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Sailing Instructions

MBYC VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within the zone of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

2. Entry

Competitors may enter by submitting a completed entry form, available from the Club office, from the Club website, or from the regatta chairpersons prior to the regatta.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices will be posted on the Notice Board located on the wall adjacent to the MBYC Dockmaster's office.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made will be displayed upon the flagpole located on the north side of the MBYC clubhouse or on the Race Committee ("RC") boat if tied to the dock or seawall.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes in the race signal AP".

Changes in the Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before **1000** hours.

5. Schedule of races

- 5.1 A competitors meeting will be held at **1000** hours on the patio adjacent to the MBYC Commodore's room.
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the first signal of the first race is **1130** hours.
- 5.3 Subsequent races will be as soon as possible after the end of the previous race and will be signaled by the displaying of code flag "R". The code flag "R" shall be lowered and an audible alert given at least one minute before the Warning Signal of each subsequent race that day.
- 5.4: No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours.

6. Class Flags-Order of Start

The order of start for the first race will be posted on the Notice Board by **1000** hours with the list of flags to be designated for each fleet.

7. Racing Area

The course area will be the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 2.0 nm, 225 degrees from the Holland Pier Head.

8. Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including the order in which the marks are to be passed.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

8.3 If conditions on Lake Michigan are deemed unsuitable for racing by the Race Committee, the Race Committee will attempt to conduct the race on Lake Macatawa.

9. Marks

Marks shall be orange tetrahedrons. In the event of a course change, the new mark shall be yellow. Subsequent change marks will be replaced by the original mark.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the adjacent mark at the port end.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

10.5 The Race Committee shall attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of any OCS boats on channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

11. The Finish

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the orange mark on the starboard end.

11.2 The Race Committee may give the last boat in fleets racing one design its place prior to the finish.

12. Time Limit

12.1 Spinnaker and Jib/Main Divisions: The time limit for races shall be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing 1 hour after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

12.2 Comfort Cruiser Division: The time limit to complete the race shall be 3 hours for the first boat to finish. Boats that finish 1 hour after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

13. Withdrawal

A boat which retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the race course area, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving at shore.

14 Protests

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 45 minutes after the RC finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Notice Board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day. Protest forms are available at the Club Office and/or the signal boat.

15. Scoring

The Low –Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. All fleets shall race using corrected time on distance.

16. Safety

VHF Radios are recommended to be available for emergency notifications. The Race Committee will monitor channel 72.