

# Michigan City Yacht Club

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Sept 1 -- St Joe to Michigan City -- MCYC

Official

## 1 GENERAL

Courtesy communications on VHF 78. Time reference CDT.

**NOTICE REGARDING RAILROAD BRIDGE:** This bridge will be opened and closed for trains between 0800 and 0900 CDT. The fleet may be notified by radio as to when the bridge will open and close. However, the bridge will be open between 0900 and 1100 CDT to all fleet traffic. Please plan your departure accordingly, so that your vessel is not late for check-in and/or starting.

## 1.2 COURSE

COURSE: 219°T

The RC will endeavor to provide a full day of racing by offering different length courses depending on the weather forecast with the goal to complete the race before the time limit.

For normal conditions, there are three optional starting lines (SJMC-0, 1, & 2), and three optional finish lines (SJMC-3, 4 & 5). There will be no intermediate marks in the course. If Starting Area SJMC-0 is not used, the entire starting sequence will be delayed by minimum of 30 minutes for the SJMC-1 Starting Area. The delay will be a minimum of 50 minutes for starting at SJMC-2.

RC Optional Starting Areas	Lat	Lon
SJMC-0	42° 06.600' N	086° 30.500' W
SJMC-1	42° 02.700' N	086° 34.700' W
SJMC-2	41° 59.600' N	086° 38.000' W
RC Optional Finish Areas		
SJMC-3 (YELLOW)	41° 51.700' N	086° 46.500' W
SJMC-4 ( PURPLE )	41° 48.600' N	086° 49.800' W
SJMC-5 ( GREEN )	41° 44.640' N	086° 53.950' W

For heavy weather, there are optional start & finish lines.

RC Optional Start & Finish Areas for Heavy Weather	Lat	Lon
SJ pier	42° 07.01 N	086° 29.81 W
MC pier	41° 43.87 N	086° 54.86 W

The time limit will remain as 2000 hr.

If the Starting Area is moved, the Race Committee will fly the 'L' and 'AP' flags while transiting to

the new area and will repeatedly announce the new Starting Area on VHF Channel 78 beginning no later than 0900 and ending no earlier than 0950. This delay will not change the time limit.

One course may be called which will apply to all classes.

Or, two courses may be called: a shorter course for higher handicap classes and a longer course for lower handicap classes. In this case, two different finishing locations will be called.

Or, three courses may be called, with two courses for Spinnaker sections, and the third for a JAM/Cruiser section. The JAM/cruiser section may start at a different area than the Spinnaker sections, and there may not be a RC boat at the start.

Prior to, or at the warning signal for each class, the Finish Area will be signaled by one of the following flags flying on the Race Committee Boat:

GREEN = SJMC-5;

PURPLE = SJMC-4;

YELLOW = SJMC-3.

The Finish Area may be announced on VHF Channel 78.

### 1.3 HANDICAP SCORING DISTANCE

Start	Finish	Course Distance
SJMC-0	SJMC-3	19.1
SJMC-0	SJMC-4	23.0
SJMC-0	SJMC-5	28.0
SJMC-1	SJMC-3	14.1
SJMC-1	SJMC-4	18.0
SJMC-1	SJMC-5	23.0
SJMC-2	SJMC-3	10.1
SJMC-2	SJMC-4	14.1
SJMC-2	SJMC-5	19.1
Start	Finish	Course Distance
SJ pier	MC pier	29.7

1.4 **SAFETY:** Life rafts or GPIRBs are suggested.

### 1.5 CLASS BREAKS

Section	LMPHRF Rating
1	-‡ to 13
2	14 to 55
3	56 to 79
4	80 to 116
5	117 to ‡‡
Multihull	ALL

One design sections may be added. Contact the Race Admin, 219-929-5499.

## 2 STARTING:

### 2.1 STARTING AREA

Starting area SJMC-0, SJMC-1, SJMC-2 or St. Joe pier. Announced by RC on VHF.

