



2014

**Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club
Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions**

Starting Sequence

Skippers Meeting:

Approximately 10:00 AM via VHF Radio Channel 72
Course information posted on Committee Boat prior to start

First Race:

MD and JAM fleet warning signal at approximately 1100
Buoy fleet start will be 5 minutes after the MD/JAM fleet start

Succeeding Races:

Warning signal for buoy fleet only will be approximately 20 minutes after conclusion of
previous race

Notes

Times shown are examples of standard times; see schedule for actual Warning times

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1.0 Rules

- 1.1** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the PHRF class (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions, or by the local fleet and filed with the Race Committee Chair prior to the beginning of racing) and these sailing instructions. Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC) races are a category B event. All advertising must be submitted in writing to the WYC board of directors at a regular board meeting for approval, which approval, if given, must be in writing to the boat owner before the boat can display any advertising.

2.0 Entries

- 2.1** Eligible boats for the AIS series may be entered by completing registration with the WYC, the appropriate fleet, and paying all required fees. Guest racers must register on line, or by contacting the registration officer on page 1, and pay the appropriate fee.
- 2.2** AIS Eligible boats are required to have a "Full" or "Skipper" member of WYC on board for each race. This changes Rule 46 and RRS75.1.
- 2.2.1** Instruction 2.2 to the contrary notwithstanding, a boat may substitute a paid WYC Crew Member for the required Full or Skipper Member in up to three races per season, provided that the prior notice of the substitution is given to the Fleet Captain.
- 2.2.2** Each paid WYC Crew Member may substitute for a Full or Skipper Member on board no more than three times per season.
- 2.3** Eligibility requirements for boats are:
- 2.3.1** Each shall be a member of PHRF or other class as the WYC may recognize.
- 2.3.2** All boats shall carry adequate liability insurance, and provide proof of this insurance upon request.
- 2.3.3** All boats shall have required safety gear, proper government registration, display licenses, numbers etc. as required by law, and comply with the US Sailing Nearshore Equipment Requirements as published by US Sailing and modified by The Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club. (Copies are available on www.wyc/ais)

- 2.3.4** From the time the boat sails near the racing area prior to racing, and while racing, and until a boat leaves the racing area after racing, transom mounted engines shall be stowed aboard or left mounted with the shaft in the vertical position.
- 2.3.5** All boats shall have a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, or a facsimile that gives the same information.
- 2.3.6** Any boat using a borrowed sail shall report the proper sail number to the Committee Boat both prior to starting and after finishing each race where a borrowed sail is used.
- 2.3.7** Apostle Islands boats (AIS) shall hold a valid and current PHRF rating as issued by the Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF) organization. It is the burden of each owner to convey this certificate to the Race Committee prior to racing. In absence of a current and valid rating certificate, temporary ratings may be assigned by the Race Committee and such a rating will be arbitrary and punitive. Temporary ratings are not appealable, and shall govern all races until a valid and current LMPHRF certificate is issued to the race committee.
- 2.3.8** Mid Distance (MD) class can include spinnakers at the skippers discretion. Jib And Main (JAM) Class will be non-spinnaker only.
- 2.3.9** Autopilots are allowed in the MD and JAM fleets only when no other boat is within 10 of her boat lengths and only to allow the skipper to assist with sail handling or other maneuvers that require they be away from the helm to accomplish.

3.0 Notice to Competitors

- 3.1** Official notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located at the Dock Office of the Apostle Islands Marina.

4.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 4.1** Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the notice board two hours prior to the first race of the day or shall be announced by the race committee on VHF 72 prior to the warning signal of a race per RRS89.2
- 4.2** There will be an unofficial announcement by the Race Committee in channel 72 at 10:00 am of each race day (except Race Week) with the general information on that day's race(s) location and other social type events.

