



Muskegon Yacht Club 2020

Wednesday Night Race Season

[Notice of Race, Special Conditions & Seasonal Scoring Appendix Notice](#)

Changes/Additions for 2020 are shown in Italic.

Rules

The sailing and management of all races will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing.”

Yacht Ownership and Eligibility

Each yacht shall be owned and skippered by a member of MYC. With approval of the Fleet Captain, yachts from other clubs may be invited to participate in individual races or regattas. Such visiting yachts are eligible to win trophies or flags for an individual race or regatta, but not for a series of races. Entry fees will be the same for visiting yachts as for MYC yachts.

Fees

Race Fleet Entry fee as follows:

- *Full Wednesday Night Season from 6 May 2020 through 14 October 2020 (includes three (3) weekend events: MYC Commodore’ Cup, MYC Nedeau Cup and MYC Governor’s Cup) is a Season Race Fee of \$250.00 for MYC members and \$500 for nonmembers.*
- *Those not paying the Season Race Fee of \$250 may pay an Individual Race Day Fee of \$50 per race. “Racing” is defined as being in the starting area after the first warning has been sounded. Any vessels meeting this definition of “Racing” who have not paid the Season Fee of \$250 will have \$50 charged to their MYC Member account under the approval of MYC’s RC.*
- *Those not paying the Season Race Fee of \$250 may pay a weekend regatta Individual Race Day Fee of \$100.00 for a two-day weekend regatta or \$50 if one day weekend regatta. This applies only to those three (3) regattas noted in the first paragraph above. All other regatta’s fee will be required as shown in that specific regatta’s NOR.*
- *Those weekend regattas NOT included in the Full Wednesday Night Season Race Fee of \$250 are: GRSC/MYC Commodore’s Invitational, Whitehall/White Lake Race, Harbor Hospice and Clipper Cup. For these and all other regatta’s, see their NOR for entry fees.*

Applications and race documents can be found on Yachtscoring.com. Each owner/skipper will be required to submit a current PHRF Certificate and Proof of Liability Insurance of at least \$300,000. Payment can be made online through PayPal, club charge, or a check can be mailed to MYC.

Race Schedule

Race schedule will be created by the Race Committee. Schedule will include dates, starting times and in the case of series, the number of throw outs if applicable.

Measurements

Each boat shall produce a current Lake Michigan PHRF measurement certificate.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available prior to the first scheduled race. These will be available from MYC Race Committee and online at, www.Yachtscoring.com as well as on the MYC website www.muskegonyachtclub.org

Course

Courses will be set in Muskegon Lake unless indicated in the race schedule. A series with their own race instructions may use Lake Michigan if indicated in the sailing instructions. The Race Committee boat will plan to leave the dock approximately 30 minutes prior to a Muskegon Lake start and approximately 60 minutes prior to a Lake Michigan start and will signal their leaving by sounding one horn blast.

Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. Courtesy broadcasts from the Race Committee will be on channel 73. *For the 2020 season, RC will begin monitoring Channel 73 at least 60 minutes prior to the first warning signal. RC will also offer courtesy weather updates and RC intentions during that time period. RC will also accept general questions during that time via radio transmission. This information is provided as a courtesy. Any errors or omissions of these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded each Wed night for individual races. Series awards will be distributed at the awards dinner noted on the race schedule.

Scoring

Individual race scoring will be under LMPHRF handicap scoring. For Series Scoring, see Seasonal Scoring Appendix (attached).

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any racing.

Insurance

Each yacht shall provide proof of watercraft liability with coverage of at least \$300,000. This must be submitted with your Yacht Identification Form and payment.

Further Information

For further information contact MYC Race Committee at race.myc@muskegonyachtclub.org

Special Conditions

Jib and Main rules

For the Jib and Main (non-spinnaker) races, no more than one headsail may be flown at one time, and it may not be set flying. When yachts with head foil type fore stays change the jib during a race, they must do so as though the sail was hanked on. That is, the first sail must be completely lowered before the second is raised. The same halyard must be used for both sails. Spinnaker/whisker poles may be no longer than the "J" measurement. Poles must be attached or held to the mast during use and may be carried only the side opposite the boom.

