



**Sailing Instructions  
for the  
Running of the Gauntlet Race  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Organizing Authority for the Running of the Gauntlet Race is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Running of the Gauntlet Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Lake Michigan PHRF rule (LMPHRF).
- 1.2 Where a conflict exists between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will govern.

**2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Competitors shall comply with WS Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

**3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at <https://www.yachtscoring.com> and also on the official notice board located at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Holland, Michigan

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 EDT, Friday, June 26, 2020, on Yachtscoring and at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

**6 SCHEDULE & START**

- 6.1 Date of Race: Friday, June 26, 2020
- 6.2 Competitors Meeting will be held at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club – 2157 S. Shore Dr. Macatawa, MI 49434 at 1700 EDT, June 26, 2020.
- 6.3 To alert boats that the Race Committee is on station or starting sequence will begin soon, a series of five short sound signals shall be made at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 Time of the warning signal is:

	1855 EDT
Spin 2 Start, warning signal for Spin 1:	1900 EDT
Spin 1 Start:	1905 EDT
- 6.5 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee will attempt to recall any boat by VHF radio on channel 69.
- 6.6 General recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.2
- 6.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.

**6.8** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

**6.9** Time Limit: **20 Hours**

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

**PHRF 2** Number pennant 2 (BLUE/WHITE CIRCLE)

**PHRF 1** Number pennant 1 (WHITE/RED CIRCLE)

## **8 THE COURSE**

**8.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 EDT, Friday, June 26, 2020, on Yachtscoring and at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

**8.1** Generally, the race is from Holland, MI around a virtual mark near the Michigan/Wisconsin border on Lake Michigan.

**8.2** The race start shall be located one-half mile West of the Holland Harbor entrance and will be between the Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy.

**8.3** Boats shall round the virtual mark located 42.684N 87.014W (42°21'02.4"N 87°00'50.4"W). Mark will be left to port. Please take a photo of your chart plotter or GPS. Or add a waypoint into your GPS when you round the virtual mark. A bottle of Mt Gay will be awarded to the boat that rounds the closest to the virtual mark coordinates, while honoring the proper side of the mark.

**8.4** The Race Finish shall be between the pier heads of the Holland Harbor entrance. The Light List Nos. 19290 and 19295. South light coordinates 42-46-21.520N; 086-12-44.993W. Finish will be "self-reported" format. See form "A" below. Courtesy broadcasts shall be on Channel 69 during the starting sequence. All racers shall monitor channel 16 during the race.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**9.1** The US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V will apply.

**9.2** Any boat that is OCS (rule A11) and fails to start the race properly within 15 minutes of her starting time, will be assessed a 30-minute penalty, in lieu of a DSQ. This amends rules 29.1 and A4.2

**9.3** The time limit for this race is 20 hours from the time of a yacht's class start. After the limit all boats still on course will be scored DNF. This alters rule A4.

## **10 SCORING**

**10.1** PHRF will be scored T.O.D. Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A, Scoring.

## **11 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**11.1** Except in an emergency, 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.

## **12 EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**12.1** Every boat shall carry proper safety equipment conforming to the NOR and all government regulations. All boats required to carry VHF radio.

**12.2** Personal flotation shall be worn at the discretion of the Skipper and is required to be worn from sundown to sunrise during the race.

**13 PRIZES**

**13.1** Prizes will be awarded near the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Flag Pole, on Saturday June 27, 2020 at 1700 hours. Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and to yachts finishing first, second, and third in section (subject to the number of boats in each section). Prizes for multihulls will be determined based on number of boats entered.

**14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**14.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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. At the time of scheduling this race, it is our understanding that this race can be run in compliance with all state and local restrictions regarding COVID-19. However, each competitor shall be responsible for compliance to the same restrictions or regulations, while releasing the organizing authority or RC from any obligations as it related to compliance with these restrictions.

**15 INSURANCE**

**15.1** All yachts wishing to enter the race must have a minimum of \$300,000 of liability insurance. It is not required to submit proof of insurance with entry.

**16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Grant Cheney, 616.437.9890, grantcheney12@gmail.com.

# Running of the Gauntlet Race

## Finish Report

Please complete this form and email or text a picture of it to Grant Cheney. [Grantcheney12@gmail.com](mailto:Grantcheney12@gmail.com). Cell 616.437.9890. Please do so immediately upon docking after the finish of the race.

Yacht Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Ahead: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Astern: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact cell: \_\_\_\_\_ (For RC or finish report questions)