



10th Annual

Mark Madness Regatta

June 7th & 8th, 2014

Lake Charlevoix-Boyne City, Michigan

Organizing Authority & Host- Boyne City Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Mark Madness Regatta is race one of the Quantum Fresh Water Cup Series. Please visit <http://www.quantumsails.com/qfc> for more information

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

2-Notice To Competitors- Will be posted on the official notice board located at the Boyne City Marina Lighthouse.

3-Changes to the Sailing Instructions- Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Notices of any changes will also be broadcast on VHG channels 69 & texted/emailed to those registered on yachtscoring.com.

4-Signals made Ashore- Signals made ashore will be displayed at the BC Marina Lighthouse. Notice of any such signals will also be broadcast on VHF 69 & texted/emailed to those registered on Yachtscoring.com.

5-Schedule of Races-

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location/notes</u>
Saturday, 7th	Competitors meeting	1000	Boyne City Marina Lighthouse
	First Warning	1130	
Sunday, 8 th	First Warning	1100	
		1400	No Warning Signal Past This Time
	Awards	ASAP	after racing at the BC Marina Lighthouse

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

5.2- 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.

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Color</u>
E Scow	Class Flag
JAM	Pink
Spinnaker	Green

7-Racing Area- See Attachment A

7.1-Circle A- Between Boyne City and Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club

7.2-Circle B- Young State Park/Horton Bay

8-Courses- See Attachment B

4 - 4 leg Windward-Leeward Course (W, L, W, L)

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

6 - 6 leg Windward-Leeward Course (W, L, W, L, 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 except the finishing mark shall be left to starboard.

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.

8.4- JAM FLEET will use the Ws mark, all other fleets will use the Wx mark.

9- Marks- Will be Medium sized cylindrical buoys, Orange or Yellow

9.1- An offset mark (small florescent orange pancake) may be used.

10-Start/Finish-

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) or General Recall (1st 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 any 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 within the hail.

11-Change of the Next Leg of the Course - To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark to a new position.

12-Time Limits- This changes RRS 35 and APP 4.1.

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

12.2- The first mark time limit W(s and x) will be 30 min.

12.3- Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish, in their class, will be scored a Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and will receive one more point than the last boat to finish the race.

13-Protests and Requests for Redress-

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

13.2-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 30 minutes 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 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

14-Scoring-

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 race scores. This changes RRS A2.

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

14.4-The JAM Fleet will be scored using the Portsmouth w/wind Variance.

15-Safety Regulations- The RC's Cell is 231-218-3700

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

15.2- 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.