5.0 Signals

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed by the committee boat.
 - 5.1.1** Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means; the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made in less than one hour after the "AP" is lowered.
 - 5.1.2** Flag "N" over "C" means: Scheduled races are canceled
- 5.2** Special signals in the racing area:
 - 5.2.1** Flag "N" over "C" means: Scheduled races are canceled.
 - 5.2.2** Flag "S" is the "Shortened Course" Signal. When made:
 - A) At the starting line: The Time limit has been changed to 2.5 hours for all classes and a course with shorter than normal legs has been set. No sound signal.
 - B) At a mark when the Committee Boat is displaying a blue flag: Some or all of the classes not expecting to finish on this leg are finishing between the mark and the Committee Boat. Listen for a vocal hail of affected classes and course. Repeat sound signals.
 - C) At any other time: Course has been shortened. Listen for a vocal hail of affected classes and course. Repeated sound signals.

6.0 Schedule of Races

- 6.1** Races are scheduled as shown in "The Schedule of Races" attached.
- 6.2** Medium distance and JAM fleets will sail one race each day
- 6.3** Up to 3 buoy races may be sailed on a race day that precedes another race day. Last warning signal will not be made after 1500.
- 6.4** Up to 2 buoy races may be sailed on a race day that does not precede another race day. The last warning signal will not be made after 1400.
- 6.5** The sailing of subsequent races will be announced by the Race Committee on VHF 72.
- 6.6** The schedule of races for Bayfield Race Week shall be according to Bayfield Race Week Sailing Instructions.

7.0 Class Flags

7.1 None

8.0 Racing Areas

8.1 The racing area will be in and around the Apostle Islands.

9.0 The Course(S)

9.1 The diagram in illustration "B" attached shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. In buoy course racing, Mark 1 will be approximately 1 to 3 miles from Mark 3.

9.2 Courses will be designated on a display board on the Committee Boat for each class by letter and number. Courses will be made up of combinations of "T" for triangle, "W" for windward/leeward and/or "O" for Olympic which make up the elements of a complete course (see Illustration B). If no number follows the letter, sail that element one time. If a number follows a letter, sail that element of the course that many times.

9.3 The approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed from the Committee Boat.

9.4 The course for the Medium Distance and JAM fleet will be announced by the race committee on VHF 72 and posted on the display board

10.0 Marks

10.1 Marks will normally be red or orange spheres, though white or green may be used. The Starting Mark will be the same as Mark 3. An offset mark smaller than Mark 1 may be used near Mark 1 and is a Mark of the Course to passed after and on the same side as Mark 1.

10.2 All boats shall obey all navigational buoys while racing, except if the navigation buoy is a mark of the course, when such navigation buoy may be rounded pursuant to the Race Instructions.

11.0 The Start

11.1 Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Yellow	10
Preparatory	Blue	5
Start	Red	0

This changes Rule 26. The preparatory signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal of the preceding class.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat and Mark 3 (or the special starting mark described in Instruction 10.1). Rule 27.2 is changed to allow the PRO to adjust the starting line at any time.

11.3 Recalls will be signaled as follows:

11.3.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1 with one sound signal sounded for each boat recalled. Every attempt will be made to vocally and by VHF radio on channel 72, hail each boat being recalled. This changes Rule 29.1. A boat that does not respond to her individual recall shall be scored OCS (on the course side).

11.3.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Two sound signals will be made upon signaling. There will be no sound signal upon lowering. The Class recalled shall always go to the end of the starting order and start 5 minutes after the last Class started. "First Substitute" will be flown no more than 2 minutes after the start signal. This changes Rule 29.2.

12.0 Cancellation

12.1 Races will be canceled or postponed when the 5-minute mean wind speed exceeds 24 knots or wind gusts exceed 30 knots as determined by the race judge. If this condition exists 1 hour before the start, signals will be made ashore. If this condition develops less than one hour prior to the start, signals will be made by the committee boat.

12.2 Should the 5-minute mean wind speed exceed 20 knots but not 24 knots the race judge will change the course to a random course. Racers, who hold a valid and current LMPHRF certificate, may radio the race judge and announce their intention to race without spinnakers. The Race judge will notify the scorer after the race so that the appropriate rating is used.

