



Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC)
Apostle Islands Station (AIS)
2015 Notice of Race (NOR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races specified in attached Addendum #2, “2015 AIS Sailing Schedule”, will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), except as changed by this NOR or the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. Each boat must conform to the Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF) rules and regulations (and its 2015 rating certificate) except as modified by this NOR or SIs.
- 1.3. Each boat must also comply with the following documents:
 - 1.3.1. The 2015 U.S. Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements, as modified by AIS, which can be found at www.wyc.org/ais
 - 1.3.2. All U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations. Failure to follow this *Rule* may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS *Rule* 60.1(a). Violation of this *Rule* may be subject to a lesser penalty, or no penalty, at discretion of the PC. This changes RRS *Rule* 64.1.
- 1.4. **Life Jackets.**
 - 1.4.1. At the *Start* and *Finish* of each race, each person on board each boat is required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) as specified in the 2015 WYC AIS Near Shore Safety Equipment Requirements document. The use of an ISO-approved PFD does not negate the USCG requirement that each vessel must have at least one (1) USCG-approved Type III or V life jacket for each person on board. This changes RRS 40.
 - 1.4.2. In any event, each person on board each boat with 2 or less persons must wear life jackets at all times. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.5. While this NOR and associated SIs will not apply to Bayfield Race Week and Around the Islands Race (which will be conducted pursuant to separate notices of race and sailing instructions), this NOR includes Bayfield Race Week and Arounds the Islands Race for the sole purpose of incorporating them into the summer series and overall season scoring.

2. ADVERTISING.

- 2.1. No competitors or boats may display paid-advertising or be sponsored unless pre-approved in writing by the Organizing Authority (OA).

3. ENTRIES / ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The races are open to boats that meet all of the following requirements:
 - 3.1.1. All boats must be seaworthy and self-righting sailboats 20 feet in length or greater,
 - 3.1.2. All eligible boats must enter by delivering a completed entry form via online (e.g., YachtScoring.com or other AIS-designated website) or by handing to OA prior to radio call of first race of day,
 - 3.1.3. OA must receive timely payment of all required fees,
 - 3.1.4. All entries must be received, acknowledged and accepted by OA prior to the radio call skippers meeting 90 minutes prior to scheduled warning signal on Channel 72,



3.1.5. As a condition of eligibility, participants, for themselves and on behalf of their children and minors, may be required to sign a waiver of liability as part of registration or upon request.

3.2. To be eligible for end of season WYC prizes, skipper must be a registered and paid FULL or Skipper member of WYC (including membership dues and membership certificate fee, as applicable) and must be a registered and paid member of AIS Fleet, excluding payment of dues waived by AIS-Fleet vote or policy.

3.3. Jib And Main (JAM) Fleet. To be eligible to compete in the JAM Fleet, boats are limited to jib and main only.

3.4. Minimum Number of Crew & Use of Autopilot.

3.4.1. *Mid-Distance (MD) and JAM Fleets:* Excluding the Single/Double-Handed Race, the minimum number of crew is 2 (skipper +1). Autopilots and power winches may be used in MD and JAM Fleets.

3.4.2. *Buoy Fleet:* Excluding the Single/Double-Handed Race, the minimum number of crew is 3 (skipper +2), except boats 24 feet and under may be sailed by 2 persons (skipper +1). In any event, autopilots and power winches may NOT be used in Buoy Fleet.

3.4.3. *Single/Double-Handed Race.* All boats may use autopilots and power winches for the Single/Double-Handed Race.

4. FEES

4.1. Required non-refundable fees are specified in attached Addendum #1.

4.2. Fees must be received and acknowledged by the OA prior to *Racing* for entry to be scored.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. See attached Addendum #2 - AIS Sailing Schedule.

5.2. OA will hold a Skipper's Meeting via radio call on Channel 72 approx. 90 minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal on each day.

5.3. Social Events

5.3.1. Unless otherwise announced, social events are scheduled to be held at the Bayfield Inn at approx. 1730. All participants are welcome!

