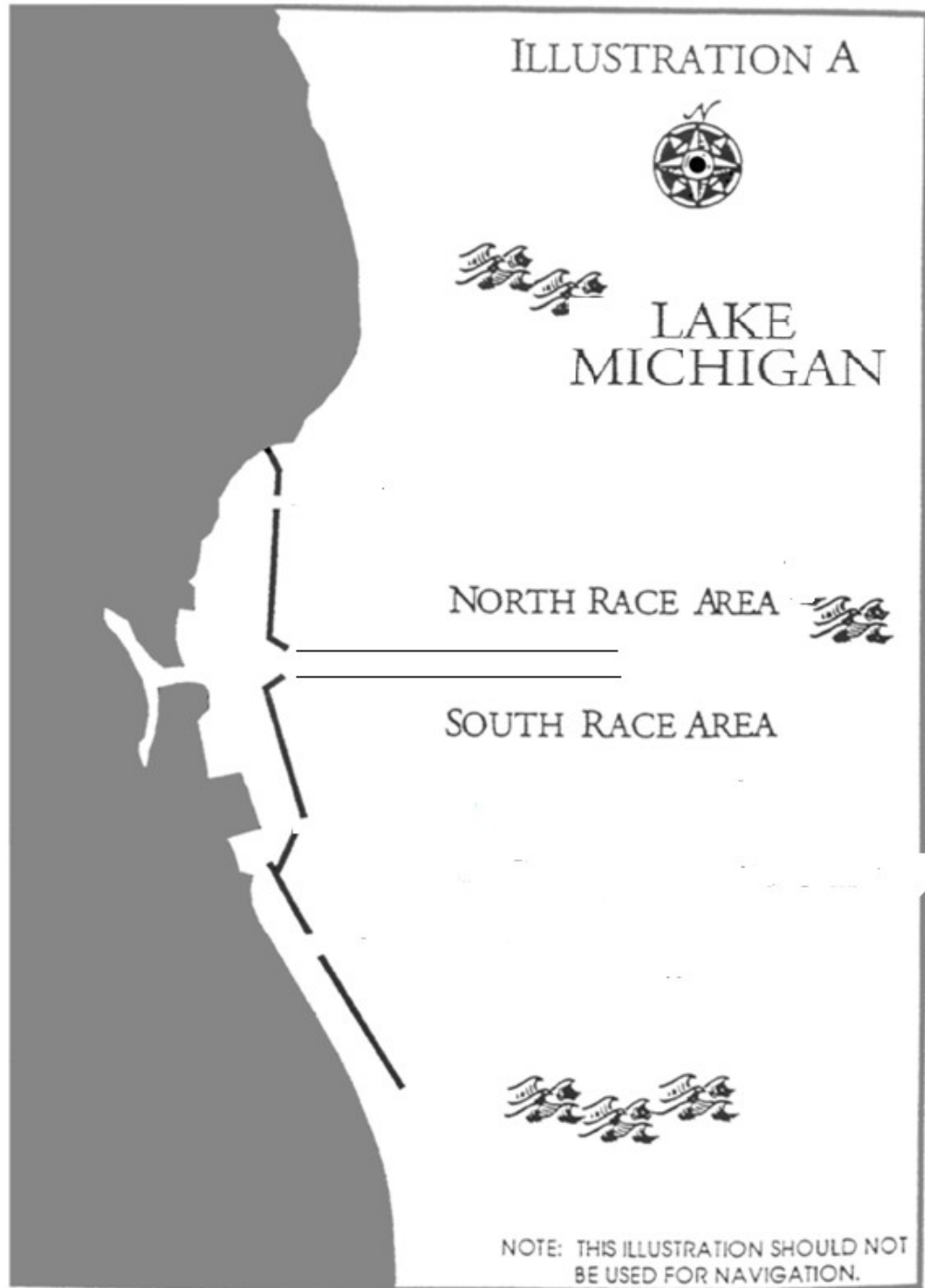
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Sat.	Aug 1	TANGER MEMORIAL REGATTA		3
Sat.	Aug 15	STEPHENSON MEM. REGATTA	3	
Sat.	Aug. 22	COMODORE'S REGATTA	3	
Sat.	Sep. 12	GRUDGE REGATTA		3
Sat.	Sep. 19	LAST BLAST REGATTA	3	
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## **2 SCORING**

- 2.1 The Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club MBOS Fleet may adjust the LMPHRF Handicap for specific boats for MBOS races only.
- 2.2 The schedule for the MBOS season series of 15 races consists of 9 Milwaukee Yacht Club series races and 6 South Shore Yacht Club series races.
- 2.3 A boat's MYC and SSYC club series and the MBOS overall season scores will be determined as given in MFR 2.4.
- 2.4 Based on the **Number of Races** completed for the season in the table below, a boat's series' score will be the total of her race scores excluding her **Number of Exclusions** worst score(s).

<b>Number of Races</b>	<b>Number of Exclusions</b>
1-2	0
3-5	1
6-8	2
9-11	3
12-15	4

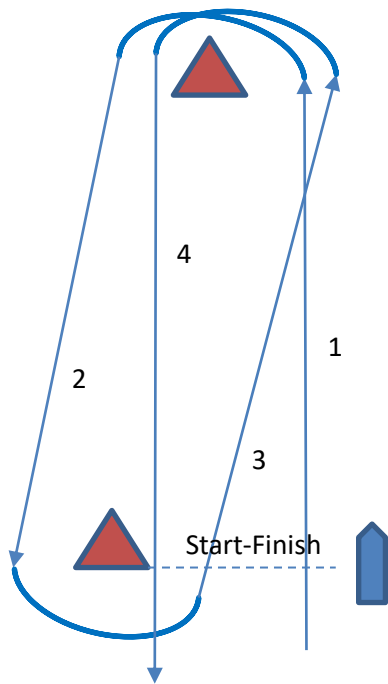
**MILWAUKEE BAY OFFSHORE**  
**SERIES ILLUSTRATIONS**





# Illustration B

Course L – 4 legs

Legend



-  = Race Mark  
Fixed or Throw-In
-  = Race Committee Boat