



Racine Yacht Club

2008 Al Henning Memorial Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Racine Yacht Club and Regatta Committee shall represent the Racine Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS) as adopted by US Sailing, 2008 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF), the appropriate individual class or level class rules, (except as they are modified by the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto).
- 1.2 The 2007-2008 ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation including US Sailing Prescriptions for Category 4 Version 4.6, as modified by the Organizing Authority, shall apply to all Offshore yachts, except for Multi – Hulls, Stars, and U20 One – Design classes. ORC Regulation 3.11(a) is hereby amended to allow open bow pulpits.
- 1.3 This Regatta is subject to advertising restrictions as defined in RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20.
- 1.4 Competitors are reminded of RRS 49.2 and ORC Special Regulation 3.11, 'Lifelines shall be taut.' As a guide, "when a deflecting force of 11.2 lbs. is applied to a lifeline midway between supports, the lifeline should not deflect more than 2-inches". Where 'taut synthetic rope' is used to secure lifelines, the gap may not exceed 4-inches, and must be as strong as the required lifeline wire. Elastic cord will not satisfy this requirements Random inspections may be made and failures to comply with the Rule will be grounds for protest. Penalties will range from rating adjustment to disqualification, at the option of the Jury. This notice constitutes prior warning (except Stars).
- 1.5 Personal Floatation Devices. The wearing of personal floatation devices at the start and finish and throughout each race is recommended, but shall be optional. This does not remove the USCG and ORC 5.01 requirements.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official notices and numbered addenda to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Notice Board is located in the RYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the appropriate Notice Board before 0800 CDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RYC flag-pole, located South of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed."
The warning will be made not less than 75 minutes after 'AP' is lowered. This amends RRS Race Signals. Courtesy broadcasts will apprise competitors of all developments.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One must be completed to constitute a Regatta, are scheduled as follows:
Saturday, August 9, 2008 First Warning 1025 CDT. Additional Races to follow if weather and time allows.
Sunday, August 10, 2008 First Warning 1025 CDT Additional Races to follow if weather and time allows. No starting sequence shall begin after 1300 hours CDT August 10, 2008.
- 5.2 After finishing the first race, competitors shall stand clear of the finish line and observe the starting area boundaries until a new starting sequence has commenced. Approximately one minute before the warning signal of Race #2, multiple horn signals will be sounded from the Race Committee Signal Boat. A courtesy broadcast also may be made.

6. SKIPPER'S MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 - 8:30 AM All Classes

7. DIVISION, SECTIONS AND CLASS SECTION FLAGS

7.1 Additional Sailing Instructions posted before 0830 hours CDT on Saturday August 9, 2008, on the official notice board shall detail the allocation of boats into Sections and order of starts.

7.2 PHRF Boats shall display their starting section flag secured to the permanent backstay. (or stern life line if no backstay is available)

7.3 The color of the section flag pennant will coincide with the color of the shape flown from the Race Committee boat at that section's warning signal.

8. RACING AREA

Catamarans

(Circle A) Approximately 1.5 Nautical Miles NNE (35°) of the Harbor Entrance

PHRF, Stars & U 20's

(Circle B) Approximately 2 Miles S of the Reef Point Light.

9. COURSES

9.1 Courses for each race will be selected by the Race Committee from the courses shown in Course Illustration (Page 4 of SI's)

9.2 Written course signals will be displayed by the Committee Boat prior to the warning per RRS 27.1 of each section until the Start signal. The approximate compass course for the first mark and distance will be displayed along with the course number. (e.g. 45 Degrees – 1 Mile - 4)

9.3 The race committee may set an offset mark approximately 100 yards to the port of the windward mark. If set, this mark must also be rounded to port.

10. STARTING AND MARKS

10.1 Start will be between a large inflatable and an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat.

10.2 A large inflatable mark will be used for windward marks. Offsets may be used

10.3 The starting mark will be used for the leeward mark. Gate marks may be used.

10.4 Before the start of the first race each day, each yacht shall sail slowly past the stern of the Race Committee Boat and display her sail number and be acknowledged. Failure to do so may result in the yachts being scored Did Not Finish (DNF) This ammends A3 and A5.

11. RECALLS

11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.2. The Course "B" Race Committee will endeavor to hail the sail number or name of any boat recalled and may broadcast on VHF Channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to properly start.

11.2 When a general recall has been signaled the section will start after all previously scheduled sections.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

Change of course after the start. See Rule 33

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the course Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each section is 2 1/2 hours. A courtesy broadcast for PHRF divisions may notify each section when the time limit has expired. If one or more boats finish before the time limit any boat finishing more than one (1) hour after the leading boat in her class will be scored DNF.

