

Anchorage Cup 2021

Sailing Instructions

September 11, 2021

Anchorage Marina



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Notice of Race and amendments thereto.
- 1.3. The Sailing Instructions and amendments thereto.
- 1.4. The rules of PHRF as administered by LMPHRF.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at the Grand Haven Municipal Marina Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:30 a.m. on the day of the race.

4. FLEETS

- 4.1. Concurrent races will be held for the following categories of yachts:
 - 4.1.1. Category I: Spinnaker Fleet up to 5 Divisions
 - 4.1.2. Category II: Jib and Main Fleet up to 2 Divisions
 - 4.1.3. Category III: Multihull

5. OFFICIAL TIME

- 5.1. GPS clock time will be the official time.

6. CHECK IN ON THE WATER

- 6.1. All boats should pass within hailing distance of the Start vessel and identify themselves
- 6.2. Please give yourself enough time to check in and avoid conflicts with boats in their start sequence.

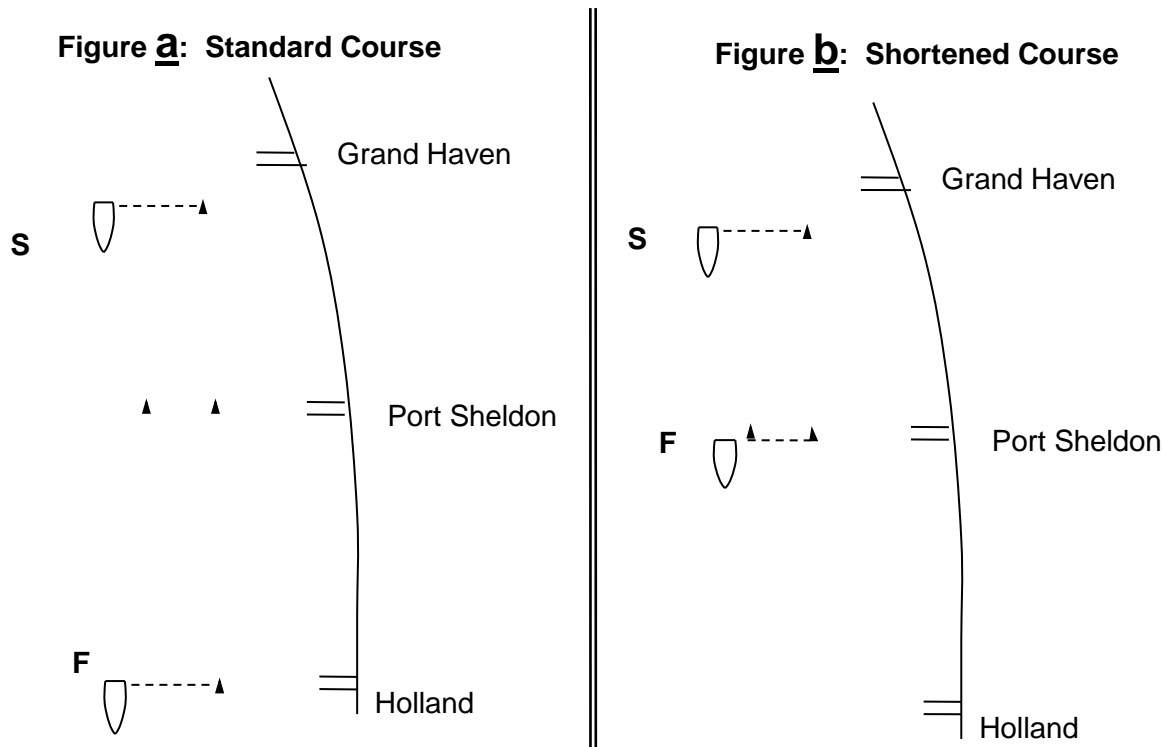
7. STARTING SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The first warning for Jib and Main division will be at 11:30 a.m.
- 7.2. Spinnaker divisions will follow per the published schedule.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The course for all divisions will start along an east-west line approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the Grand Haven channel pier head, and finish at an east-west line approximately 1.5 miles west of the North Holland channel pier head.
- 8.2. A gate consisting of two inflatable marks will be located approximately 1.5 miles west of the Port Sheldon channel.
- 8.3. All boats must pass between the two gate marks.
- 8.4. Reference figure **a**, for standard course.

