



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

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# 2017 Governor's Cup September 2, 2017

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## *Notice of Race & Special Conditions*

### *Notice of Race*

#### **Organizing Authority**

The organizing authority for this event is the Muskegon Yacht Club's Governor's Cup Committee.

#### **Rules**

The sailing and management of all races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

#### **Fleets**

There will be two fleets, Spinnaker, and Jib & Main.

The Spinnaker fleet will compete for the Governor's Cup Trophy and must have a valid PHRF certificate. The Jib & Main fleet will compete for the Lt. Governor's Cup Trophy and is open to all sailboats with or without a valid PHRF certificate. The race committee will assign a rating to any PHRF boat without a certification, with no penalty.

#### **Eligibility and Entry**

The regatta is open to ALL sailboats. Competitors may enter on the Yacht Scoring website at: [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

#### **Fees**

This event is included in the MYC Seasonal Racing fleet membership fee.

Other MYC members are welcome to participate for \$25.00.

Non MYC members are also welcome to participate for \$50.00.

## **Schedule Saturday, September 2, 2017**

9:30 AM - Registration

10:30 AM - Competitors Meeting

11:30 AM - First Signal

TBD - Awards

### **Number of races**

The committee will attempt to have multiple races for each fleet.

Weather conditions may influence this decision and this decision will be made on the course by the race committee.

### **Sailing Instructions**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

### **Venue**

Races will take place on either Lake Michigan or on Muskegon Lake dependent upon conditions. The Race Committee will be responsible for the selection of the venue and courses.

### **Penalty System**

For all fleets, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gibe are required.

### **Radio Communication**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. Courtesy broadcasts from the Race Committee will be on channel 73.

### **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Scoring**

Scoring will be the Low Point Scoring provided by Yacht Scoring.

### **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.

### **Insurance**

Each yacht shall provide proof of watercraft liability with coverage of at least \$300,000. This must be submitted with your Yacht Identification Form and payment.

### **Further Information**

For further information please contact:

[info@muskegonyachtclub.org](mailto:info@muskegonyachtclub.org)

or by calling the club at (231) 755-1414

## **Government Marks**

Government Marks are to be passed on the USCG correct side. The exception to this rule will be the Muskegon Lake green mark USCG #3 (MYC RC #9), which may be passed on either side per the SI's unless MYC RC #9 is designated as a race mark. In this case, it is to be taken in the same manner as all other race marks.

## **Multiple Starts**

In any multiple division single race, the starting order of the classes will be determined by the Race Committee and will be signaled by the appropriate class flag displayed during the start sequence.

## **Non-Racing Vessels**

Racing yachts shall observe the Great Lakes Rules of the Road which require avoidance of commercial vessels underway.

## *Special Conditions*

### **Jib and Main rules**

For the Jib and Main (non-spinnaker) races, no more than one headsail may be flown at one time, and it may not be set flying. When yachts with headfoil type fore stays change the jib during a race, they must do so as though the sail was hanked on. That is, the first sail must be completely lowered before the second is raised. The same halyard must be used for both sails. Spinnaker/whisker poles may be no longer than the "J" measurement. Poles must be attached or held to the mast during use, and may be carried only the side opposite the boom.

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