



35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Huron DH  
Challenge

**Sailing  
Instruction**

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# Huron Double Handed Challenge Sailing Instructions

## Rules and Conditions

### 1. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND ITS USE

An entrant will be required to carry the equipment as listed on the Required Equipment List initialed at registration by the skipper throughout the event, and to maintain it in serviceable condition. Entrants may be subject to inspection of this required equipment before the event.

Participants are to be in compliance of United States and Canadian border and regulatory requirements and to have the proper documentation on board for international travel.

For this international and cooperative Challenge event, yachts may optionally fly their national flag of registry and visiting country courtesy flag if so desired. US Sailing rule #56 will not apply to the display or signaling of either of these flags for this event.

### 2. SPECIAL AIDS

Self-steering devices are allowed. This is a modification of the RRS 2020-2024 Rule 52.

### 3. STARTING TIMES AND PROCEDURES

See number 16 COURSE, for A, B starting lines. All yachts shall monitor Channel 72 during the starts. Starts will be conducted per US Sailing Rule 26, as modified below. All yachts not under warning signal for its class shall stay clear of the starting line and the first leg of the course. First signal: 1055 hrs.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag (sound optional)</u>	<u>Minutes Before</u>
Attention	Several short sounds	6
Warning	Class Flag, 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag, 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed, 1 long sound	1
Start (Warning for next class)	Class flag removed, 1 sound	0

The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be the starting signal of the preceding division, unless there is a delay to the start sequence.

All yachts are advised to closely observe the visual committee yacht signals for actual on water class starts and sequences. In the event of conflict, visual signals shall have precedence over sound signals.

### 4. POSTPONEMENT

Participants will be notified of a postponement from the Challenge Committee boat, with the display of code flag "AP" (or shape with vertical red and white stripes), which may be accompanied by sound signals. This flag or shape postpones the start for those divisions that have not yet started. It will be lowered one minute before the raising of the warning flag for the next scheduled division start.

## 5. RECALL

In addition to the requirements of Rule 29.1 the Challenge Committee may attempt to notify yachts crossing the starting line early by hailing and/or transmitting on channel 72. In lieu of disqualification, a 30 minute penalty plus the time started early shall be assessed against yachts failing to restart. This action changes SCORING Rule A5.

General recall of a class will result in that class being moved to the end of the starting sequence.

## 6. COURSE

### Course

Begin from a starting line between the yellow SYC buoy "M" at approximately 1.25 miles north of the St. Clair river mouth and east of the shipping channel and the R.C. boat. Proceed on a heading of 49° to the red lit buoy off Kettle Point V4 (20nm), rounding it to port. Then proceed on a heading of 357° to Canadian Weather Buoy 45149 (18nm) also keeping it to port, continue on a heading of 342° to the South Huron Weather Buoy 45008 (47nm). Keeping 45008 to port round and head at 180° to the finish line located between the #2 buoy and the SYC race shack (76nm) crossing the line east to west. Total course length is 161 nm.

M            N 43° 01.306' / W 82° 23.598'

V4           N 43° 14.47' / W 82° 03.09'

45149       N 43° 32.484' / W 82° 04.492'

45008       N 44° 17.00' / W 82° 24.59'

#2           N 43° 00.555' / W 82° 24.877'

## 7. RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Participants are required to attempt to make radio contact with other participants on VHF channel 72 at 0800, 1400, 2000 and 0200 hours during the event, and to log the following:

- 1) Time, date and location of your vessel
- 2) Name and location of other vessels contacted

Participants are required to notify the Challenge Committee at the earliest opportunity, when they:

- 1) Enter a harbor or anchorage for a temporary layover
- 2) Leave a harbor or anchorage and restart the event
- 3) Withdraw from the event.

Participants are required to continuously monitor weather reports and inform the Challenge Committee and other vessels in their area of severe weather conditions they have observed.

Participants are requested to inform the Challenge Committee and/or other vessels in their area when they modify course to a harbor or anchorage other than the finish line.

Participants are required to announce on VHF channel 72 when they round the Buoy's V4 and 45008. The time of the rounding and the identity of vessels ahead and astern, if known, shall be entered on the radio log.

Participants are required to notify the Finish Line Committee on VHF channel 72 if it is apparent that they will finish later than Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 1200 hours EDT.

At the conclusion of the Challenge, participants may be required to temporarily surrender their ship's log for inspection by the Challenge Committee.

Use of the following during the challenge is specifically prohibited:

- 1) Any prearranged transmissions for the advantage of individual competitors.
- 2) Communications with non-competitors for the purpose of a position fix.

## 8. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Rule 41 is modified so as outside assistance and/or additional materials taken on board after the start and before the finish of the Challenge shall be recorded in the log and reported to the Challenge Committee. After reviewing the type and circumstances of the outside assistance, the Challenge Committee may increase the corrected time or apply the 20% scoring penalty of rule 44.3c to the vessel receiving outside assistance. It should be noted that "outside assistance" includes such activities as receiving assistance in docking in a safe harbor.

