



*15<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# Mark Madness Regatta

June 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Lake Charlevoix-Boyne City, Michigan

Organizing Authority & Host- Boyne City Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

### 1-Rules

#### Boyne City Course -A

**1.1-**The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

#### Somerset Yacht Club Course-B

**1.2-** Lighting- Organizing Authority and BCYC

This regatta will be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020 as modified by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) Rules including the Rules Governing All Lightning Class District Championships (ILCA District Championship Rules), and the Notice of Race (NOR) including any amendments to the NOR except any of those as altered by the Sailing Instructions (SI's). Questions regarding procedure for qualification for North Americans should be directed to Allison Frantz, District Commodore.

**2-Notice to Competitors-** Will be posted on the official notice board located at the Boyne City Marina Lighthouse for Boyne City Course A and at the Somerset Yacht Club at the boat launch for Course B.

**3-Changes to the Sailing Instructions-** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Notices of any changes will also be broadcast on VHF channel 69 & texted to those registered on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).

**4-Signals made Ashore-** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the BC Marina Lighthouse and Somerset Yacht Club at the boat launch. Notice of any such signals will also be broadcast on VHF 69 & texted to those registered on [Yachtscoring.com](http://Yachtscoring.com).

### 5-Schedule of Races-

Day Event Time Location/notes

#### 5.1 Boyne City Course -A

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Skippers meeting 1000 Boyne City Marina Lighthouse

First Warning 1130

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> First Warning 1100 No Warning Past 1400 hrs

Awards ASAP after racing at the BC Marina Lighthouse  
Boyne City Race Course- JAM, Spinnaker  
Saturday, June 22nd  
09:00-10:00 hrs Check in Boyne City Municipal Marina Pavilion  
10:00-10:30 Skipper's Meeting same  
1130 First Warning; races to follow. No warning past 1530 hrs.  
Sunday, June 23rd  
1130 hrs. First warning. No warning past 1400 hrs .  
Awards ASAP after racing at the BC Marina Lighthouse

## **5.2 Somerset Yacht Club Course-B- Michigan Lightning Districts**

Saturday June 22nd  
09:00-hrs Check in Somerset Yacht Club  
9:30am Skipper's meeting Somerset Yacht Club  
10:30am First Warning; races to follow. No warning past 1530 hrs  
Sunday, June 23rd  
10:30 hrs. First warning. No warning past 1400 hrs.  
Awards ASAP after racing at the BC Marina Lighthouse

**5.3-** Races will be sailed back to back with very little time between. Stay close to the starting area when not racing.

**5.4-** Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No More Racing Today".

**6-Class Flags-** The order for start may differ for each race. Watch for your class flag.

Fleet Color  
JAM Pink  
Spinnaker Green  
Lightnings-Class Flag

## **7-Racing Area- SEE**

**7.1-Boyne City Course A-** Young State Park/Horton Bay Between

**7.2-Someset Yacht Club Course B-** Boyne City and Somerset Pointe Yacht Club

**8-Courses-** See Attachment A

### **Boyne City Course- A**

W4- 4 leg Windward-Leeward course (W,L,W,L)

W6- 6 leg Windward-Leeward Course

T5- 5 leg Triangle Course (Triangle, W, L)

**8.1-** Courses will have a short weather mark (Ws) and a long weather mark (Wx)

**8.2-** All marks shall be left to Port

**8.3-** A Placard designating the course, Compass bearing to the first mark, and distance to Ws and Wx will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat prior to or with the warning signal for each race.

### **Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

**8.4** Courses will be a 4-leg windward-leeward (W/L) or Olympic configuration, and identified in the Competitor's Meeting. The weather leg will be 0.7 – 1.2 miles long depending on conditions. All marks will be left to port except when there is a gate, boats shall sail between gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. An offset mark will be provided for the W/L course. Course signals will be displayed before or with the warning signal and will be letters and/or numbers to designate the course specified.

**8.5** Course O (Olympic, right triangle will be indicated by display of Code Flag 'O' (red and yellow triangles, or a letter 'O' displayed on the RC Boat.

**8.6** Course W (windward-leeward) will be indicated by code flag 'W' (red and white on blue) or a letter 'W' displayed on the RC Boat, and accompanied by a number to indicate the number of legs.

### **9- Marks-**

#### **Boyne City Course- A**

**9.1-** Will be Medium sized cylindrical buoys, Orange or Yellow.

#### **Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

**9.2-** All marks of the course will be orange cylinders, except the starting mark and offset mark (if used) will be orange flags.

### **10-Start/Finish-**

#### **Boyne City Course- A**

**10.1-** The starting/finish 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 buoy on the port end.

**10.2-** The first warning signal for each race will be preceded by a series of short toots. The same signal will also accompany the lowering of the postponement (AP) and general recall (1.st Sub) flags.