13.0 Change of Course After the Start

13.1 A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13.2 The Race Committee will not display the minus (-) sign or the plus (+) sign described in Rule 33. This changes Rule 33.

14.0 The Finish

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the nearby mark of the course.

14.2 Bayfield City Dock Finish Lines: When Bayfield City Dock is used as one mark of the finish line, the other end will be a mark approximately 200 feet from the end of the pier in a line projected by extending Rittenhouse Avenue through the end of the pier. In the absence of a second mark in the water, all yachts will finish within approximately 200 feet of the pier along the line specified above.

14.3 Bayfield Fishing Dock Finish Line: When Bayfield Fishing Dock is used as one mark of the finish line, the other end will be a mark approximately 200 feet from the end of the pier, and in a line projected perpendicular to the dock. In absence of a second mark in the water, all boats shall finish approximately 200 feet off the dock along the line specified above

15.0 Time Limit

15.1 The time limit for buoy races will be three hours. Distance or point-to-point races shall have a time limit of 4 hours.

16.0 Protests

16.1 Rule 61.1 (a) is changed to add that a boat intending to protest shall, as soon as possible after finishing or retiring, inform the finish line Race Committee Boat of her intent to protest and the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested. Except in cases where damage or medical emergency forces a boat to retire, a protest is invalid when this requirement is not met and the Protest Committee shall refuse to hear the protest under rule 63.5.

16.2 Protests shall be written on US Sailing protest forms. Lacking a proper protest form, a protesting boat shall provide in writing the information required under Rule 61.2. Protests shall be submitted to the AIS Race Judge or AIS Fleet Captain.

16.3 Time limit for filing protests shall be one hour after the docking of the RC Boat after the last race of the day. This Instruction applies regardless of the hearing schedule.

16.4 Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be scheduled for the day the protests were received and in the order the protests were received. In unusual circumstances and with sufficient notice, the Protest Committee may schedule a hearing for a different day, time or order.

16.5 Notices of hearings shall be posted on the official AIS Notice Board in Bayfield. Notices of hearings may also be posted on the WYC Internet Site at www.wyc.org/ais. Internet postings, if any, are informational only.

- 16.6** Postponement of a hearing by a party: a party to a protest may request postponement of a hearing for any reason by contacting the Fleet Captain (listed on the front page of these instructions). Only one postponement by a party will be permitted. Instruction 16.10 will thereafter apply
- 16.7** Withdrawal of a Protest: when desiring to withdraw a protest already filed, the protesting party shall first contact the other party(s) to the protest to seek agreement, then shall contact the AIS Race Judge or AIS Fleet Captain. The Race Judge or Fleet Captain then may elect to approve the request to withdraw in accordance with Rule 63.1.
- 16.8** Failure to appear: if a party to the hearing does not come to the hearing, the Protest Committee may nevertheless decide the protest in the absence of the party in accordance with Rule 63.3(b).
- 16.9** Ratings Protest: if a party wishes to protest their rating or the rating of a competitor, the protest form must be submitted to LM-PHRF prior the first race of a series. Any decision of LM-PHRF shall be final.

17.0 Scoring

- 17.1** The low point scoring system, Rule A4 will apply. There are no throw outs.

18.0 Haul out Restrictions

- 18.1** None

19.0 Communications

- 19.1** Boats may communicate with the Race Committee via VHF radio on Channel 72, but all such communications shall be non-binding and unofficial. Visual signals shall prevail.

20.0 Prizes

- 20.1** Trophy prizes will be awarded for each Series and Cup Race based on the average number of racers in each. Average is mathematical with .5 rounded up and .49 rounded down. One prize for a 4 or fewer average number of racers; two prizes for 5 or 6; three prizes for 7 through 11; four prizes for 12 through 15; or five prizes for 16 or more average number of racers.
- 20.2** Participation prizes will be awarded to each boat that earns a trophy, or that finishes any 15 races.
- 20.3** Additional places may be awarded at the discretion of the Trophy Chairman and budget.

