



Championship Series
Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC) - Apostle Islands Station (AIS)
Bayfield Wisconsin, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Each boat must also comply with the following:
 - 1.2.1. The 2017 US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements, as modified by AIS, which can be found at www.wyc.org/ais and the Yachtscoring.com page for each event.
 - 1.2.2. All U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations.
 - 1.2.3. Violation of this NOR 1.2 may be subject to a lesser penalty, or no penalty, at discretion of the Protest Committee (PC). This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.3. The following Racing rules will be changed as follows. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.3.1. RRS 64.1 is changed by Item 1.2.3
 - 1.3.2. RRS 60.1 is changed by Item 6.1.2
 - 1.3.3. Any use of a waypoint, defined by latitude and longitude coordinates, that the course requires a boat to leave on a specified side shall be in accordance with World Sailing Appendix WP. This appendix changes RRS 18 and RRS 28 and adds a definition of a waypoint.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS 44.1, Appendix V1 will apply.
- 1.5. While this NOR and associated SIs will not apply to Bayfield Race Week and Around the Islands Race (which will be conducted pursuant to separate notices of race and sailing instructions), this NOR includes Bayfield Race Week and Arounds the Islands Race for the sole purpose of incorporating them into the summer series and overall season scoring.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. All competitor or boat advertising must be in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ENTRIES / ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Boats shall enter the Buoy Fleet, Mid-distance (MD) Fleet, Jib and Main (JAM) Fleet or Multihull Fleet.
 - 3.1.1. Boats entering the Buoy fleet shall sail a course using drop marks. However, boats in the buoy fleet may be required to sail a course as described in 3.1.2.
 - 3.1.2. Boats entering the MD, JAM fleet shall sail a course that uses both drop marks and fixed marks, including islands, and may include virtual marks indicated by GPS coordinates.
 - 3.1.3. Boats entering the Multihull fleet may sail a course that uses both drop marks and/or fixed marks, including islands and may include virtual marks indicated by GPS coordinates.
- 3.2. The races are open to boats that meet all the following requirements:
 - 3.2.1. All monohull boats must be seaworthy and self-righting sailboats 20 feet in length or greater,
 - 3.2.2. All monohull boats **over** 22 feet must have a working motor.



- 3.2.3. For monohull boats 22 feet or less, lifelines (or lack thereof) per the manufacturer's/Class specifications are permitted.
 - 3.2.4. All multihull boats must be 27 feet in length or larger and have a motor of 8HP or greater.
 - 3.2.5. Each boat must have a functioning GPS receiver capable of displaying the boat's latitude and longitude position while racing.
 - 3.2.6. Each boat must have a functioning VHF radio capable of monitoring Channel 16 and Channel 72 that comply with 1.2.1.
 - 3.3. All eligible boats must enter by delivering a completed entry form via online or by handing to OA prior to the radio call of the day of race.
 - 3.4. OA must receive timely payment of all required fees,
 - 3.5. All entries must be received, acknowledged, and accepted by OA prior to the radio call skippers briefing 90-minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal on channel 72.
 - 3.6. JAM Fleet. To be eligible to compete in the JAM Fleet, boats are limited to jib and main only.
 - 3.7. Minimum Number of Crew and Use of Autopilot.
 - 3.7.1. *MD and JAM Fleets*: The minimum number of crew is 2 (skipper +1). Autopilots and Power winches may be used in MD and JAM Fleets.
 - 3.7.2. *Buoy Fleet and Multihull Fleet*: The minimum number of crew is 3 (skipper +2), except boats 24 feet and under may be sailed by 2 persons (skipper +1). In any event, autopilots and power winches may NOT be used in Buoy Fleet or Multihull fleet.
 - 3.7.3. *Single/Double-Handed Race*. All boats may use autopilots and power winches for the single/double handed race.
4. **FEES**
- 4.1. Required fees are nonrefundable – see addendum 1
 - 4.2. Fees must be received and acknowledged by the OA prior to *Racing* for entry to be scored.
 - 4.3. Fees are included with fleet dues for current WYC/AIS fleet members.
5. **SCHEDULE**
- 5.1. See addendum 2
 - 5.2. OA will hold a Skipper's meeting via radio call on Channel 72 approximately 90-minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal on each day
 - 5.3. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race each day will 1100, unless otherwise noted. Postponement on shore will be announced with a radio call on Channel 72 at 1000 each day.
 - 5.4. On the last scheduled day of racing in a series no warning signal will be made after 1400.
 - 5.5. Social Events
 - 5.5.1. Unless otherwise announced, social events are scheduled to be held at the Bayfield Inn or the Creamery at approximately 1730. All participants welcome!
6. **MEASUREMENT**
- 6.1.1. Each boat must have a valid 2017 Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF) certificate.
 - 6.1.2. If a PHRF Fleet boat does not present a valid LMPHRF rating certificate prior to first race a PHRF rating for this boat will be assigned by the OA. The assigned handicap rating will not be subject to protest or request for redress by the boat assigned a handicap; or any other boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at Yachtscoring.com prior to the first race of the season.



