

# 2020 MYC Sailing Instructions

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix T will apply.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the MYC main flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals Code Flag AP.
- 4.3 When the race(s) are intended to be held on Lake Michigan, a flag with "Lake Michigan" will be displayed ashore. On these days only, and if Race Committee decides there is reason to stay on Muskegon Lake, a flag displaying "Muskegon Lake" will be displayed ashore.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates and *starting* times will be indicated in the MYC Race Calendar located on our website at [www.muskegonyachtclub.org](http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org) or in the NOR if so indicated on the race calendar.
- 5.2 To alert boats that the Race Committee intends to run a race(s) that day, the RC will signal one long sound when leaving the dock area.
- 5.3 For Wednesday night races, the START times shall be:

Div. 5 (JaM) & Div. 3 – 1835 (warning at 1800) EVERY WEEK – NO ALTERNATING

Div. 4 (Melges) – 1840 OR 1845 (warnings 1835 & 1840) ALTERNATING EVERY WEEK

Div. 1 & Div. 2 - 1840 OR 1845 (warnings 1835 & 1840) ALTERNATING EVERY WEEK

In the event of abandonment or no races, the *next week's starting time will still alternate as if the race had been conducted*. These starting times are subject to change in the event of a postponement or general recall. A change to these start times while on the water due

to any foreseen incident or issue will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 Class flags will be:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
PHRF Division One	Code Flag 1
PHRF Division Two	Code Flag 2
PHRF Division Three	Code Flag 3
Jib and Main Division	Code Flag 5
Melges 24 Division	Melges 24 Class Flag

## **7 RACING AREAS**

7.1 The *racing* area will be Muskegon Lake or Lake Michigan.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 No later than the first division warning signal, the RC vessel will designate the course by displaying the buoys to be rounded or the approximate compass heading to the first *mark* and the number of legs of that race. A map of the buoys is available upon request of the Race Committee.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Muskegon Lake races will use the following *marks*: Permanent MYC race *marks 1* through 8, USCG green navigation buoy 3 (also referred to as MYC race *mark 9*), Bultima's western most mooring (also referred to as MYC race *mark B*), inflatable orange cylinders called 'X', and inflatable yellow cylinders called 'Y'. Lake Michigan races will use both orange and yellow inflatables; a white inflatable may be used as one end of the *finish* line if multiple races are scheduled.

## **10 THE START**

10.1 The *starting* line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the course side of the *starting mark*.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the *starting* area during the *starting* sequence for other races. Discretionary Penalty [DP].

## **11 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail any boat recalled on VHF channel 73, and with a loud hailer or megaphone. This is a courtesy call only. The absence of a broadcast or failure to hear the hail or the order of the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will signal a new buoy number or compass heading, depending on the *racing* area. This changes RRS 33(a)(2).

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The *finishing* line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and the course side of the *finishing mark*.

13.2 If the RC is absent when a boat *finishes*, she should report her *finishing* time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more *rules* of Part 2 or RRS 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more *rules* of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* (other than a *starting mark*), her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1

14.2 Protest committee may opt to apply a scoring penalty instead of a disqualification. This may be added time, a percentage penalty, or other action deemed equitable. This changes Rule 64.1.

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

15.1 Races held on Muskegon Lake will have a 2-hour time limit for the first boat in each class to *finish* the race. Races held on Lake Michigan will have a 3-hour time limit for the first boat in each class to *finish* the race. Boats still *racing* 30 minutes after the first boat in their class has *finished* and not therefore retiring will be scored Did not *finish* (DNF). Time limit will be adjusted by handicap in PHRF races. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15.2 Boats that are scored Did not *finish* (DNF), when the time limit has expired shall receive points equal to the number of *finishers* in her division plus 2 points. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

16.1 *Protest* forms are available at MYC or upon request from the Race Committee. *Protests* and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the RC within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 *Protests* and request for redress must be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the RC vessel docking time.

16.3 Appendix T will apply.

16.4 Competitors will be individually notified of meetings or hearings in which they are *parties*, or named as witnesses, and time and place for when the hearings will be held.

16.5 Notices of *protests* by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is *racing* shall not make voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

Discretionary Penalty [DP].

18.2 The Race Committee will communicate with the competitors using VHF channel 73. The information is provided as a courtesy. Any errors or omissions of these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

19.1 Competitors participate in *racing* entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decisions 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 a race.

## **20 INSURANCE**

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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