5.4. MD and JAM Fleets.

5.4.1. MD and JAM Fleets are scheduled to sail one race per day.

5.4.2. In accordance with RRS and at sole discretion of RC, a race may be shortened to attempt to obtain a completed race for each day.

5.4.3. At discretion of RC, course may involve dropped *marks* or stationary buoys in attempt to obtain desired course angles and lengths.

5.5. Buoy Fleet.

5.5.1. Up to 3 buoy races may be sailed on a race day that precedes another race day, with last warning signal not made after 1500.

5.5.2. Up to 2 buoy races may be sailed on a race day that does not precede another race day, with last warning signal not made after 1400.



6. **MEASUREMENTS.**
 - 6.1. Each boat must produce a valid LMPHRF rating certificate to OA prior to first race of a Series. However, if a boat does not present a valid LMPHRF rating certificate prior to first race, OA, at its sole discretion, will assign a handicap for the boat subject to the following:
 - 6.1.1. Assigned handicap may be changed by the OA prior to *each Series*; and
 - 6.1.2. Valid LMPHRF rating certificate will not be retroactive, but rather take effect for subsequent Series conducted after receipt of valid LMPHRF rating certificate by OA.
 - 6.2. NOR #6 changes RRS *Rule 78.2*. Assigned handicap rating will not be subject to *protest* or request for redress by (i) a boat assigned a handicap; or (ii) by any other boat. This changes RRS *Rule 60.1*.
7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** 2015 Sailing Instructions and 2015 WYC AIS Near Shore Safety Equipment Requirements documents will be made available online at www.wyc.org/ais prior to first race of the season.
8. **VENUE AND COURSES.** *Racing* may be held anywhere in, near or around the Apostle Islands (including without limitation Madeline Island), except “Silver Bay Scramble” will start in or near Apostle Islands and race to Silver Bay. Courses will be described in the SIs.
9. **SCORING.** Scoring will be by the low point system per RRS Appendix A4. There will be **no throw-outs**.
10. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS.** There are no haul-out restrictions.
11. **RADIO COMMUNICATION.**
 - 11.1. Except in a emergency, a boat will neither make radio transmissions while *Racing* nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, tablets, computers and similar devices.
 - 11.2. Boats are reminded of their obligation to maintain a radio watch on VHF Channel 16 to be compliant with USCG regulations.
12. **PRIZES.** Prizes will be specified in the SIs.
13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVER AND RELEASE**
 - 13.1. **Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, personal injury, permanent disability and death. Each person (including without limitation owner, skipper, crew, spectators, officials and others) participates in each race, social event and/or associated activities entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS *Rule 4*, “Decision to Race”.**
 - 13.2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE, SOCIAL EVENT AND/OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES) (COLLECTIVELY, “RACE ORGANIZERS”) WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM OR SUIT (COLLECTIVELY, “CLAIMS”) OR LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY WHATSOEVER (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, “DAMAGES”) TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT WHETHER CAUSED BY, ARISING OR RESULTING FROM THEIR ACT, ERROR, OMISSION OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT, WEATHER OR SEA**



CONDITIONS, HAZARDS OF ANY KIND, DEFECTS OR FAILURE OF BOATS TO BE SEAWORTHY IN HULL, RIGGING OR GEAR, OR ANY ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT OF RACE ORGANIZERS OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS OR BOATS WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RACE, REGATTA, EVENT, CRUISE, SPECTACLE, SOCIAL EVENT, RACE FACILITIES OR ANY ACTIVITY SCHEDULED, SPONSORED OR AIDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY RACE ORGANIZER(S), TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

