



## Wednesday Night Series 2024 Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be communicated on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be communicated by 6:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made by the race committee (RC) on the water by communication via radio channel 72.

### 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. On the water, the race committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

3.2. From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES







5.1. Dates/Time of racing:

SERIES	TIME	DATES
Spring	6:45pm Warning	May 1, 8, 15, 22
Summer	6:45pm Warning	May 29 June 5, 12, 19 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14, 21
Fall	6:30pm Warning	August 28 September 4, 11, 18
Frostbite	11:00am Warning	Saturday, September 28

5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 6:45pm for Spring and Summer series, and 6:30pm for Fall Series. The Frostbite warning signal will be 11:00am

5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the L flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

CLASS	SERIES	FLAG	FLAG
Shields	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 1	
SPIN 2 VX One	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 2	
SPIN 1	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 3	
Jib and Main 1 Jib and Main 2	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 4	
7.9's	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 5	
SPIN 3 SPIN 4	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 6	

## 7. RACING AREA

7.1. The racing area will be approximately ½ to 1 nautical mile west of the Holland pier heads. The race committee may elect to conduct the race on Lake Macatawa if weather conditions do not allow racing on Lake Michigan. Racers will be notified with multiple transmissions on Channel 72.

## 8. COURSES

8.1. The diagram(s) in SI Addendum show(s) the suggested course(s), including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will announce the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 9. MARKS

9.1. Marks used may include the following: inflatable yellow or orange marks. Lake Macatawa Races may include government buoys.

## 10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2. Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Start Signal
Warning Signal	Class Flag and 1 Sound	5 minutes
Preparatory Signal	I Flag and 1 Sound (Rule 30.1 in effect)	4 minutes
One Minute	Preparatory Flag Removed, Class Flag Raised and 1 Long Sound	1 minute
Starting Signal	Class Flag Removed and 1 Sound	0 minutes

10.3. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.6. General Recall: when at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made after the last normally scheduled class and proceed as prescribed above. This changes RRS 29.2

10.7. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## 12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark. 12.2. 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 practical opportunity.

### 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. 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. This changes RRS 44.1.

### 14. TIME LIMIT

14.1.

Mark One Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	90 minutes	25 minutes

14.2. For each class, if no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark One Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.3. For each class, the finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place (one) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

### 15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes or the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later.

15.2. Hearing request forms are available at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and should be submitted directly through Yacht Scoring. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a mutually convenient location.

### 16. SCORING

16.1. The scoring system used for Individual Races and each Series is the Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2. For the Spring and Fall Series:

16.2.1. If 4 races are officially scored, each boat will be allowed 1 throw-out race.

16.2.2. If 3 or less races are scored there will be no throw-outs.

16.3. For the Summer Series:

16.3.1. If 10 races are officially scored, each boat is allowed 3 throw-out races for the complete series.

16.3.2. If there are 9 or 8 officially scored races, each boat will be allowed 2 throw-outs.

16.3.3. If there are 7 or less officially scored races, no throw-outs will be allowed.

16.4. For the Gold Cup Series:

16.4.1. High Point Percentage Scoring will be used for the Gold Cup Series. Boats must race at least 70% of races in order to qualify for scoring. No throw outs will be used. This changes RRS Appendix A.

16.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**17. PRIZES**

17.1. Prizes will be given in each division for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Spring, Summer, and Fall series plus the Frostbite Race.

17.2. The Gold Cup will be awarded to the boat accumulating the best record for the Spring, Summer and Fall series.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1. Boats racing must conform to all USCG safety equipment requirements and must have a VHF radio on board capable of broadcasting and receiving on Channel 72.

