



**Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC)
Apostle Islands Station (AIS)
Around the Islands Race
2015 Notice of Race (NOR)**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), except as changed by this NOR or the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. Each boat must conform to the Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF) rules and regulations (and its 2015 rating certificate) except as modified by this NOR or SIs.
- 1.3. Each boat must also comply with the following documents:
 - 1.3.1. The 2015 U.S. Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements, as modified by AIS, which can be found at www.wyc.org/ais; and
 - 1.3.2. All U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations. Failure to follow this *Rule* may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS *Rule* 60.1(a). Violation of this *Rule* may be subject to a lesser penalty, or no penalty, at discretion of the PC. This changes RRS *Rule* 64.1.
- 1.4. **Life Jackets.**
 - 1.4.1. At the *Start* and *Finish* of the race, each person on board each boat is required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) as specified in the 2015 WYC AIS Near Shore Safety Equipment Requirements document. The use of an ISO-approved PFD does not negate the USCG requirement that each vessel must have at least one (1) USCG-approved Type III or V life jacket for each person on board. This changes RRS 40.
 - 1.4.2. Each person on board a boat with 2 persons must wear life jackets at all times. This changes RRS 40.

2. ADVERTISING. No competitors or boats may display paid-advertising or be sponsored unless pre-approved in writing by the Organizing Authority (OA).

3. ENTRIES / ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The race is open to boats that meet all of the following requirements:
 - 3.1.1. All boats must be seaworthy and self-righting sailboats 20 feet in length or greater,
 - 3.1.2. OA must receive timely payment of all required fees,
 - 3.1.3. All entries and current 2015 LMPHRF certificate must be received, acknowledged and accepted by OA prior to the skippers meeting June 27, 2015 at 0800 at the Bayfield Inn. On-line pre-registration is preferred: <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1321>
 - 3.1.4. As a condition of eligibility, participants, for themselves and on behalf of their children and minors, may be required to sign a waiver of liability as part of registration or upon request.
 - 3.1.5. A crew list with crew names and emergency contact information must be turned in prior to the end of the skippers meeting for a boat to be considered registered.
- 3.2. To be eligible for Corsair trophy, skipper must be a registered and paid FULL or Skipper member of WYC (including membership dues and membership certificate fee, as applicable) and must be a

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registered and paid member of AIS Fleet, excluding payment of dues waived by AIS-Fleet vote or policy.

3.3. Minimum Number of Crew & Use of Autopilot.

3.3.1. The minimum number of crew is 2 (Skipper +1) Autopilots are allowed only by double handed (Skipper +1) entrants.

4. FEES

4.1. Required non-refundable fees are \$50. Race fees are waived for current WYC/AIS fleet members, LSYA Offshore Series, and paid registrants of Bayfield Race week for Buoy, Medium Distance (MD) and Jib & Main (JAM) fleets.

4.2. Fees must be received and acknowledged by the OA prior to *Racing* for entry to be scored.

4.3. Dockage is the responsibility of individual boats and is not provided by the Apostle Island Station. Boats that do not pay dockage fees at the city dock in a timely manner will not be scored nor invited back.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Warning signal will be at 10:00 am on June 27, 2015.

5.2. Social Events All Around the Islands sailors are invited to the Bayfield Race week registration for a social and awards event Sunday afternoon at the Pavillion.

6. MEASUREMENTS.

6.1. Each boat must produce a valid LMPHRF rating certificate to OA prior to the event. However, if a boat does not present a valid LMPHRF rating certificate prior to the event OA, at its sole discretion, will assign a handicap for the boat subject to the following:

6.2. NOR #6 changes RRS *Rule 78.2*. Assigned handicap rating will not be subject to *protest* or request for redress by (i) a boat assigned a handicap; or (ii) by any other boat. This changes RRS *Rule 60.1*.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

7.1. 2015 Around the Islands Sailing Instructions and 2015 WYC AIS Near Shore Safety Equipment Requirements documents will be made available online at www.wyc.org/ais prior to the race.

8. VENUE AND COURSES.

8.1. Course is clockwise around the Apostle Islands, starting in front of Bayfield, taking Devils Island to Starboard, Outer Island to Starboard, Michigan Island to Starboard, Grants Point buoy to Starboard and finishing off the breakwall at the end of Rittenhouse Avenue in Bayfield.

9. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS. There are no haul-out restrictions.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION.

10.1. Except in a emergency, a boat will neither make radio transmissions while *Racing* nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, tablets, computers and similar devices.

10.2. Boats are reminded of their obligation to maintain a radio watch on VHF Channel 16 to be compliant with USCG regulations.

11. PRIZES. Prizes will be specified in the SIs.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVER AND RELEASE

12.1. **Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, personal injury, permanent disability and death. Each person**

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(including without limitation owner, skipper, crew, spectators, officials and others) participates in each race, social event and/or associated activities entirely at his/her own risk. See *RRS Rule 4*, “Decision to Race”.

12.2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE, SOCIAL EVENT AND/OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES) (COLLECTIVELY, “RACE ORGANIZERS”) WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM OR SUIT (COLLECTIVELY, “CLAIMS”) OR LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY WHATSOEVER (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, “DAMAGES”) TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT WHETHER CAUSED BY, ARISING OR RESULTING FROM THEIR ACT, ERROR, OMISSION OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT, WEATHER OR SEA CONDITIONS, HAZARDS OF ANY KIND, DEFECTS OR FAILURE OF BOATS TO BE SEAWORTHY IN HULL, RIGGING OR GEAR, OR ANY ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT OF RACE ORGANIZERS OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS OR BOATS WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RACE, REGATTA, EVENT, CRUISE, SPECTACLE, SOCIAL EVENT, RACE FACILITIES OR ANY ACTIVITY SCHEDULED, SPONSORED OR AIDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY RACE ORGANIZER(S), TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

12.3. By participating, each participant (and in the case of children and minors, each participant’s parent or guardian) forever waives, discharges and releases any and all CLAIMS whatsoever against Race Organizers for any DAMAGES to any person, property or boat (i) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after each race, social event and associated activities; or (ii) arising, relating or resulting from use of race facilities or participation in any race, social event or associated activities, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12.4. Participant releases all Race Organizers from any Claim on account of giving assistance, aid, care, advice, rescue, first aid, treatment or services.

12.5. Owners and skippers of all participating boats are required to inform all crewmembers of this Disclaimer of Liability and Release as a Condition of Entry.

13. INSURANCE. All boats must maintain Liability Insurance in full force and effect during *Racing* which will include a General Liability policy written by a reputable insurance company insuring the owner and any operators against liability for bodily injury in limits of not less than \$300,000 and for property damage of not less than \$100,000. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA’s request.

14. PUBLICITY AND PHOTOGRAPHER’S RIGHTS. As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children and minors) grants OA, sponsors and their designated photographers



the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertising, promotions, sales of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

15. **AMENDMENTS.** OA may amend this NOR at any time upon posting at bulletin board at the Apostle Islands Marina or online (via YachtScoring.com or AIS Web page).
16. **FURTHER INFORMATION.** Organizing Authority (OA) and host club is the Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club. For further information, contact AIS Fleet Captain, David Crum, by emailing ais@Q-iii.com or calling 612-804-2390.