## 9. ENGINES AND POWER

An engine may be used for generating electricity provided that such use does not advance the position of the yacht. Sailing Rule 42 is modified to permit engine propulsion for only the following situations:

- 1) Engine propulsion may be used to avoid a collision with non-competing traffic, provided that such usage does not advance the yacht's position from its position just prior to the hazardous incident.
- 2) Engine propulsion may be used for entering and leaving a harbor or anchorage. Such usage of the engine shall not advance the position of the yacht when it resumes sailing.
- 3) Engine propulsion may be used to free a grounded vessel provided the usage of the engine does not advance the position of the yacht from its position prior to the grounding.
- 4) All uses of the engine for propulsion shall be logged and reported to the Challenge Committee when signing in after the event.

## 10. SEAMANSHIP

THE CHALLENGE COMMITTEE STRESSES THAT THE SPIRIT OF THIS CHALLENGE IS TO COMPLETE A SAFE AND SEAMANLIKE PASSAGE. THE FACT THAT AN EVENT IS BEING HELD DOES NOT CONDONE UNSEAMANLIKE CONDUCT IN FOG, TRAFFIC, CONDITIONS OF FATIGUE, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME.

The Challenge Committee stresses Rule 5 of the International Rules of the Road:

**“EVERY VESSEL SHALL AT ALL TIMES MAINTAIN A PROPER LOOKOUT BY SIGHT AS WELL AS BY ALL AVAILABLE MEANS APPROPRIATE IN THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS SO AS TO MAKE A FULL APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION AND THE RISK OF COLLISION”**

The Committee wholeheartedly encourages good common sense, safety of yachting, crew and the spirit of sportsmanship. If a collision is imminent, all parties are expected to take evasive action. Rules of the Road and common sense shall take precedence over competition between vessels. The Challenge Committee reserves the right to disqualify any or all yachts involved in a collision.

A yacht may anchor or moor within a protected anchorage during the Challenge, subject to the conditions in Section 17, 18 and 19 in these Rules and Conditions.

## 11. PROTESTS

Protests shall be submitted in writing, in accordance with Part 5 Sec A, and filed with the Challenge Committee within four hours of finishing. A protest by a yacht that has abandoned the Challenge shall be postmarked within 24 hours of arriving at a harbor. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable thereafter and the date and time thereof posted at the Challenge Committee headquarters.

Notice of intention to protest shall be given to the Challenge Committee when checking in after the finish or when reporting withdrawal. The skipper of a protesting or protested yacht which finishes the Challenge **shall not** leave without notifying the Challenge Committee, failing to do so may result in the protest being **decided against such skipper**.

In the case of a sustained protest, the protested yacht, at the discretion of the Challenge Committee, may be penalized by having her corrected time increased or the 20% scoring penalty of rule 44.3 imposed in lieu of disqualification, except as specifically stated in the rules.

## 12. FINISHING PROCEDURES

Approximately one hour prior to its anticipated finish, each yacht shall contact the Finish Line Committee on VHF channel 72. When approaching the finish line during darkness, participants shall illuminate their sail numbers.

AFTER finishing, each boat shall contact the Finish Line Committee on VHF channel 72 and give (1) the boat name and sail number, (2) the boat ahead (if known) and (3) the boat astern (if known). Participants shall record their finish time (GPS based). It is recommended that each yacht verifies their finish with the Challenge Committee on channel 72 before dropping their sails or starting their engine.

Within two hours after finishing, participants shall report to the Finish Line Committee (SYC race Shack) for check in. This includes turning in your radio log, backstay pennant, rounding and finish reports identifying yachts before and after your yacht at the finish. In addition, each finisher must sign the register at the Finish Line Committee headquarters. Such signature shall be a representation that the yacht was sailed in full compliance with the rules and conditions of the Challenge. **Failure to sign in shall be grounds for disqualification.**

### **13. TIME LIMIT**

After the first yacht in a division has finished, the remaining yachts in that division shall be allowed 24 hours in which to finish. Any yacht finishing after this time may submit his finish time and petition for Challenge Committee approval of his finish.

### **14. AWARDS**

All entrants who finish the course within the allotted time and within the rules set forth by the Challenge Committee will be awarded a commemorative acknowledgment of this achievement. Flags will be awarded to yachts according to the number of yachts in each division:

<b>Yachts in Division</b>	<b>Awards</b>
1	Participation award only
2	1 <sup>st</sup> place
3-4	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> places
5 or more	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> places

The Challenge Committee reserves the right to provide additional awards for exceptional passages or sportsmanship. Awards are scheduled to be presented at the Sarnia Yacht Club at approximately 17:00 on Monday, June 28, 2021 unless otherwise posted.

### **15. RESPONSIBILITY**

In this Huron Doublehanded Challenge, neither the Sarnia Yacht Club nor MORC stn 26 nor any committee nor a member of a committee, nor any officer or director of the Association shall be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property connected with or belonging to any participant in the Challenge, whether due to any negligence of a Committee or its aforementioned affiliated parties, or due to any other causes. All participants, which include skippers, spectators, officials and others engaged in the Challenge, do so at their own risk. An entrant represents to the Committee that his or her vessel is seaworthy, that he or she is competent, and the requisite lifesaving equipment is aboard and in operable condition.

### **16. AUTHORITY**

These rules are presented by the Sarnia Yacht Club/ MORC stn 26, which reserves the right to amend or add to the Rules at any time up to the start of the Challenge. Such amendments will be communicated to all entrants or communicated at the mandatory skippers meetings.