## 2.2 STARTING SEQUENCE

GSI 8.4 - Port to Port Sequence is changed pursuant to following table.

St. Joe to Michigan City Sequence							
	JAM Cruise V	PHRF 5	PHRF 4	PHRF 3	PHRF 2	PHRF 1	Multi
Warning	09:30	09:35	09:40	09:45	09:50	09:55	10:00
Prep Up	09:31	09:36	09:41	09:46	09:51	09:56	10:01
Prep Down	09:34	09:39	09:44	09:49	09:54	09:59	10:04
Start	09:35	09:40	09:45	09:50	09:55	10:00	10:05

## 2.3 STARTING LINE

Between a mark on the port side of the starting line and the orange flag on the RC boat. RC may set a guard mark. Yachts shall not pass between the guard mark and the RC boat.

## 2.4 ALTERNATE STARTING

In the event of inclement weather, the start may be between the orange line flag on the end of the north pier head of the St. Joseph Harbor entrance and a stake boat, or drop mark, approximately 600 ft. west.

## 3 FINISHING

Finish Line: Between a mark and the blue flag on the RC boat. The RC boat will be to starboard.

See GSI 17. Sail Number Boards shall be displayed on the yacht's starboard side. Yacht Finish Reports are required and must be turned in within one hour of your finish at RC headquarters in the Clubhouse. This requirement is extended by one hour for yachts finishing at SJMC-4 and by 1.5 hours for yachts finishing at SJMC-3. Finish reports MUST include: yacht name & sail #, phone #, finish area; finish time CDT; boats ahead & behind. Full & complete reports may be sent by text to (574) 361-9437.

### 3.1 ALTERNATE FINISHING

When the called course finishes at SJMC-5, SJMC-4 or SJMC-3, and when a RC boat is not at the finish mark, yachts shall finish by passing their finish mark to port as close as practicable per RRS 34 including the US SAILING prescription. If a physical mark is not in place, yachts shall pass the co-ordinates within 100 feet. Upon crossing this alternate finish line, yachts shall record their finish time using GPS time. Shortly after finishing, yachts shall provide their finish time to the RC on VHF Channel 78. Please standby for acknowledgment. This is an addition to the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34. In the event that an alternate finish line is to be used, the RC shall broadcast that information on the VHF Channel 78 beginning at 1200 hours, or as soon as the RC leaves its finishing station, and repeating at approximately 30 minute intervals.

For heavy weather, the finish will be between the course side of the lighthouse and a stake boat, or drop mark, approximately 1000 ft. northwest. Finishing through 'the gap' is allowed but yachts must immediately turn into the channel for necessary depth. It is quite possible that RC cannot stand on the pier head, so finish reports may be the only time of record.

### 3.2 TIME LIMIT

Only yachts finishing by 2000 hours on the same day as the start will be considered as finishing. This changes RRS 35 and GSI 18.2.

## 4 PRIZES

Per NOR 14.

In addition, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place brag flags for PHRF and one-design sections will be awarded in the Pavilion at 9 PM.

#### **6 DOCKAGE**

Tri-state registered yachts can moor on the wall west and south of the yacht club at no charge. Slips in the basin can be rented via MC Port Authority (219-872-1712).

#### **7 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Rum Party in the Pavilion before dinner. Cash bar. Awards ceremony at 9 PM CDT. Big band at 8 PM in pavilion. Dining will be offered by the Bartlett's "Fish Camp and Oyster Bar Kitchen" in the clubhouse, (219) 879-9544, on the deck, and in the Pavilion. Food service will be available for lunch and dinner on Sunday. Please refrain from bringing food and drink from yachts to the restaurant and Pavilion. Ice and bottled water will also be available for purchase on Monday morning at the "Dock Side restaurant, near the Port Authority building. The bath house east of the Coast Guard station is available. All other bath houses are for MC Port Authority, slip holders and fee paying transients only. Call MCPA, (219) 872-1712, to rent a slip.

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