



MORC Stn 26
Double Handed Series
July 13/13 Overnight Race
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*(RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply.
- 1.3 The use of an Auto helm is permitted for this race.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This series race is open to all skippers and crew who wish to sail in a double handed Series.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at SYC and the SYC race page at sarniyachtclub.ca . Any such notice or absence of notice shall not be relied upon as official.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions shall be posted before 12:00 on the day of the race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SYC Race Committee Building on the Flagstaff.
- 5.2 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 17:00.

7. MEASUREMENT AND RATING

- 7.1 Yachts racing with a PHRF rating shall have a current handicap from Lake Huron PHRF Association. Other PHRF Association certificates can be submitted, but will be subject to modification by the Lake Huron PHRF Association. One-design classes shall have proper one design certificate. Lake Huron PHRF Association will govern all ratings.

8. CLASS SLOTS

- 8.1 Splits will be posted by 12:00 the day of the race on the SYC race page and the notice boards.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 From the start F, boats will take a heading of 342T for 3.7NM to the #12 Channel marker (approximately N43 05.462 W82 24.618) leaving it to stbd. Then heading 60T for 18.1NM to the Kettle Point marker, V4 (approximately N43 14.346 W82 03.063) leaving it to port. Then will proceed on a heading of 356T for 18.7NM to the Southern Lake Huron Weather Station 45149 (approximately N43 32.23 W82 04.12) leaving it to port, boat will then head 217T for 35NM to X mark (approximately N43 00.53 W82 24.266) leaving it to starboard. Boats will then precede 275T for .5NM to finish line between #2 Channel marker and red stripe on SYC race shack on shore.
- 9.2 Course length approximately 75NM.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks F and X are 4' diameter yellow balls marked with a black letter. R2 is a RED channel navigation buoy.
- 10.2 Marks that are damaged but still visible are still to be considered proper marks. Marks that are missing or substantially off-station may be replaced by marks that meet one of the following conditions (Modifies RRS 34):
 - (a) 4' diameter white or yellow ball with no letter identification.

- (b) A buoy or stake-boat displaying an M Code Flag.
- (c) An inflatable orange (or other color) pyramid buoy.

10.3 Green inflatable pyramid may be used as a limit mark for the Race Committee Boat. This mark will be considered to be a part of the Race Committee boat.

11. THE START

- 11.1** Starting signals will be made at five-minute intervals. Each signal will be removed one minute before the next is raised. Warning: Yellow Flag, One Sound. Preparatory: Blue Flag, One Sound. Start: Red Flag, One Sound. This changes RRS 26. Times will be taken from the visual signals; absence of a sound signal will be disregarded.
- 11.2** The starting line shall be between a staff displaying the Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end, and the F mark at the starboard end.
- 11.3** Restricted Area - Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all yachts whose warning signal has been made.
- 11.4** The starting order and specific courses for each class will be posted on the race notice board by 12:00 the day of the race.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finishing line will be the R-2 navigation buoy to starboard and the red stripe on the SYC race shack to port.
- 12.2** After finishing, boats shall not obscure the Race Committee's vision of the finish line and stay clear of boats still racing. Boats should not re-cross the finish line with sails up after finishing.
- 12.3** Boats shall record their finish times, and the boat immediately ahead and astern. Times should be reported to the Race Committee if requested.
The US Coast Guard has advised that some commercial traffic may be under escort through the St. Clair River and the Lake Huron shipping channel out to #11 & #12 buoys. Skippers are reminded that all larger commercial vessels have the right-of-way in these areas and must use caution when approaching or crossing the channel when a freighter is present, especially at #2 buoy when finishing a race.

13. RETIREMENT

- 13.1** Yachts retiring from the race shall identify themselves to the SYC Race Committee by hailing VHF Ch. 72 or by calling 519-332-6779 ext 6 for the purpose of reporting. Second to hailing the skipper must inform the race chairman once ashore. Failure to meet this obligation could result in a protest and penalty by the Protest Committee.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1** There is no time limit for these races.
- 14.2** Boats that finish after 18:00 July 14/13 will take their own finish time. Upon docking, the finish time shall be reported to the Race Committee.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** The safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole responsibility of the owner or skipper, who shall ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and that the skipper and crew are capable and fit for the passage.
- 15.2** Each yacht racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 15.3** Please refer to the Recommended Equipment List.
- 15.4** Every effort *MUST* be made to avoid interference with Great Lakes Shipping.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the finish time of the protesting yacht.
- 16.2** All protest must be filed in person at SYC or by phoning SYC race shack from PHYC.
- 16.2** All protests will be heard at SYC.

17 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

17.1 Racing rule (RRS) 44.3 scoring penalty will not apply.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 The Race Committee may monitor and use VHF 72 to hail sail numbers of infringing yachts. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

18.2 It is strongly recommended that all yachts monitor communications on VHF 16 & 72 while racing

19 SCORING

19.1 The Low Point Scoring System, appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules will apply.

20 AWARDS

20.1 Awards will be made to the top three finishers in each class for the series.

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