**10.3-** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

**10.4-** Boats starting later than 5 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS App A.

**10.5-** Individual and general recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The RC will attempt to hail boats whom have not started properly on VHF. The following are not grounds for redress- failure of committee to hail a or all boats; failure of committee to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats with in the hail.

#### **Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

##### **10.6 Start-**

The starting/finish 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 buoy on the port end. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26. The starting line will be located approximately one quarter of the way up the windward leg. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

**10.7 Finish-** The finishing line will be between a RC boat displaying an RC flag and the finish mark. The finishing line will be located approximately one quarter of the way up the windward leg. Course may be shortened per RRS Rule 32.2, but not less than three legs for W/L or four legs for Olympic.

### **11- Change of the position of the next mark**

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will move the existing mark (or move the finishing line). The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

If a leeward gate is in use, either gate mark may be moved (without signal) to maintain the integrity of the course. If only one gate mark is in place, it shall be left to port.

### **12-Time Limits and abandonment**

#### **Boyne City Course-A**

This changes RRS 35 and APP 4.1

**12.1-** The time limit for each race will be 90min

**12.2-** The W(s and x) will be 30 min

**12.3-** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to sail the course as described in rule 28 and finish, in their class, will be scored a Did Not Finish (DNF) without hearing.

#### **Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

**12.4** Time limit shall be three and one-half (3 ½) hours. If one yacht finishes within this limit, all must be timed. If no yacht completes four legs (three legs in the case of a windward-leeward course) within two hours and ten minutes (2:10), the race shall be abandoned

**12.5 ABANDONMENT** – At the discretion of Race Committee, a race should be abandoned if winds exceed 25 knots. Also at the discretion of the Race Committee, if a major wind shift occurs on the first leg, particularly if the shift leads to the likelihood of a boat laying the weather mark on one tack from the starting line, the Race Committee may abandon the race immediately and signal a restart on a new course; however, the failure to do so shall not constitute grounds for subjecting a race to protest.

### **13-Protests and Requests for Redress-**

#### **Boyne City Course-A**

**13.1-** Protest forms will be available at the BC Marina Lighthouse and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit

**13.2-**Boats should notify Race Committee upon finishing of their intent to protest unless circumstances make that impossible.

**The Protest Time Limit will be 90 min following the finish of the last boat and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.**

**13.3-** Protest notices will be posted within 30min of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Marina Pavilion.

**13.4-** On the last day of the regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 min after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

#### **Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

**13.5** Protest forms are available from the Race Committee. Protests will be delivered to the Race

Committee within the protest time limit, 30 minutes from RC boat docking; which time shall be posted. Notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties or named as a witness.

#### **14-Scoring-**

##### **Boyne City Course-A**

**14.1-** Seven (7) races are scheduled and one (1) race must be completed to count as a series.

**14.2-** When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her scores. The changes RRS A2.

**14.3-** The Spinnaker Fleet will be scored using the PHRF Time on Time method. ToT scoring factor will be 700/550.

**14.4-** The JAM Fleet will be scored using the Portsmouth system w/wind variance.

##### **Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

Appendix A of the RRS is changed as follows:

**14.5-** Abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with the RRS.

**14.6-** Each boat finishing in a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored points equal to her finishing place. DNC, DNS, DNF, and 'REF' score points equal to one more, and 'OCS', 'DNE', 'BFD', and 'DSQ' score points equal to two more than the greatest number of boats eligible to start in any race of the series. 'RDG' scores points equal to the finishing position awarded her after a hearing for request for redress.

**14.7-** Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score if six races are scored.

**14.8-** Ties shall be broken as indicated in the Sailing Instructions (SI's).

**14.9-** Boats from outside the Michigan District can compete for Regatta Awards, but they are not eligible for the Michigan District Championship Award.

#### **15-Ties**

##### **Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

Appendix A of the RRS is changed as follows:

**15.1-** Abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with the RRS.

**15.2-** Each boat finishing in a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored points equal to her finishing place. DNC, DNS, DNF, and 'REF' score points equal to one more, and 'OCS', 'DNE', 'BFD', and 'DSQ' score points equal to two more than the greatest number of boats eligible to start in any race of the series. 'RDG' scores points equal to the finishing position awarded her after a hearing for request for redress.

**15.3-** Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score if six races are scored.

**15.4-** Ties shall be broken as indicated in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) at Somerset Yacht Club

#### **16- Somerset Yacht Club Course-B**

##### **16.1- SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside of the racing area. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the regatta, unless such support is available to all competitors. Support boats may be requested to provide assistance by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with such a request may be subject to protest by the race committee.

## **16.2- REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, except safety equipment, will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee.

## **16.3- PENALTY SYSTEM**

The penalties are as described in the RRS Rules 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4, except if a penalty occurs when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely below the gooseneck while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn of 360 degrees instead of two, This modifies RRS Rule 44.1 and 44.2.

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall notify the Race Committee when finishing.