21.0 Single/Double Handed Race

21.1 Life Jackets are mandatory throughout the race.

21.2 No spinnakers for the single handed race

21.3 Auto pilots are allowed.

2014 AIS Sailing Schedule

(All AIS morning starts 1100 unless noted otherwise)

Medium Distance and JAM fleets will sail one race per day for all races

Spring Series 5 Races

May 24	2 Races
May 25	2 Races
May 26	1 Race – Optional 2 nd race weather and time permitting

Summer Series 10 Races

June 28	1 Race	Around the Islands Race 1000 Start
June 30	2 Races*	
July 01	2 Races*	
July 02	2 Races*	
July 03	2 Races*	
July 04	1 Race	

* Racing schedule and number of races TBD by Race Week Committee

Fall Series 5 Races

August 30	1 Race	Bill Hulings Around Madeline Race – 1030 start
August 31	2 Races	
September 01	2 Races	

Single/double handed race

September 13	Double handed is combined with Dobson Cup for Frostbite Series
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Dobson Cup 2 Races

September 20	Race to Saxon (Depth Permitting)
September 21	Race from Saxon to Bayfield

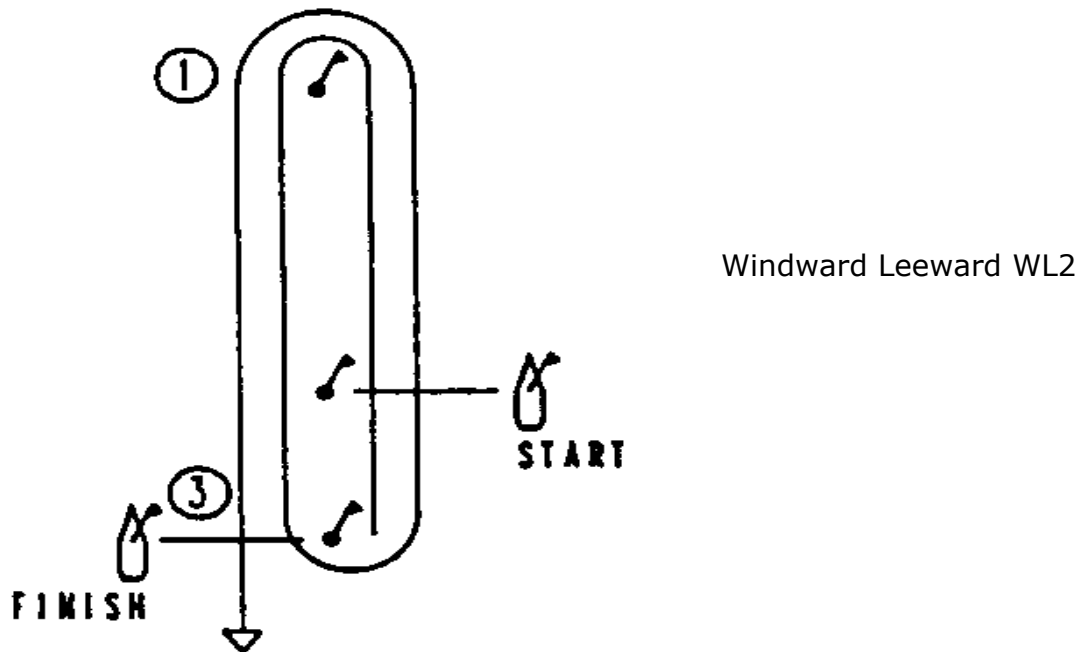
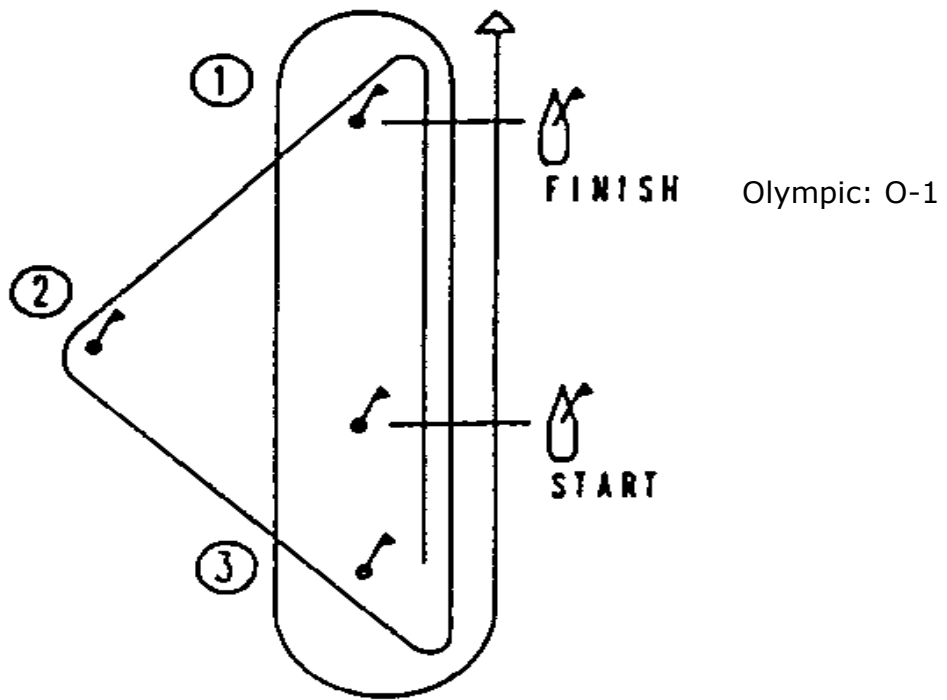
Offshore Series – 1000 CDT start except as noted