8. **VENUE**

- 8.1. Racing may be held in the vicinity of the Apostle Islands (including without limitation Madeline Island), except “Silver Bay Scramble” will start in or near Apostle Islands and race to Silver Bay. Courses will be described in the SIs.

9. **COURSES**

9.1. Buoy Fleet

9.1.1. The buoy fleet shall sail a Windward/Leeward course.

9.1.2. If weather conditions are not favorable for sailing a Windward/Leeward course as described in 9.1.1; the fleet may sail a course described in Item 9.2.1.

9.2. MD and JAM fleet

9.2.1. The MD fleet and the JAM fleet shall use the starting line for the Buoy Fleet to start and then sail a course that uses any combination of drop marks, fixed marks, island, or GPS coordinates to sail a course with a target time of approximately 3-4 hours.

9.3. Multihull fleet

9.3.1. At the discretion of the Race Committee the Multihull fleet may sail a Windward/Leeward course as described in item 9.1.1 or a Mid Distance course described in item 9.2.1.

- 9.4. Conditions may influence the duration of each race for each fleet. Failure of the Race Committee to set a course that meets the target time is not considered grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and RRS 62.

10. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1. RRS Appendix V1 will apply for all fleets.

10.2. RRS Appendix T – ARBITRATION will be in effect for the series

11. **SCORING**

- 11.1. A boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, no race shall be excluded.

12. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication, by any device, that is not available to all boats.

13. **PRIZES**

13.1. Prizes will be specified in the relevant sailing instructions

13.2. To be eligible for end of season prizes, skipper or owner must be a registered and paid FULL or Skipper member of WYC (including membership dues and membership certificate fee as applicable) and must be a registered and paid member of the AIS fleet, excluding payment of dues waived by AIS fleet vote or policy.

14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVER AND RELEASE**

- 14.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Each person (including without limitation owner, skipper, crew, spectators, officials, and others) participates in each race, social event, and/or associated activity(ies) entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS *Rule 4*, “Decision to Race”.



- 14.2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE, SOCIAL EVENT AND/OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES) (COLLECTIVELY, "RACE ORGANIZERS") WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM OR SUIT (COLLECTIVELY, "CLAIMS") OR LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY WHATSOEVER (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, "DAMAGES") TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT WHETHER CAUSED BY, ARISING OR RESULTING FROM THEIR ACT, ERROR, OMISSION OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT, WEATHER OR SEA CONDITIONS, HAZARDS OF ANY KIND, DEFECTS OR FAILURE OF BOATS TO BE SEAWORTHY IN HULL, RIGGING OR GEAR, OR ANY ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT OF RACE ORGANIZERS OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS OR BOATS WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RACE, REGATTA, EVENT, CRUISE, SPECTACLE, SOCIAL EVENT, RACE FACILITIES OR ANY ACTIVITY SCHEDULED, SPONSORED OR AIDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY RACE ORGANIZER(S), TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 14.3. By participating, each participant (and in the case of children and minors, each participant's parent or guardian) forever waives, discharges and releases any and all CLAIMS whatsoever against Race Organizers for any DAMAGES to any person, property or boat (i) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after each race, social event and associated activities; or (ii) arising, relating or resulting from use of race facilities or participation in any race, social event or associated activities, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 14.4. Participant releases all Race Organizers from any Claim on account of giving assistance, aid, care, advice, rescue, first aid, treatment or services.
- 14.5. Owners and skippers of all participating boats are required to inform all crewmembers of this Disclaimer of Liability and Release as a Condition of Entry.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. All boats must maintain Liability Insurance in full force and effect during *Racing* which will include a General Liability policy written by a reputable insurance company insuring the owner and any operators against liability for bodily injury in limits of not less than \$300,000 and for property damage of not less than \$100,000. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA's request.