## **16.4- PROPULSION**

"Modifying rule 42.3(b), on a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapid accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, but not the guy controlling any sail, but only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used."

## **17 - Safety Regulations**

**16.1-** Please check-in before the first signal each day by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal boat and hailing your sail#.

**17.2-** A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on VHF, by Cell phone, or by hailing any RC Boat. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the RC Signal boat as in 16.1, via VHF, or cell phone.

**17.3-** Swimming in the Boyne City Marina is NOT permitted and is grounds for protest and possible disqualification.

**17-Radio Communication-** Boats shall neither make radio/cell transmissions while racing, nor receive radio/cell communications not available to all boats. The RC may communicate race management information via VHF (Channel 69) .

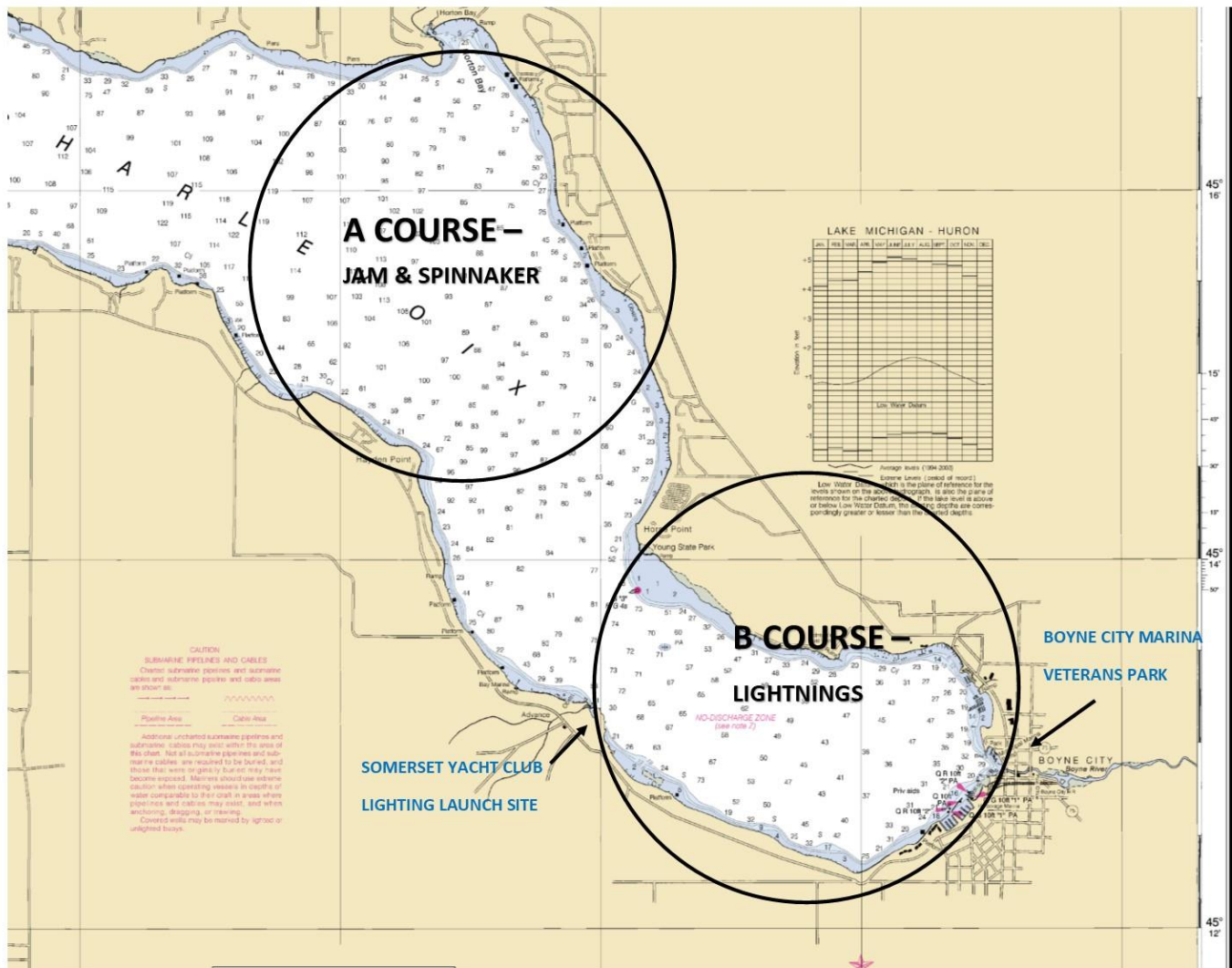
**18-Prizes-** Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division. Flags will be awarded to the first three (3) boats in each division.

**18.1-** Boats from outside the Michigan District can compete for Regatta Awards, but they are not eligible for the Michigan District Championship Award

**19- 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 property damage, personal injury, bodily injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**End of Sailing Instructions**

**Attachment**



ATTACHMENT X

