

South Haven Yacht Club 2024 Commodore's Cup

September 14, 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. 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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the dining room of the SHYC.
- 2.2. The boat must have raced throughout the summer series

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 EDT September 14, 2024.
- 3.2. The Race Committee may modify the Sailing Instructions on the racecourse by a broadcast over VHF radio channel 69.

4. COURTESY BROADCASTS

- 4.1. VHF channel 69 will be the designated hailing channel for all courtesy broadcasts.
- 4.2.A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.3. All boats shall monitor the designated hailing channel at all times, from 30 minutes before the warning signal until 30 minutes after finishing.
- 4.4.Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration must be completed by 1800 pm Friday, September 14, 2024. https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16591
- 6.2. Skippers Meeting will be Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 0900 EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
- 6.3. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1055 EDT.
- 6.4. It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct a 3-race regatta. The number of races is subject to weather conditions.
- 6.5. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 6.6. No Initial Warning Signal will be made after 1530 EDT.

7. HANDICAPS, SECTIONS & FLEETS

- 7.1. Handicaps will be scored using the "Time on Time" adjustments.
- 7.2. Section flags shall be as follows: spinnaker class flag will be Pink; jib-and-main class flag will be Teal.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be 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. COURSES

- 9.1. 9.1. The courses for spinnaker classes will be Windward / Leeward: 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. See Addendum A.
- 9.2. The courses for jib-and-main classes will be triangular: 3 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. See Addendum A.

10 MARKS

- 10.1. Course marks will be orange inflatable marks for the start, offset, and finish. A yellow inflatable mark in the instance of a course change and the offset mark.
- 10.2. The starting and finishing mark will be an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side with an orange starting mark.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.5. 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).
- 11.6 Change of First Mark Between Starts When signal flag C is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat, before the warning signal, mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 10.1 and revised bearing and distances will be broadcast. When is a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course approximately 5 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 rule 33.
- 12.2. 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.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be one- and one-half hours (90 minutes) for the first boat to finish in its section.
- 14.2. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in their section will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protests shall be delivered in writing 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.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. 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 RRS A2. PHRF fleet shall race using corrected time on time. One race constitutes a series.
- 16.2. Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored finishers + 1 without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Boats shall come within hail of the Race Committee signal boat, acknowledge prior to the first race and acknowledge how many souls they have on board prior to start of racing.
- 17.2.A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other mobile data devices.

19. AWARDS

19.1. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all sections. The Commodore's Cup Trophy will be given to the overall winner.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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.

21. INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance and provide such document to Regatta Chairman prior to start of race.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A

SPINNAKER CLASSES Windward – Leeward Course 4 Legs Start – 1 – 2 - 1 – Finish





