

2024 Freedom Race
July 13th, 2024
Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club, Eastlake, Ohio

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 – 2024 and the PHRF-LE class rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the US Sailing will not apply: 63.1 and 63.2.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 Attention of all participants is called to RRS 1.2 (Life Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices) and RRS 3 (DECISION TO RACE). Every Yacht that participates does so at its own risk.
- 1.5 “Class” in these Sailing Instructions is defined as the class or the division within a rating system to which a boat is assigned on the scratch sheet. (examples: JAM A, JAM B)

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and paying the required fee(s) with the Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club on the Yacht scoring website at [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 2.2 PHRF-LE 2024 handicaps will be used.
- 2.3 Any boat without a valid PHRF-LE certificate **may** be assigned a temporary rating by the Race Committee, whose decision is final.
- 2.4 The Race Committee, whose decision is final, shall determine eligibility and placement of yachts in classes.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on Yacht Scoring at [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated by radio on channel 72 before the race.
- 3.3 Mandatory skippers’ meetings will be held at 09:30 Saturday July 13. The meeting will be held via Marine VHF radio, channel 72. Pertinent information will be communicated at the skippers’ meetings, including the course(s) to be sailed.
- 3.4 The “scratch sheet” showing the class splits will be posted on Yacht Scoring.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 There will be no shore signals.

5 SCHEDULE FOR THE FREEDOM RACE

- 5.1 One race, Saturday July 13. First warning at 9:55.

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 The race area will be on Lake Erie north of MHYC and CLYC. Refer to the Course Diagrams.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 MHYC marks S, A, B, C, D, E, designated MS, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, per the Course Diagrams Addendum. And, CLYC marks B, C, M, designated CB, CC, CM, per the Course Diagrams Addendum.
- 7.2

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses that may be sailed are listed on the Course Diagrams Addendum to these sailing instructions. The course(s) that are to be sailed will be communicated via channel 72.

9 THE START

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- 9.1 The start line is defined as the line between mark MS (MHYC S) and an inflatable buoy approximately 100 yards away in a northerly direction.
- 9.2 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. The starting area is defined as the area 200 feet in all directions from the starting line.
- 9.3 The starting sequence is anticipated to be the JAM divisions in “reverse” order, the Spinnaker divisions in “reverse” order and the Cruising class. Example: Jam B, Jam A, Spin B, Spin A, and Cruising. All competitors must monitor channel 72.
- 9.4 The race will be started using sound signals and communications on VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 26. Sound signals will be made at the warning (5 minutes), Preparatory (4 minutes), at one minute, and at the start. A three-blast wakeup may precede the first warning by approximately one minute. The start signal will be the warning signal for the next class (rolling starts), Any change to the starting sequence will be communicated via channel 72. A change to the starting sequence will only affect not-started classes.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 There will be no Individual recall. Competitors are expected to start properly.
- 10.2 General recalls may be communicated via channel 72

11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 There will be no course changes after the start.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

- 12.1 There will be no shortening of the course(s).

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line is the same as the start line. See paragraph 9.1 and the Course Diagrams Addendum.
- 13.2 Upon finish you must promptly text 440-567-1725 boat name and GPS finish time corrected to official US (EDT) time.
- 13.3 Boats which retire from the race for any reason, MUST report their action as soon as possible to the Race Committee. This report may be made phone or text at 440-567-1725.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the race is 5 hours.

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Boats intending to protest shall report as soon as practical, after finishing to the race committee by telephone to 440-567-1725 or 440-278-9031
- 15.2 Protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification at their discretion.
- 15.3 Protests shall be written on forms available on the official bulletin board or from the Race committee.
- 15.4 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat to finish the last race of the day.
- 15.5 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and will start approximately 30 minutes after the filing period ends, or sooner if all parties are available. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 15.6 Protests not involving award winners may be heard after the awards presentation.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply.

17 PENALTIES

- 17.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that a Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 VHF Channel 72 shall be used as the official radio channel.

- 18.2 All boats shall have an operating marine VHF radio and monitor channel 72 whenever possible.
- 18.3 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio or other electronic transmissions, including cell phone calls, not available to all boats (except in an emergency).
- 18.4 Any communications between race committee personnel or committee boats which may be overheard by competitors shall not be grounds for redress or protest.