- 8.5. The race committee may elect to shorten the race; if so, the finish line will be located at the gate, and will be signaled by flying the “S” flag (shorten course flag) from the committee vessel at the gate.
- 8.6. Reference figure **b**, for shortened course. If no finish line is set at Port Sheldon, the race will finish at Holland.



9. MARKS

- 9.1. A variety of inflatable marks will be used. There is no significance to the shape or color of any mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying the blue Race Committee flag on the committee vessel and an inflatable mark.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1.
- 11.2. General recalls will be in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2.
- 11.3. Starts for succeeding classes shall follow the new start.
- 11.4. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying the blue Race Committee flag on the committee vessel, and an inflatable mark.
- 12.2. If no committee vessel is on station, boats shall take their own time as they pass the North Holland Channel pier head light and are in line with the North inner harbor pier head light.
- 12.3. Boats must pass within .5 miles of the pier head.

13. FINISH TIMES

- 13.1. All boats must record their own finish time and note the boat finishing ahead and behind.
- 13.2. Deposit finish reports in the Red Finish Report box at the Anchorage Marina (1800 Ottawa Beach Road east side lawn) within 90 minutes of your finish time.
- 13.3. Boats may also take a photo of the finish report and text it to (616) 329-5486 within 90 minutes of your finish time.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The One Turn penalty RRS Rule 44.1 shall apply.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit shall be 5 hours if the finish is in Holland and 4 hours if the race is finished in Port Sheldon.
- 15.2. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored as DNF.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1. Protest forms will be available at the Anchorage Marina east side lawn.
- 16.2. Protests must be delivered to the Race Committee within 90 minutes of a boat's finish time.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes from the receipt of the protest form in the window of Anchorage Marina Office to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Decisions will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17. VARIATIONS FROM RRS

- 17.1. For Jib and Main, no spinnakers, cruising spinnakers, code 0, gennakers, staysails or the like will be allowed.
- 17.2. An exception is that staysails are allowed for cutter-rigged boats.
- 17.3. Spinnaker poles as described in RRS 55.2 are allowed; spinnaker poles, whisker poles and the like are allowed if attached to the mast and do not exceed the J dimension of the boat.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. A boat's finish time will be computed by subtracting her handicapped time allowance from her elapsed time. Finish times will be ranked from low to high.
- 18.2. Standard spinnaker LMPHRF time on distance handicap ratings will be used for spinnaker divisions. LMPHRF, NSHCP, Auxiliary Handicap will be used for Jib & Main division.
- 18.3. Intermediate times will be recorded at the gate at Port Sheldon even if the race is designated to finish in Holland.
- 18.4. If less than three (3) boats in a division do not finish the race to Holland within the specified time then the intermediate time taken at the Port Sheldon gate would be used to calculate corrected finish times for those boats not having completed the race within the time set. Boats so finished will be awarded the placement behind the boats that sailed the full course in accordance with the corrected time. This change also applies to overall scoring in each fleet.

18.5. This changes rule RRS 32.1 & RRS 32.2.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers from each division.

19.2. Awards will also be given to the top three boats in each fleet.

19.3. In the event that there is only one fleet in a division, prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

19.4. The Spinnaker Fleet Anchorage Cup will bear the name of the overall winner of the Spinnaker fleet and will be displayed permanently at Anchorage Marina Yacht Club.

19.5. The Jib and Main Fleet Anchorage Cup will bear the name of the overall winner of the Jib and Main Fleet and will be displayed permanently at Anchorage Marina Yacht Club.

20. SAFETY

20.1. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on channel 72. If that is not possible, please contact the Anchorage Cup Race Committee at (616) 813-3774.

21. COMMUNICATION

21.1. The Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts on channel 72.

21.2. Do not contact the race committee unless you are withdrawing from the race.

21.3. A boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.

22.2. 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 the regatta.