South Haven Yacht Club
Commodore’s Cup 2020
September 19, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: South Haven Yacht Club

1. RULES
1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
1.2. The following US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply: 63.2, 63.4.
1.3. Appendix V 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.”
1.4. Any additions or changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board (located in the dining room of the SHYC).
1.5. Jib and Main shall take exception to the use of spinnakers, asymmetrical spinnakers, cruising spinnakers, staysails or the like. None are allowed. Spinnaker poles, whisker poles and the like are allowed if attached to the mast and do not exceed the J dimension of the boat.

2. ADVERTISING
1. No restrictions.
2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
3.1. The owner of the boat must be a member of the South Haven Yacht Club.
3.2. The boats must have a valid 2020 LM-PHRF rating certificate. Exception for Jib and Main boats that do not have a valid 2020 LMPHRF, SHYC Race Committee will assign based on similar boats racing on Lake Michigan.
3.3. Have current insurance certificate with $300,000 liability coverage.
3.4. Have a VHF marine radio with channels 16 and 69.
3.5. Registration may only be made by completing the online form by 8:00 AM Saturday, September 19, 2020.
3.3. Acceptance of any late entries will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

4. SCHEDULE
4.1. Check in will be Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 0800 to 0900 EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
4.2. Skippers Meeting will be Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 09:15 EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
4.3. Number of races: There will be two concurrent races. Both the Spinnaker fleet and the Jib and Main fleet will be rated and scored under LMPHRF.
4.4. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 10:55 EDT.
4.5. It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct 3 complete races per division. The number of races is subject to weather conditions. No initial Warning Signal for the starting sequence will be made after 15:30 on Saturday.
4.5. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
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5. MEASUREMENTS
1. Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall produce a valid 2019 LM-PHRF Rating Certificate. Exception for Jib and Main boats that do not have a valid 2020 LMPHRF, SHYC Race Committee will assign based on similar boats racing on Lake Michigan.

6. SECTION BREAKS
6.1. Sections and starting order: SPIN to start first and JAM to start second for the 1st Race, subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

If a pursuit race is raced the starting order will be posted on the Office Notice Board in the club house prior to 0900 EDT and announced at the Skippers Meeting at 0900 EDT

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the Notice Board.

8. THE COURSES AND RACING AREA
8.1. The course areas will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting areas offshore from the South Haven Pier Head. Multiple race courses may be established by the Organizing Authority to suit individual fleet requirements.

9. COURSE
9.1. Courses will be windward leeward for spinnaker classes and triangular for jib-and-main classes as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PROTESTS
10.1. Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This changes rule 66.

11. SCORING
11.1. 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 no throw outs. This amends rule A2. PHRF fleet shall race using corrected time on time. One race constitutes a series.

11.2. Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored points equal to the number finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish plus one point, not to exceed the total number of boats entered, without a hearing. This changes rules A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION
12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other mobile data devices.

12.2 Race Committee radio communication will be on channel 69.

13. AWARDS
13.1 Commodore Cup will be presented for First Place JAM and Spinnaker fleet.
13.2 Winners shall also have their boat name engraved on the Commodore’s Cup per fleet.
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14. MEDIA AND MEDIA RIGHTS/RESTRICTIONS
14.1. By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members of the competing yacht grant, at no cost to SHYC, event sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the yachts in any media (being television, print and internet media, including video footage); for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the regatta, boats, event, or sport.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
15.1. 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. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:  
"The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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

17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE
17.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at Registration.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION
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