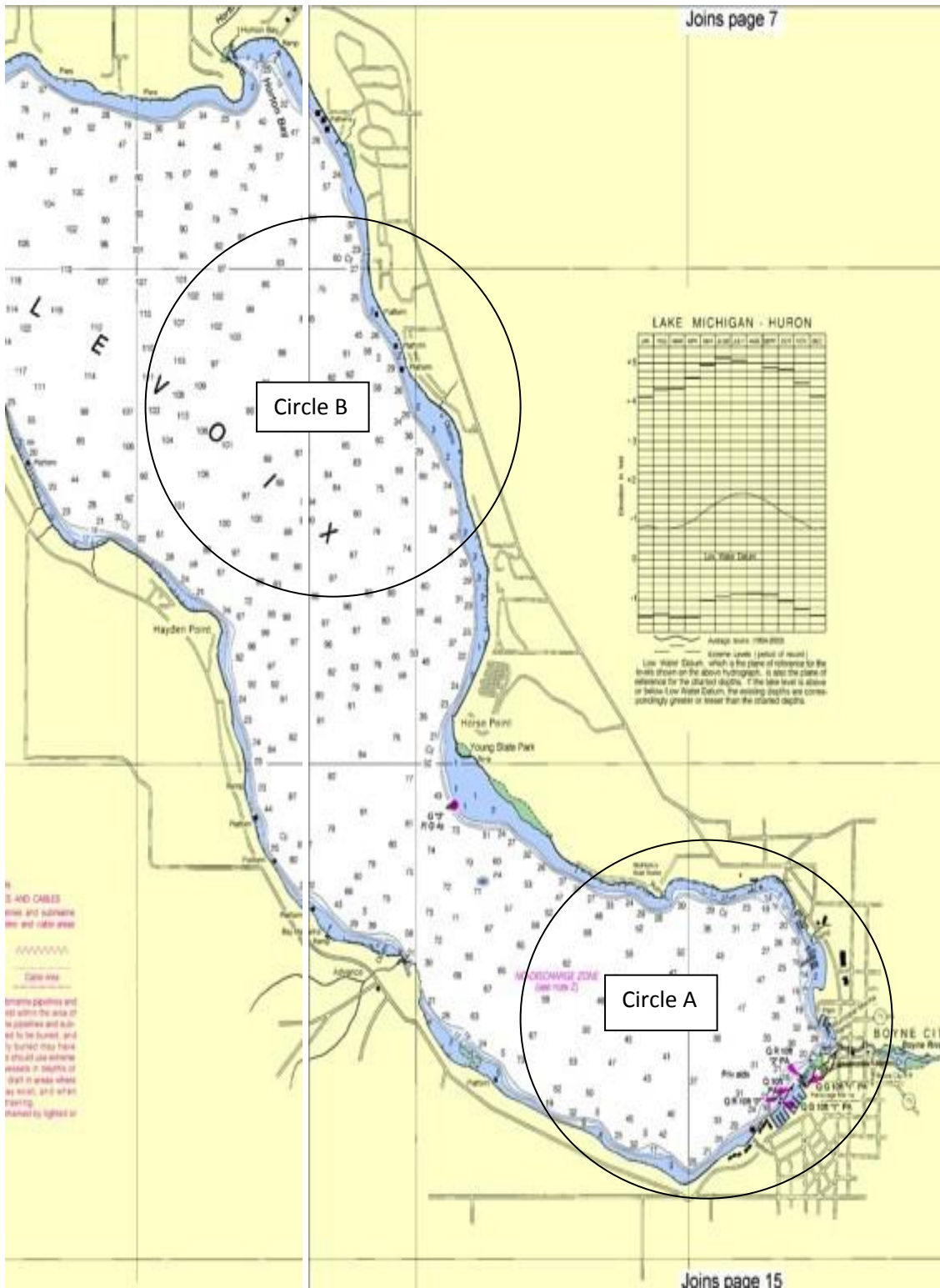
15.3- Swimming in the Boyne City Marina is NOT permitted and is grounds for disqualification.

16-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)

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

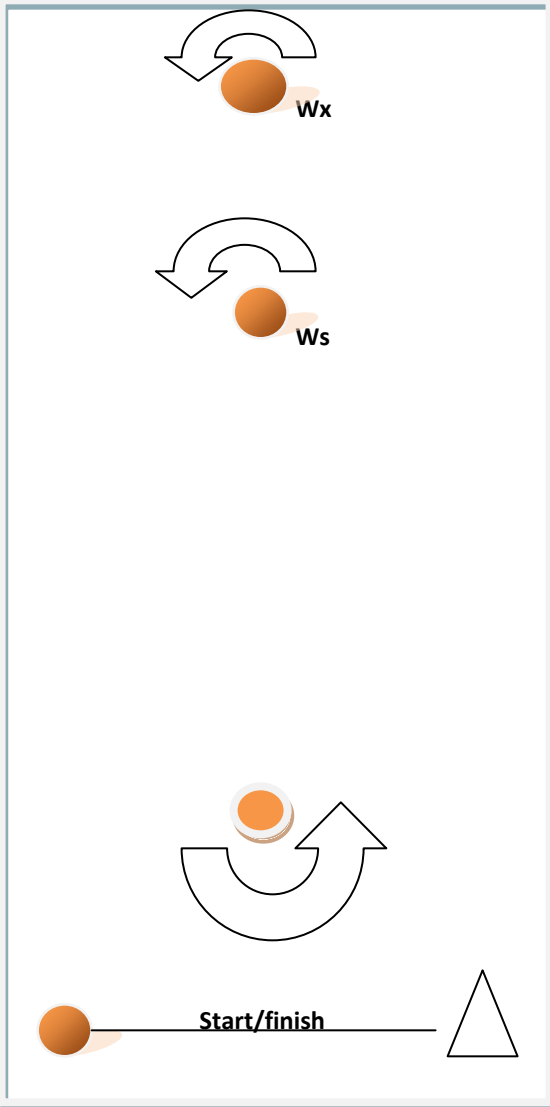
18- Disclaimer of Liability- Competitors participates in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4- Decision to Race. The Organizing authority will not accept any liability for property damage, personal injury, bodily injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

End of Sailing Instructions



Attachment B

Windward/Leeward Course



Triangle Course