- 13.3. **By participating, each participant (and in the case of children and minors, each participant’s parent or guardian) forever waives, discharges and releases any and all CLAIMS whatsoever against Race Organizers for any DAMAGES to any person, property or boat (i) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after each race, social event and associated activities; or (ii) arising, relating or resulting from use of race facilities or participation in any race, social event or associated activities, to the fullest extent permitted by law.**
- 13.4. **Participant releases all Race Organizers from any Claim on account of giving assistance, aid, care, advice, rescue, first aid, treatment or services.**
- 13.5. **Owners and skippers of all participating boats are required to inform all crewmembers of this Disclaimer of Liability and Release as a Condition of Entry.**
- 14. **INSURANCE.** All boats must maintain Liability Insurance in full force and effect during *Racing* which will include a General Liability policy written by a reputable insurance company insuring the owner and any operators against liability for bodily injury in limits of not less than \$300,000 and for property damage of not less than \$100,000. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA’s request.
- 15. **PUBLICITY AND PHOTOGRAPHER’S RIGHTS.** As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children and minors) grants OA, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant’s name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertising, promotions, sales of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.
- 16. **AMENDMENTS.** OA may amend this NOR at any time upon posting at bulletin board at the Apostle Islands Marina and online (via YachtScoring.com or AIS Web page).
- 17. **FURTHER INFORMATION.** Organizing Authority (OA) and host club is the Apostle Islands Station of the Wayzata Yacht Club. For further information, contact AIS Fleet Captain, David Crum, by emailing ais@Q-iii.com or calling 612-804-2390.



Addendum #1
Racing Fees

Racing Events	Date(s)	WYC & AIS Member	Non WYC & AIS Member
Memorial Day Races	5/23-25 2015	N/A	\$150 - Weekend \$50 - Daily
Around The Islands Race	6/27/2015	N/A	\$50
Bayfield Race Week	6/29 - 7/3/2015	N/A	\$175 - MD/JAM \$300 - Buoy \$25 discount for US Sailing members
Hulings Around Madeline Race	9/5/2015	N/A	\$50
Labor Day Races, Including Hulings Around Madeline Race	9/5 - 9/7/2015	N/A	\$150 - Weekend \$50 - Daily
Single / Double-Handed Race *	9/12/2015	N/A	\$30
Silver Bay Scramble *	8/22/2015	N/A	\$35
Dobson Regatta	9/26 - 9/27/2015	N/A	\$100 - Weekend \$50 - Daily

WYC Membership, AIS Fleet, LMPHRF and dock fees are additional.

- WYC annual membership is \$440 and AIS annual fleet dues of \$300 are required to be paid prior to racing to be considered an entrant to qualify for season WYC trophies.
- In the year a member joins the WYC as a FULL member, a Membership Certificate of \$400 is required. When a member joins the AIS fleet in the same year as becoming a FULL member of WYC, the AIS fleet dues are waived for that year.
- US Sailing membership <http://www.ussailing.org/membership/> is required to obtain a LMPHRF measurement certificate <http://lmphrf.org/MoHull.pdf/>. AIS Fleet encourages all skippers and crew become US Sailing members.

* Single/Double handed race and the Silver Bay Scramble are not part of the AIS season championship for the Buoy Racing fleet. Single/Double handed race is part of the MD and JAM fleet season championship.



Addendum #2 2015 AIS Sailing Schedule

Date	Warning Signal	Series	Scheduled Races		Comments
			MD/JAM Fleet	Buoy Fleet	
May 23	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
May 24	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
May 25	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
June 27	1000	Summer Series	1	1	Around the Islands Race
June 29	A	Summer Series	A	A	Bayfield Race Week
June 30	A	Summer Series	A	A	Bayfield Race Week
July 1	A	Summer Series	A	A	Bayfield Race Week
July 2	A	Summer Series	A	A	Bayfield Race Week
July 3	A	Summer Series	A	A	Bayfield Race Week
August 22	1000	Silver Bay Scramble	1	1	See Note B
September 5	1030	Fall Series Regatta	1	1	Bill Hulings Around Madeline Race
September 6	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
September 7	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
September 12	1100	Single/Double Handed Race	1	1	See Note B
September 26	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	
September 27	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	

Notes:

- A** Race schedule (e.g. start times and number of races) during Bayfield Race Week will be specified in Bayfield Race Week Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions
- B** **Championship Series. (No Throwouts)** For each AIS Fleet, Season Championship Series consist of the following:
1. MD/JAM Fleet: All races above excluding Silver Bay Scramble Race.
 2. Buoy Fleet: All races above excluding Silver Bay Scramble Race and Single/Double Handed Race.