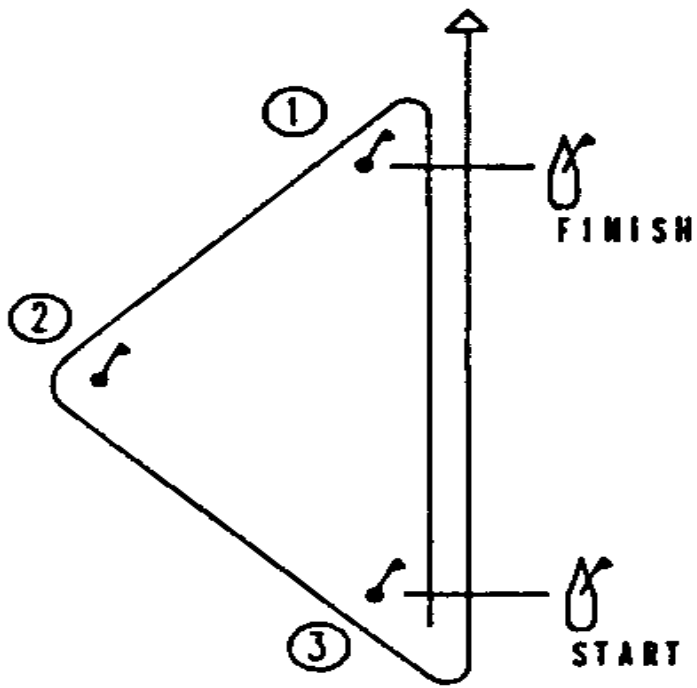
June 21	Duluth to Bayfield
June 28	Around the Islands
July 19	Silver Bay Scramble
August 02	Thunder Bay International PHRF Regatta
August 04	International Race – Thunder Bay to Houghton
August 07	Houghton to Bayfield
August 09	Bayfield Medium Distance

Other Events

June 22	Safety at Sea Seminar – Pike Bay Marina
July 12	Port Huron to Mackinac
July 19	Chicago to Mackinac
July 26	Harbor Springs

Illustration B – Sample Courses





Triangle T1 1/3