16. PUBLICITY AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS

- 16.1. As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children and minors) grants OA, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertising, promotions, sales of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. Organizing Authority (OA) and host club is the Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club. For further information, contact AIS Fleet Captain, David Crum, by emailing ais@Q-iii.com or calling 612.804.2390



Addendum 1 – Race Fees

2017 Racing Events	Date(s)	WYC & AIS Member	Non WYC & AIS Member
Spring Series	May 27-29	Included	\$150 Weekend / \$65 Daily
Around the Islands	July 1	Included	See NOR
Bayfield Race Week	July 3-7	Included	See NOR
Silver Bay Scramble	August 19	Included	\$30
Fall Series, including Hulings around Madeline Island Race	September 2-4	Included	\$150 Weekend / \$65 Daily
Single/Double Hander	September 16	Included	\$30
Dobson Regatta	September 23-24	Included	\$100 Weekend / \$50 Daily

WYC Membership, AIS Fleet, LMPHRF and dock fees are additional.

- A1.1. AIS annual fleet dues of \$305 are required to be paid prior to racing to be considered an entrant to qualify for season WYC trophies.
- A1.2. In the year a member joins the WYC as a FULL member, a Membership Certificate of \$400 is required. When a member joins the AIS fleet in the same year as becoming a FULL member of WYC, the AIS fleet dues are waived for that year.
- A1.3. AIS Fleet encourages all skippers and crew become US Sailing members.
- A1.4. US Sailing membership is required to obtain a LMPHRF measurement certificate
 - A1.4.1. <http://www.ussailing.org/membership/>
- A1.5. LMPHRF certificate is available on application via the form at following URL.
 - A1.5.1. http://www.lmphrf.org/assets/2017/2017_LMPHRF_Monohull_Handicap_Certificate_Application.pdf.



Addendum 2 – Schedule

Date	Warning	Series	Scheduled Races		Comments
			MD and JAM*	Buoy and Multihull	
27-May-17	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
28-May-17	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
29-May-17	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
1-Jul-17	1000	Summer Series	1	1	Around the Islands Race
3-Jul-17	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
4-Jul-17	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
5-Jul-17	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
6-Jul-17	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
7-Jul-17	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
19-Aug-17	1000	Silver Bay Scramble	1	1	See Note B below
2-Sep-17	1030	Fall Series Regatta	1	1	Including Bill Hulings Around Madeline Race
3-Sep-17	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
4-Sep-17	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
16-Sep-17	1100	Single/Double Handed Race	1	1	See Note B below
23-Sep-17	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	
24-Sep-17	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	

*PLEASE NOTE: While MD and JAM Fleets are scheduled to sail one race per day, a second race is allowed at the discretion of the RC and/or OA.

Note A Race schedule (e.g. start times and number of races) during Bayfield Race Week will be specified in Bayfield Race Week Sailing Instructions

Note B Championship Series. AIS Championship Series is open to all yachts that have paid their WYC and AIS fleet dues for the season. The championship is a summation of the series points awarded for the Spring, Summer and Fall series; plus, the Dobson regatta. See <http://wyc.org/ais/Results.aspx> for cumulative champ series results and calculation method. For clarification, the series excludes the Silver Bay Scramble, and the Single/Double handed race.