

2024 BCYC Twilight Race Series
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – RACE #1

Lake Charlevoix – Friday June 14th- Boyne City Yacht Club – Boyne City, Michigan

1 - Rules — The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 - Notices to Competitors — Notices to competitors will be distributed to all registered racers via text message.

3 - Changes in Sailing Instructions — Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted via email before 1200 hours on the day it will take effect. An alert to these changes will also be sent via text message.

4 Signals Made Ashore — No signals will be made ashore during the race.

5 Class Flags and Starting Sequence

ATTENTION SIGNAL (5 horn blasts) 1954hrs

	CLASS	FLAG	Sequence Start	Start Time
1	Jib and Main	PINK	1955hrs	2000hrs
2	Spinnaker	GREEN	2000hrs	2005hrs

6 - Racing Area – Lake Charlevoix as indicated on the Course Sheet.

7 - The Courses Course Sheets are included in each competitors email and are available at Yacht Scoring.

7.1 The Course Sheet shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left

7.2 The selected course for each race will be displayed from the Race Committee (RC) signal boat prior to the first warning signal and will be broadcast over VHF channel 69.

7.3 RC will endeavor not to shorten courses, but any course changes when race is underway will be announced to competitors via VHF channel 69.

8 Marks

8.1 Marks “H”, “I”, “J”, “X” will be yellow or orange cylinders with a white flashing 1s strobe.

8.2 The Starting Mark, “K”, will be a yellow inflatable with strobe

8.3 – FI G is a USCG Green Can with Green Strobe designating low water depth on the inshore side of the mark.

9 The Start

9.1 – Divisions will start in the order of Non-spinnaker, followed by spinnaker

9.2 – The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

9.3 - A clearance mark may be attached to the rear of the RC Signal Boat and shall be left to starboard.

9.4 – Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10 Recalls

10.1 – Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance to RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to hail On Course Side (OCS) competitors vocally or on VHF channel 69. Failure to be hailed, the timing of such hail, or failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under RRS 62.

11 The Finish —

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag with an intermittent strobe on the end of the Boyne City marina Tee dock and the “X” mark.
- 11.2 Finish Times must be taken by each competitor.
- 11.3 Race Committee **must** be hailed via VHF channel 69 when a competitor is approximately 1 NM out from the finish line.
- 11.4 In the absence of the RC, boats shall take their own time when passing within fifty (50) yards of the finishing mark on the required side and at a point that is at a right angle to the last leg of the course. This time shall then be reported to the RC within one hour of your finish via text.

12 Time Limit — RRS 35 is changed. Time limit for the Twilight Race will be will be 0200 hrs. on June 15th. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE.

13 Protests

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest shall radio the RC by VHF channel 69 upon finishing. Identify the boat name intending to protest and the boat name being protested only. NO other information should be provided at that time.
- 13.2 Protests can emailed following Friday's race within 60 minutes of your finish to the PRO. Electronic forms may be used and are available on Yacht Scoring under general race forms / US sailing protest form (editable). Electronic forms or photos of the forms can be texted to our PRO at 248-930-2125 or emailed to: augieengelhart@gmail.com.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt. All protests will be heard at the regularly scheduled BCYC Tuesday Night Race following this race

14 Scoring

- 14.1 Handicap fleets will be scored using the MWPHRF Time-On-Time Method ($TCF=650/[PHRF +550]$) similar to regular season Tuesday Night Scoring.
- 14. 2– Boats scored TLE shall be awarded points – number of your division boats that finish plus 1. This changes RRS 35.

15 Safety

- 15.1 Yachts leaving the racing area prior to finishing are requested to advise the RC by VHF channel 69 or text cell phone # 248.930.2125
- 15.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio
- 15.3 All boats shall comply with the current minimum equipment list required by the US Coast Guard
- 15.4 All boats shall comply with USGC lighting requirements for their vessel. Failure to do so is grounds for protest from competitors or disqualification.

16 Appropriate Conduct

- 16.1 Littering on the race course or in the marina shall be grounds for disqualification.

17 Prizes

17.1 Flags will be awarded to yachts in each fleet placing first, second and third for the series

17.2 The awards ceremony will be held at the BCYC season wrap party on Oct. 1 at the Boyne City FOE. All participants are welcome to attend.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

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