Lake Michigan Destination and Return Races

When there is no turning mark at the halfway point of a destination and return race, yachts shall turn to seaward within 100 yards of a pier or the shore if the reference point is a landmark.

Change of Ownership

The changing of yachts by an owner/skipper in mid-series shall be permitted only if the change represents a permanent change from one yacht to another. At such times, the scores of both yachts may be used towards series totals except in cases where the new yacht is in a different division or class.

Handicap Ratings

Each yacht must have a current Lake Michigan PHRF Certificate. Each skipper will provide a copy of the PHRF Certificate when submitting the Yacht Identification Form, Proof of Insurance and payment. In the event a skipper is unable to obtain a rating through no fault of their own, or only wish to race in one race during the season, they may be allowed to race with an assigned rating upon the approval of the MYC Race Committee. The assigned handicap will carry a 6 second per mile penalty. Yachts using such assigned rating will be eligible to win trophies/flags for an individual race, but not for a series. Once an assigned rating yacht receives a current rating, her finishes in previous races will be recalculated, but she need not forfeit any trophies/flags already awarded. The Race Committee may wave the 6 second per mile penalty for yachts which do not normally race in MYC PHRF events.

Government Marks

Government Marks are to be passed on the USCG correct side. The exception to this rule will be the Muskegon Lake green mark USCG #3 (MYC RC #9), which may be passed on either side per the SI's unless MYC RC #9 is designated as a race mark. In this case, it is to be taken in the same manner as all other race marks.

Multiple Starts

In any multiple division single race, the starting order of the classes will be determined by the Race Committee and will be signaled by the appropriate class flag displayed during the start sequence.

Non-Racing Vessels

Racing yachts shall observe the Great Lakes Rules of the Road which require avoidance of commercial vessels underway.

Seasonal Scoring Appendix

Wednesday Night Racing Series Scoring:

Season scoring will be based on individual "high point" overall scoring of the best twenty (20) Wednesday night finishes of the total twenty-four (24) scheduled from 6 May 2020 through 14 October 2020. The fleet will obtain one (1) throw-out race for every six (6) races scored. For example, if nineteen (19) races are scored, then the fleet will receive three (3) throw-outs which can be applied to the nineteen (19) races scored. If the twenty-fourth (24) race is scored, the fleet will receive a fourth (4th) throw-out. The class winners and overall winner of the Wednesday Night Racing Series will be the boat(s) with the highest amount of points after the allowable throw-outs. One (1) race sailed shall constitute the summer series.

Wednesday Night Sponsor Series Scoring:

There will be four (4) separate Wednesday Night Sponsor Series. These races will be the first six (6) Wednesday nights followed by the following six (6), the next six (6) and the last six (6) Wednesday nights. Each Sponsor Series will be scored independent of the overall Wednesday Night Racing Series. If six (6) races are scored, each boat will receive one (1) throw-out. If less than six (6) races per series are scored, there shall be no throw-out. The class winners and overall winner of each Sponsor Series will be boat(s) with the highest amount of points after the allowable throw-out. One (1) race scored shall constitute a series.

Blacklock Cup Trophy Scoring:

The Blacklock Cup will be awarded for the Best Overall High Point score for the combined MYC Commodores Cup, MYC Nedeau Cup, GRSC/MYC Commodores Invitational, and MYC Governor's Cup. There will not be a throw-out available for the Blacklock Cup Scoring.

Spring & Fall Challenge Scoring:

The Spring and Fall Challenge will continue to each be awarded as single events. In addition, they will count towards the Wednesday Night Racing Series and they will count towards the one (1) of two (2) of the Sponsor Series that they will fall in on the race schedule, unless either are abandoned.

Nedeau Cup:

The 2020 Nedeau Cup will be awarded to the Overall Winner of the Nedeau Cup Regatta scheduled for 4 July 2020. It is the intent of MYC RC to set the course for this event on Lake Michigan.

Boat of the Year Scoring:

The 2020 Boat of the Year Scoring is yet to be decided by the MYC Race and Regatta Committee members. The final decision for this award will be determined prior to the warning signal of the first race and it will be posted as an Amendment to this NOR.

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