



# Force 5 North American Championship Regatta

## Hosted by Port Huron Yacht Club

### August 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States national authority (*US SAILING*) national authority will apply.
- 1.3 The Force 5 Class Association Rules will apply.
- 1.4 Section 8.02 of the Force 5 Class Association Rules is changed as follows: A bow line (painter) of not less than ¼ inch in diameter and capable of being extended a minimum of 12 feet from bow the boat, while in use, shall be permanently attached to the mast or bow handle prior to leaving shore and shall remain attached for the duration of the event.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board will be the Yachtscoreing webpage for this event.
- 2.2 Information for competitors may be posted at PHYC or Light House Station. Lack of information being posted at these location is not grounds for redress.
- 2.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Skippers Meeting on Thursday, 0915 at Light House Station
- 4.2 Racing will be conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- 4.3 Warning for each day of racing is 1030
- 4.4 Races will not be started after 1400 on Saturday
- 4.5 Awards will be on Saturday at 1630 at Light House Station

### 5 MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 All yachts shall be made available for inspection and measurement prior to 0900 on Thursday August 21, 2014.
- 5.2 The inspection committee may conduct inspections or measurement at any time at their discretion during or after the event for compliance with RRS and Force 5 Class Association Rules.

### 6 MARKS

- 6.1 Mark #1 is the Windward Mark and shall be an orange inflatable mark.
- 6.2 Mark #2 is the Leeward Mark, located 100 feet and centered on the course side of the starting line and shall be an orange inflatable mark.
- 6.3 Starting Mark and Finishing Mark will be the same mark and be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 6.4 Marks that are damaged but still visible are still to be considered proper marks.

### 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The starting area will be located approximately 1.5 miles due north of Lighthouse Station Park, Port Huron, Michigan
- 7.2 The designated course will be windward/leeward.
- 7.3 All marks shall be rounded to Port.
- 7.4 Yachts will complete the course as Start-1-2-1-Finish



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### **8 THE START**

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 8.2 RC will display course to Mark #1 on the Race Committee Boat prior to each warning.
- 8.3 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and an inflatable mark at the port end.
- 8.4 The additional races for the day will start no sooner than 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.

### **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC signal boat to port and a nearby inflatable mark to starboard (as seen from the course side of the finish line).

### **10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 10.1 Protest forms are available at the Light House Station. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Chairman or their designate within the appropriate time limit.
- 10.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the Protester returns to shore after racing has concluded each day.
- 10.3 Parties will be notified by the Race Chairman as to the time and location of the protest hearings as soon as possible after filing has been submitted.

### **11 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 11.1 Life jackets are recommended for all racers.

### **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 There shall be no throw outs. (This changes Appendix A.)

### **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 The top finisher for the event will be recognized as the 2014 Force 5 North American Champion.
- 13.2 Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- 13.3 Award will be made to the top Junior (under 18 years of age) participant.
- 13.4 Award will be made to top Woman Participant
- 13.5 Award to top "Challenger Division" participant
- 13.6 Other Awards maybe given at the discretion of the Race Chairman.