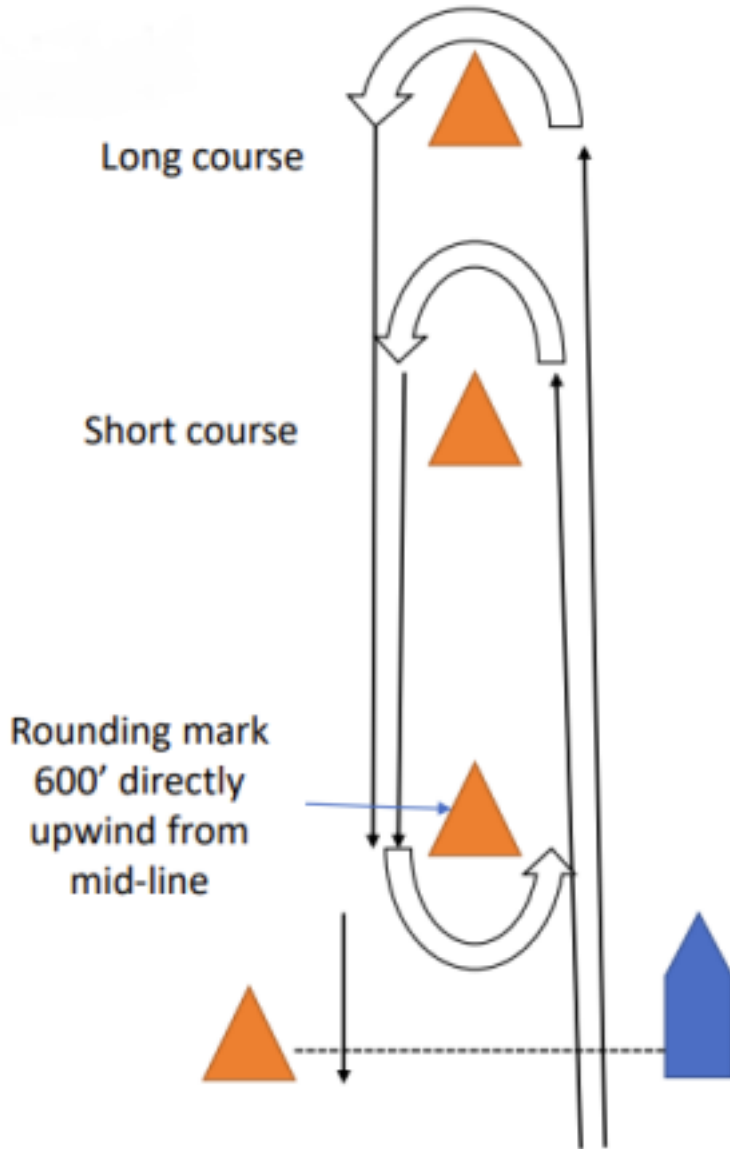
**19. INSURANCE**

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

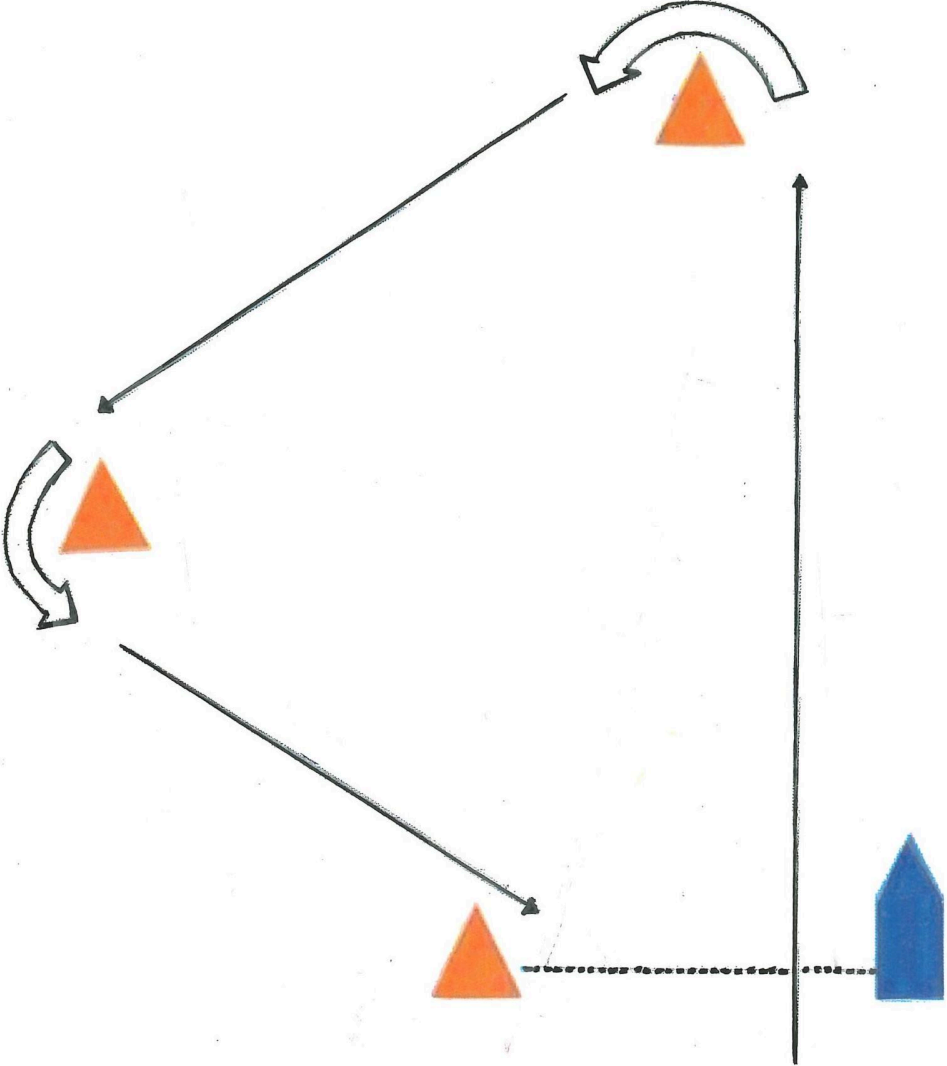
# Addendum A: Potential Courses

Lake Michigan Course

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Triangle Course



# Lake Macatawa Course

