



South Haven Yacht Club 2024 Invitational Regatta



June 1, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 (RRS), Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) and the class rules of those classes sailing.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority is the South Haven Yacht Club.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply: 63.1, 63.2.
- 1.4. Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between the NOR and SI; SI's shall prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring. Courtesy postings will be located in the dining room of the SHYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring site before 0930 EDT June 1st.
- 3.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by the Race Committee displaying code flag L with the section flag if appropriate. Changes will be announced on VHF channel 69. This changes **RRS 90.2** and Race Signals.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat. If a postponement is signaled ashore; the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration must be completed by Friday, May 31, 2024 at 1800, via the following Yacht Scoring link: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16556>
- 5.2. Late entries will require the approval of the OA and payment of a late fee. See NOR.
- 5.3. Skippers Meeting will be Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 0930 EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
- 5.4. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1100 EDT.
- 5.5. It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct a 3-race regatta. The number of races is subject to weather conditions.
- 5.6. **[NP]** After a long postponement, as a courtesy to alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with several short sounds for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.7. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.8. No Initial Warning Signal will be made after 1530 EDT.
- 5.9. Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

6. SECTION FLAGS AND BREAKS

- 6.1. MWPHRF section breaks and One Design sections will be available at check in. Handicaps will be scored using the "Time on Time" adjustments.
- 6.2. Sections, section flags and starting order will be posted on the Official Notice Board On YachtScoring event site. Courtesy Copies will be posted in the SHYC Dining Room prior to 0930 EDT on Saturday, June 1, 2024, and announced at the Skippers Meeting at 0930 EDT on Saturday, June 1, 2024.
- 6.3. Section flags shall be displayed from the backstay.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be open waters of Lake Michigan offshore from the South Haven pier head.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses for spinnaker classes will be windward leeward with a downwind finish (rounding marks to port) as shown on Attachment A.
- 8.2. The courses for jib-and-main classes will be triangular (rounding marks to port) as shown on Attachment A.
- 8.3. For safety purposes, an offset mark will be placed just leeward of the windward mark. All boats must leave the offset mark to port after they round the windward mark.
- 8.4. **[NP]** No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will announce the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.2. The starting line will be an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark. The finishing line will be a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark.
- 9.3. The offset mark close to the windward mark shall be orange.
- 9.4. The offset mark for the Jib & Main triangular course will be a yellow inflatable mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS26. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal of the preceding class. This amends RRS 26.
- 10.2. "I" Flag Rule, RRS 30.1, will be in effect at all times and will be applied for every start: "Flag I" does not need to be displayed on the RC mast.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.4. **[NP]** For any boat deemed OCS at the start, Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 69. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course approximately 10 degrees or less, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No signal of such change shall be required. This changes RRS33.
- 11.2. To change the next leg of the course more than 5 degrees, the Race Committee will lay a yellow mark as the new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original orange mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a yellow mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original orange mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between the blue flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange inflatable mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Time limits apply to each section individually.
- 13.2 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Time limit to First Mark	Race Time limit	Finishing Window
20 Minutes	90 minutes	15 minutes

- 13.3 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 13.5 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour after the Race Committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing at the SHYC.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point System RRS A4.
- 15.2 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races. There shall be no throw outs. This amends RRS A2.
- 15.3 All Boats racing PHRF fleet shall be scored using corrected time on time.
- 15.4 One race constitutes a series.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall come within hail of the Race Committee signal boat and be acknowledged prior to the first race.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 In case of Emergency, Contact Authorities on VHF Channel 16.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. **[DP]** No communications, data, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat is permitted after the race boat departs the dock until after the race boat retires for the day or after finishing the last race of the day.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment A: Course Diagrams

Class	Rounding order
All Spinnaker	1 -1a – Pin – 1- 1a- Finish
All Jam	1 -1a- 2 - Finish

