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SAILING WORLD 2024 REGATTA SERIES

Bayview Yacht Club (BYC)

Detroit, MI, USA

May 31 – June 2, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.1(b).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 For the J70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance) and I.11 (Mixed Plus Event) will apply. [DP]
- 1.3 The ORC Rules (found at www.orc.org/rules) will apply for ORC classes.
- 1.4 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.5 Broken sail stops made of yarn or rubber bands that fall in the water are trash, even if they are biodegradable. Putting sail stops in the water breaks rule 47 (see US Sailing Appeal/Question 110). [DP]
- 1.6 The prescriptions of US Sailing shall apply at all times, except as noted in NOR 1.4.
- 1.7 For other rules and documents that apply, please refer to the Notice of Race (NoR).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16367>. An unofficial notice board may be maintained at BYC in the Mackinac Room.
- 3.2 There will be a competitors welcome for all classes on Thursday, May 30, at 1800 hours. The location will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.3 Refer to Attachment A for the VHF Channels for each Division. Distance Races will use the Division VHF Channels used for their start area.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the south lawn (river side) of BYC. Signals ashore flown above a Division flag (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie) apply to that course circle only. Signals ashore without a course circle flag apply to all course circles. If such signals are displayed prior to racing on any day, a courtesy broadcast describing the signals may be made on the three Divisions’ VHF radio channels between 0830 and 0900 hours EDT. Refer to S.I. 22.2.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 75 minutes” in race signal AP. *This changes RRS Race Signals.*

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Friday, May 31 – For the classes racing all three days, see **Attachment A** for the division assignments.
- 6.2 Saturday and Sunday, June 1, 2 – All classes racing windward/leeward courses, plus one distance race each day. For the Distance Racing Classes – see **Attachment E**.
- 6.3 The scheduled warning signal for each day is 1030 hours.
- 6.4 The race committee will attempt to run as many windward / leeward races per day as weather conditions permit. There is no maximum number of races.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1430 hours.
- 6.6 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

7 CLASS FLAGS

Refer to **Attachment A** for a description of the warning signal flags and the classes assigned to each Division racing area.

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 Refer to **Attachment B** for a chart of the Division racing areas.
- 8.2 The center of each racing Division is located in Lake St. Clair as follows:
 - Division A: Approximately 4.0 nm from the Peche Island Range Rear Light (F 115 ft PA) on a compass heading of 044°.
 - Division B: Approximately 4.6 nm from the Peche Island Range Rear Light (F 115 ft. PA) on a compass heading of 090°.
 - Division C: Approximately 2.5 nm from the Peche Island Range Rear Light (F 115 ft. PA) on a compass heading of 090°.
 - Distance Races: See **Attachment E**
- 8.3 The Peche Island Range Rear Light is in lower Lake St. Clair, approximately 1.5 nm upstream from Bayview Yacht Club and is visible from the lawn in front of the clubhouse in normal conditions. Crews are cautioned to allow adequate time to reach the appropriate racing areas in prevailing conditions for the first scheduled warning signal each day.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in **Attachment C** show the windward / leeward courses (including the course designation number), the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The race committee intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course and an offset at the windward mark. If there is no gate, the single leeward mark shall be left to port. If there is no offset, the single windward mark will be left to port.
- 9.3 The race committee signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course number on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 9.4 Distance Racecourses are described in **Attachment E**.

10 MARKS

Refer to **Attachment D** for Divisions A, B & C Mark descriptions. **Attachment E** describes the Distance Race Marks.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Grosse Pointe water intake crib east of Crescent Sail Yacht Club ('CSYC') (refer to NOAA Chart 14850).
- 11.2 Competitors are cautioned not to sail closer than 100 yards to the Peche Island Range Rear Light or between the Peche Island Range Rear Light and Peche Island at any time (refer to NOAA Chart 14850).
- 11.3 Commercial ships transiting the St. Clair Ship Channel are severely limited in their maneuverability. A boat shall not interfere with a commercial vessel in the St. Clair Ship Channel [DP].

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting pin mark as described in Attachment D.
- 12.2 Classes whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for classes [DP].
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A5.1 and A5.2.*
- 12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the assigned Division VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or the timing of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 12.5 After the first race of the day, it is the intention of the race committee to start subsequent races as soon as practicable after the last boat of each class finishes the previous race.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 If there is a significant wind shift during a series of starting sequences, the race committee may signal a change of course for a class not started as follows: Flag C will be displayed at or before the warning signal for that class with multiple sounds. The magnetic bearing of the new weather mark will be displayed. Flag C will continue to be displayed to each class for which the Change Mark 1 applies.
- 13.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark described in **Attachment D**.
- 14.2 For a downwind finish, the finishing mark will be on the race committee signal boat's starboard side. For an upwind finish, the finishing mark will be on the RC signal boat's port side. Refer to the diagrams in **Attachment C**.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for each race on all windward/leeward Divisions is ninety (90) minutes
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the Mark 1 (the initial windward mark) within thirty (30) minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes (the "Finishing Window"), and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, shall be scored Time Limit Expired ('TLE') without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.*
- 15.4 The time limit for the distance races will be five (5) hours. Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes (the "Finishing Window"), and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, shall be scored Time Limit Expired ('TLE') without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.*

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available online on the Yacht Scoring website, or at the protest desk located near the Sailing Center Room on the second floor of BYC.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary at the Protest Desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 75 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal boat for the racing Division of the protesting boat.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 24.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. *This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.*

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Handicap classes will be scored Time-on-Time (TOT).
- 18.2 ORC Classes racing windward/leeward courses will be scored using 5 Band W/L scoring. ORC Classes racing distance races will be scored using 5 Band A/P scoring unless conditions dictate another scoring option. The decision of the wind strength or course type by the race committee will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 18.3 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 18.4 In accordance with RRS A2.1, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores with one race excluded after five races have been completed.
- 18.5 Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats finishing within the Finishing Window, plus 2 points. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 19.1 **Check-In** - Before the start of the first race of the day, competitors are requested to sail or motor past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged.
- 19.2 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 19.3 RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

- 20.1 Substitution of crew shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except without written permission of the race committee.
[DP]

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top three finishers of each qualifying class.
- 22.2 Each class winner is eligible for the 2024 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Championship scheduled for October 2024 in the British Virgin Islands. One class winner's name will be drawn from a hat at the conclusion of the awards.
- 22.3 Class Trophy: Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for the Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:
- a) The same boat must be used in all three events
 - b) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events
 - c) A boats series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.
- 22.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) to any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

23 PHOTOGRAPHY AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves, or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

24 RISK STATEMENT

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA 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.
- 24.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club’s restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.
- 24.3 It is the skipper’s obligation to ensure that each crew member’s waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

25 ENVIRONMENTAL

All SWRS events serve as collection points for sails and lines to repurpose. Bring your old lines and sails to the regatta to upcycle and give new purpose; Bayview Yacht Club near the Helly Hansen – Team One Newport Shop will serve as the collection point at this event.

The Regatta Series is continuing to work with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to maintain Silver Level certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, utilizing bike-shares, and limit provisioning your boat with single-use plastics. Visit www.sailorsforthesea.org to learn more.

ATTACHMENTS will be posted on the Yacht Scoring website under “Documents and Forms”

- Attachment A Warning Signals / Division Assignments / VHF Channels
- Attachment B Location of Division Racing Areas
- Attachment C Windward / Leeward Course Diagrams
- Attachment D Division Mark Descriptions
- Attachment E Distance Race Courses