

J35 North American Championships

Muskegon Michigan August 21-24 2014

The organizing authority for the 2014 J/35 North American Championship is the J/35 National Class Association and the Muskegon Yacht Club.

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The rules of the J/35 National Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, sections A, B, and 'D will apply. These define alternate penalties and arbitration.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 in accordance the J35 Class Rules.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Open to all J/35 Class boats meeting the class rules for sanctioned events.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter no later than 1900 hrs. Friday August 15, 2014. Entry may be made on line at www.yachtscoring.com.

4 Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the front hallway of the MYC clubhouse.

5 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 5.2 For an on the water change to the sailing instructions: Code flag L shall be displayed from the signal boat while anchored. The change will be announced on VHF channel 73 as designated in SI 25.1. This changes RRS 90.2 and Race Signals.

6 Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flagpole on the MYC lawn.
- 6.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the warning signal for the first start will not be signaled for at least 45 minutes after AP is lowered. This Changes RRS Race Signals.

7 Schedule of Races

- 7.1 Races will be held Friday August 22 through Sunday August 24, 2014.
- 7.2 Eleven races are scheduled. Four races are scheduled for Friday, four races for Saturday and three races for Sunday. No more than four races will be sailed per day.
- 7.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal each day will be 1055 hrs.
- 7.4 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs. Sunday August 24, 2014.

8 Class Flag

- 8.1 The class flag will be the numeral pennant "One" (1).

9 Racing Area

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of Lake Michigan, west of the Muskegon Channel. The race committee may bring the regatta to the waters of Muskegon Lake if Lake Michigan is not usable.

10 The Course

- 10.1 Courses will be windward –leeward as shown in the attached diagram.
10.2 Windward Offsets will be used. If the offset O1 is missing, boats should sail to the leeward mark 2 after rounding mark 1. No offset will be used with the change mark.
10.3 No later than the warning signal the signal boat will display the approximate bearing and distance to the weather mark.

11 Marks

- 11.1 Primary marks One, Offset One and Two are orange inflatables.
11.2 Change marks will be yellow inflatables.
11.3 Leeward finish mark will be white and on the opposite side of the signal boat.
11.4 Windward finish mark will be nearby race mark.

12 The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the port end starting mark.
12.2 A boat starting 10 minutes later than her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
12.3 The race committee may attempt to notify boat identified as OCS by announcing their bow or sail number over VHF 73. Failure to hear, or receive such transmission or the order of bow or sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1[a]

13 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark [or move the finish line] and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.
14.2 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
14.3 For windward finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby race mark.
14.4 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute [with no sound] while boats are finishing. This flag will be lowered with a sound signal one minute before the warning signal for the next race.
14.5 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the race committee may assign a finish position to late finishers, provided that the positions can be determined in a reasonable manner.

15 Time Limits

- 15.1 The race committee shall abandon the race if:
A} no boat has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes after the start, or
B} the first boat does not finish within 2 ½ hours after the start, or
C} more than 50% of the starters fail to meet the time limit specified in SI 15.2.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE [Time Limit expired, see scoring.] When the 30 minute period has expired the committee boat will lower the blue flag accompanied by a long signal. This changes RS 35, A4 and A5.

16 Penalty System.

16.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One Turn Penalty when it may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the Zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. Rule 44.3 scoring penalty shall not apply. This changes RRS 44.2

16.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the Windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg.

16.3 Post Race Penalties Appendix T B shall apply.

16.4 Penalty declarations A boat that has taken a penalty turn[s] in accordance with SI 16.1 shall complete the penalty declaration form available at the Race Scoring Desk.

17 Protests

17.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 61 and additionally report to the race committee [signal boat or finish boat] as soon as possible after finishing, giving the race committee its sail number and the sail number[s] of the protested boats. Reporting shall be done by VHF radio [Channel 73].

17.2 Protests will be written and lodged with the protest committee's representative within the protest time limit. Protest forms will be available at the Race Scoring Desk.

17.3 Protest time limit will begin when the race committee signal boat docks and ends 60 minutes later. The race committee will post the docking time on the official notice board.

This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS61.1 [b] and 63.2 Time and place of hearing. Posting of notice of a protest or request for redress and the time of the hearing on the Official Notice Board will constitute the notification required by 63.2.

17.4 Protests will be heard approximately in order of posting as soon as possible in the protest room.

17.5 Notices of scheduled protests or request for redress hearing will be posted on the Official Notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or may be parties affected by a request for redress. This will constitute notice to all parties under RRS 63.2 and its Prescription.

17.6 For the purpose of 64. 3 B, the authority responsible is the measurers appointed by J/35 class association.

17.7 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on jury decision will be delivered not later than 30 minutes after decisions are posted. This changes rule 62.2

18 Protest Arbitration

18.1 The US Sailing Prescription RRS Appendix T, Section D will apply. The penalty will be 40%.

19 Scoring

19.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2

19.2 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing the race within the time limit plus two points except that she shall not be scored worse than the number of starters. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19.3 If a boat requesting redress for an OCS is not granted redress, the score in that race shall not be excluded. This changes SI 19.1, RRS 90.3 and A 2.

20 Safety Regulations

20.1 Each day before the first warning signal of the first race. Each boat shall pass the race committee signal boat and hail her bow or sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

20.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 8, 16, 22, and 73.

20.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 73.

21 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

21.1 Substitutions of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee. Substitutes will be required to weigh in.

21.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of protest committee. Replacement equipment must comply with current J/35 National Class Association Rules.

22 Equipment and Measurement Checks

22.1 A boat, its equipment, or crew may be inspected at any time for compliance with the current J/35 National Class Association Rules and sailing instructions.

23 Support Boats

23.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel are prohibited from any participation during this event

24 Haul out restrictions

24.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during this regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.

25 Radio Communications

25.1 The designated VHF channel for race communications will be Channel 73.

25.2 An observer designated by the race committee may report visual signals displayed by the race committee over the designated VHF channel. Information reported by the designated observer is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the race signals which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be grounds for requesting redress.

26 Prizes

26.1 Regatta overall prizes will be awarded to competitors placing 1st thru 3rd.

26.2 Awards for each day's performance will be presented at the social gathering each evening.

27 Disclaimer of liability

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Host Club, Sponsors, and their employees and volunteers 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.