14.1 Boats withdrawing from a race are required to notify the Race Committee.

15. PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on standard protest forms and lodged within one hour after the course Committee Boat docks after the day's races. Arbitration of protests may be available.

15.1 Protest hearing will be held as soon as practical after the day's racing.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness.

Arbitration

15.3. The protest form will be submitted to the Race committee in regular fashion.

15.4. The Regatta Chief Judge will review the protest forms as soon as they are received and select those which, in his opinion, can be resolved by a pre-hearing. All other protest forms will be remanded to the Protest Committee for a formal hearing

Arbitration Procedures

15.5 Pre-hearings will start as soon as practical and estimated time of "Hearing" will be posted on the official notice board. This may occur before the expiration of the protest lodging period.

15.5.1. The pre-hearing judge will meet with the two parties to the protest, explain his role as the mediator/moderator and point out that a resolution must be:

a. voluntary;

b. acceptable to both parties as well as the judge.

15.5.2. The pre-hearing session will involve the following steps:

a. Incident must be a violation of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing

b. Review of compliance with Rule 61

c. A brief description of his claim by a representative of the protesting boat.

d. An equally brief response by the protestee;

e. The pre-hearing judge will endeavor to reach a voluntary resolution by acting as a moderator, helping review the Sailing Instructions and helping to find the applicable rules. He will not interpret the rule(s).

f. If no voluntary solution can be reached within approximately 5 minutes, or for any other reason the pre-hearing judge deems appropriate, the case will be remanded to the Protest Committee for a formal hearing.

15.5.3 A boat that acknowledges an infringement at the pre-hearing shall be assessed a penalty of 40% of the number of starters in its division or section, rounded up to the nearest whole number. Such number will not be less than three places, except that a boat shall not receive a score worse than for one position more than the number of starters in its division or section in the Regatta (not the race during which the infringement occurred). The pre-hearing judge may at his sole discretion, deny the 40% penalty to a boat that has acknowledged an infringement at the pre-hearing, if hearing that her infringement resulted in serious damage or that she gained a significant advantage. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore two boats may receive the same score.

This modifies Racing Rule 44.3.

15.5.4. When and if a mutually agreeable solution is found, the judge will note his findings and the solution reached on the protest form which will be signed by both parties to the protest as well as the judge.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2 of the racing rule will apply, with races scheduled of which 1 shall be completed to constitute a series, except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. There will be no throwouts.

16.2 PHRF boats shall be scored in accordance with time on distance and the LMPHRF handicap Certificate in effect on August 9, 2008. The distance will be calculated by the Race Committee.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio or phone transmissions while racing nor receive special communications not available to all boats.

18. COURTESY BROADCASTS

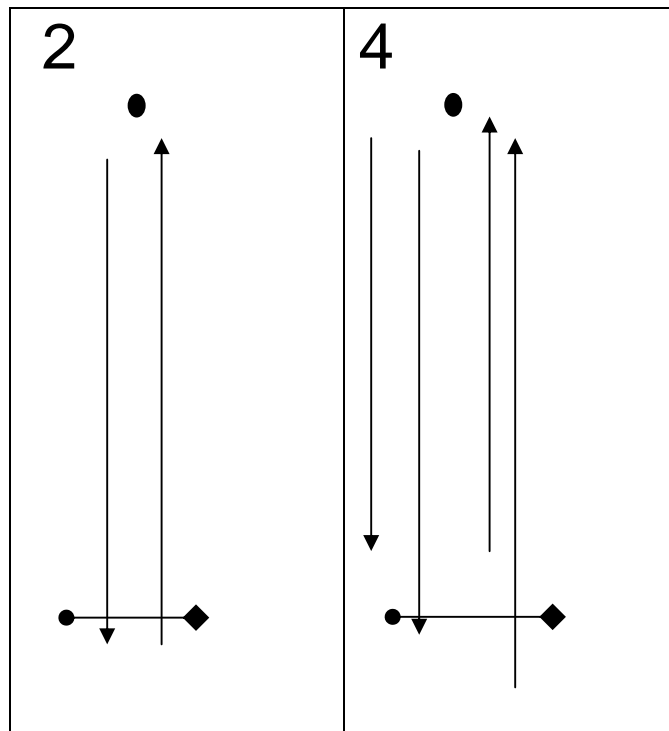
An unofficial designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over VHF "B" Course channel 72. Information reported by the designated observer is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be considered as grounds for protest or redress.

19. INSPECTIONS

The race committee reserves the rights to inspect a yacht at any time without any prior notification to assure compliance with the class rules or safety requirements.

RACE COURSES

The race courses sailed in the diagrams below apply to all yachts.



Course 2 (2 legs)

Course 4 (4 legs)