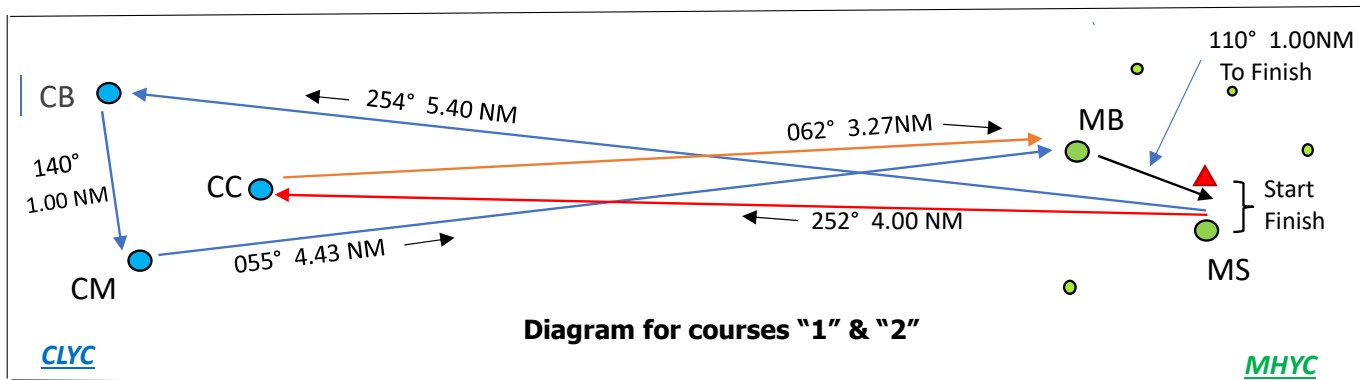
19 AWARDS

- 19.1 Awards for the race will be presented on Saturday July 13, after the race.

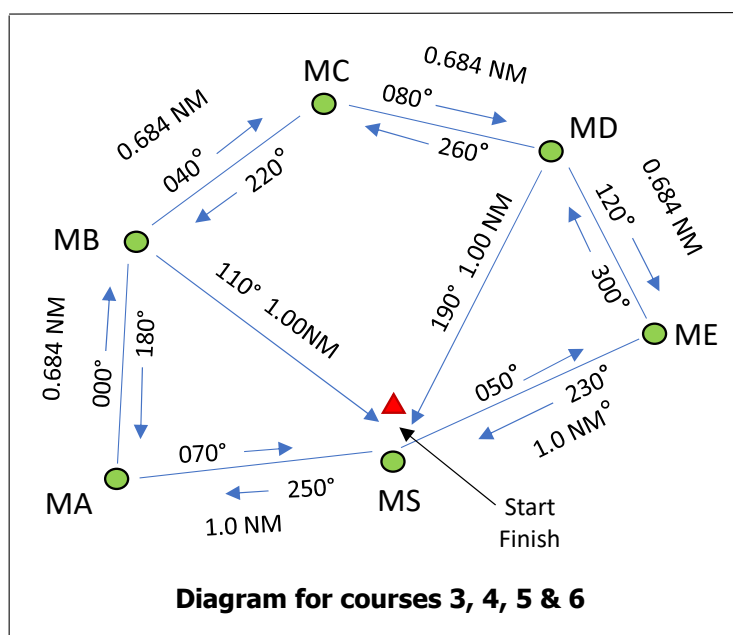
20 INSURANCE

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

Course Diagrams Addendum



Mark designations: CLYC marks have the prefix "C", MHYC marks the prefix "M". Example: CM is CLYC "M", MB is MHYC "B"



Course	Order of marks to be rounded
1	MS(p) CB(p) CM(p) MB(s) MS(s) (11.83 NM)
2	MS(p) CC(s) MB(s) MS(s) (8.27 NM)
3	MS(p) MA(s) MB(s) MC(s) MD(s) ME(s) MS(p) (4.74 NM)
4	MS(s) ME(p) MD(p) MC(p) MB(p) MA(p) MS(s) (4.74 NM)
5	MS(p) MA(s) MB(s) MS(s) (2.68 NM)
6	MS(s) ME(p) MD(p) MS(p) (2.68 NM)

(s) = take mark to starboard
(p) = take mark to port

CLYC Marks

MHYC Marks

Approximate positions

CB: 41°41.567' N, 81°27.900' W
 CC: 41°42.017' N, 81°26.117' W
 CM: 41°40.917' N, 81°26.883' W

MS	41°43.78'N	081°21.31'W
MA	41°43.30'N	081°22.49'W
MB	41°43.98'N	081°22.61'W
MC	41°44.56'N	081°22.13'W
MD	41°44.79'N	081°21.28'W
ME	41°44.53'N	081°20.41'W