



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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races 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. Except Organizing Authority (OA) approved one-design fleets, 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:
 - 1.3.1. 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.
 - 1.3.2. All boats over 22 feet must have a working motor. 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.
 - 1.3.3. For purposes of clarification, the 2015 WYC AIS Near Shore Safety Equipment Requirements are not required for Bayfield Race Week.
- 1.4. **Fleet Determinations.** OA will, at its discretion, determine number of fleets (including separate one-design fleet(s), if any, and separate starts) upon closing of registration.
- 1.5. **Life Jackets.**
 - 1.5.1. At the *Start* and *Finish* of each race, each person on board each boat is required to wear a USCG or ISO approved personal flotation device (PFD). 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.
 - 1.5.2. In any event, each person on board each boat with 2 persons must wear life jackets at all times. This changes RRS 40.

2. ADVERTISING. 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 <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1322> or by handing to OA no later than the end of the skippers meeting on June 29th, 2015.
 - 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 by the end of the skippers meeting on June 29, 2015 at the Bayfield Pavillion.

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

3.3. Minimum Number of Crew & Use of Autopilot.

3.3.1. *Mid-Distance (MD) and JAM Fleets:* The minimum number of crew is 2 (skipper +1). Autopilots and Power winches may be used in MD and JAM Fleets.

3.3.2. *Buoy Fleet:* 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.

4. FEES

4.1. Required fees are non-refundable

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

4.3. Fees are included with fleet dues for current WYC/AIS fleet members

4.4. Buoy Racing Class

4.4.1. US Sailing Members \$275

4.4.2. Non US Sailing Members \$300

4.4.3. Daily race fee will be \$75. You must register at the Pavilion during the evening social the day before you wish to race.

4.5. Mid-Distance & Jib.Main Class

4.5.1. US Sailing Members \$150

4.5.2. Non US Sailing Members \$175

4.5.3. Daily race fee will be \$45. You must register at the Pavilion during the evening social the day before you wish to race.

4.6. All entries received after June 15, 2015 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Buoy Racing Class

5.1.1. Registration will be Sunday June 28 2015 from 1600 - 1800 hours.

5.1.2. Skippers meeting will be held Monday June 29, 2015 at 0800 hours at the Pavillion. Attendance of all skippers is mandatory.

5.1.3. Up to 3 races are scheduled for Monday through Thursday. One race is scheduled for Friday; however, if 5 races have not been completed for any fleet by end of Thursday, two races may be held on Friday; however no original starting signal for a race may occur after 1430 hours on Friday. Races for any day may be buoy and/or medium-distance at discretion of RC. One race will constitute a regatta.

5.1.4. Courses - The courses will be buoy racing and/or medium distance racing (utilizing drop marks and/or stationary buoys) as described in the Sailing Instructions.

5.1.5. Starting times will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

5.2. Mid-Distance and JAM Class

5.2.1. Registration will be Sunday June 28, 2015 from 1600 - 1800 hours



- 5.2.2. Skippers meeting will be held Monday June 29, 2015 at 0800 hours at the Pavillion. Attendance of all skippers is mandatory.
- 5.2.3. One race per day is scheduled for each day. No original starting signal for a race may occur after 1430 hours. Course and distance will be determined by RC depending on conditions. One race will constitute a regatta.
- 5.2.4. Courses - At discretion of RC, course may involve dropped *marks* or stationary buoys in attempt to obtain desired course angles and lengths and will be described in the SIs.
- 5.2.5. 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.
- 5.2.6. Starting times will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3. OA will make **a radio call on Channel 72 with anticipated race location 90 minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal each day.**
- 5.4. **Social Events.** Open for all class participants every night. Details to be provided in registration packet.
- 6. **MEASUREMENTS.**
 - 6.1. Except OA-approved one-design fleets, each boat must produce a valid LMPHRF rating certificate to OA. However, if a PHRF-Fleet 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:
 - 6.2. 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.
 - 6.3. If OA approves a one-design fleet, all one-design fleet boats must be in compliance with their one design class rules.
- 7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** 2015 Bayfield Race Week Sailing Instructions will be available at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1322> The official Sailing Instructions will be supplied at the mandatory Skippers Meeting.
- 8. **VENUE AND COURSES.** Regatta Headquarters will be at the Bayfield City Pavilion at the end of Rittenhouse Avenue. *Racing* venue may be held anywhere in, near or around the Apostle Islands (including without limitation Madeline Island), 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. **BERTHING.** Dockage is available at the Bayfield city docks, at the end of Rittenhouse Avenue from 1600, June 30th, 2015 through the morning of July 3rd, 2015. This dockage is provided free of charge for visiting boats from outside the area only, by prior written permission of OA and **MUST** be requested on the entry application.
- 11. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS.** There are no haul-out restrictions.
- 12. **RADIO COMMUNICATION.**
 - 12.1. 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.
 - 12.2. Boats are reminded of their obligation to maintain a radio watch on VHF Channel 16 to be compliant with USCG regulations.
- 13. **PRIZES.** Prizes will be given as follows -

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- 13.1. Buoy Racing Class - 1st, 2nd and 3rd places *for each fleet*.
- 13.2. Mid-Distance Class - 1st, 2nd and 3rd places *for each fleet*.
- 13.3. JAM class - 1st, 2nd and 3rd places *for each fleet*.
- 14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVER AND RELEASE**
 - 14.1. **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”.**
 - 14.2. **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.**
 - 14.3. **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.**
 - 14.4. **Participant releases all Race Organizers from any Claim on account of giving assistance, aid, care, advice, rescue, first aid, treatment or services.**
 - 14.5. **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.**

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15. **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.
16. **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.
17. **AMENDMENTS.** OA may amend this NOR at any time upon posting at bulletin board at the Bayfield Pavillion or online via YachtScoring.com or AIS Web page.
18. **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. or Jim Vaudreuil by emailing jimv@huebsch-services.com or calling 715-835-1490 (Home) 715-855-6203 (Office)

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