

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – BAYVIEW YACHT CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT BAND-AID SERIES, 2021 Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by rules as defined in the current “Racing Rules of Sailing” (RRS) or as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 When there is conflict, the “Sailing Instructions” (SI) shall prevail over the notice of race (this changes RRS 63.7)

2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE and AFLOAT by RACE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race committee end of the finish line located on the dock at Bayview Yacht Club. Signals made afloat will be from a Race Committee Boat. Signals may be broadcast via VHF CH68 after 1700.
- 2.2 Signals shall be in accordance with RRS, Part 3, special attention should be given to RRS 32, Shortening Or Abandoning After The Start.

3 FORMAT OF RACING

- 3.1 The BYC BAND-AID WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES is comprised of seven (7) races. See NOR for scheduled race dates.
- 3.2 The first race (May 19) shall be a “Tune up” race. The results will not be counted for the Series Championship.

4 RACING AREA

- 4.1 All classes start approximately 0.5 miles downwind from Lake Saint Clair Buoy “3” (G C “3” on NOAA chart 14850) on a line between the RC boat and a temporary mark set to port of the RC boat.
- 4.2 Courses may be shortened after the start by an “S” Flag displayed on a RC boat at any mark. Finish between a mark nearby and the committee boat displaying the “S” flag.
- 4.3 Marks of the course include BYC inflatable marks as well as possible government navigational buoys.
- 4.4 Addendum A, 'BYC BAND-AID Series Course', shows the location and layout of course buoys. The race area is on Lake Saint Clair and the Detroit River from BYC.

5 THE START

- 5.1 Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 with the first warning signal at 1900 hours.
- 5.2 Numeral boards corresponding to class flags assigned in NOR 3.3 may be displayed near the starting line mark identifying the upcoming start. The boards are not to be considered signals.
- 5.3 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 5.4 The Race Committee may display a course board indicating the course to be sailed, a flag indicating the course to be sailed, or may announce the course to be sailed on VHF CH68. All classes shall sail the numbered course. JAM boats shall sail the appropriate JAM course corresponding to the numbered course displayed or announced on VHF CH68. The Race Committee may set a limit mark (orange buoy) near the Race Committee Boat. If a boat touches the limit mark or the Race Committee boat, or sails between the limit mark and the Race Committee Boat, she shall be considered to have touched a mark. For the purposes of R.R.S. 31 (touching a mark) and R.R.S. 28 (sailing the race), treat both the protection mark and the Race Committee signal boat as a single starting mark.

6 THE FINISH

6.1 The finish line will be between the BLUE flag or shape displayed on dock at Bayview Yacht Club and an inflatable or rigid buoy floating in the river opposite the mark ashore.

6.2 In darkness, all finishing boats must light their sail numbers for the final minute as they approach the finish line; or display their Mackinac number.

8 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

8.1 Protest forms are available online at www.ussailing.org or <https://yachtgscoring.com>

8.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee staff within the appropriate time limit.

8.3 For each class the protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished.

8.4 The time and place of protest hearings, if any, will be notified by the Race Committee.

8.5 At the Race Committee's discretion, arbitration may be available with a twenty percent (20%) penalty

9 SCORING

9.1 The series standings will be determined by low point scoring as described in RRS Appendix A4, except as modified by specifications below:

9.2 RRS Appendix A2.1 is modified as follows:

A. When five or more races are completed, the best four races shall be totaled.

B. When four or fewer races are completed, all races shall be totaled.

9.3 A missed series race will be used as one of the 'throw outs' race for totaling the final series score

9.4 For the series, when there is a tie on points between two or more boats, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat or boats with the most first places, and when the tie remains, the most second places and so on, if necessary, for such races as count for total points. When the tie remains, it shall stand as part of the final series results.

9.5 Bayview Yacht Club shall present token awards 30 minutes after the end of each race at the Bayview Bar. Competitors must be present to win.

9.6 Overall flags may be awarded at the discretion of Windsor Yacht Club, combining the results of the Bayview Band-Aid Spring Series and the Windsor Yacht Club Wednesday Night Summer Series.

10 RETIRING FROM THE RACE

10.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee may be available on channel 68 and can be contacted on this channel when able to do so, pending performance of other tasks.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 The Race Committee may communicate with competitors on Channel 68. The start sequence countdown may be broadcast on this channel. BYC BAND-AID series SI 5.4 still applies in all cases.

12 INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING, VIOLATION OF INLAND RULES OF THE ROAD

12.1 Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area at any time.

12.2 Any boat not complying with 12.1 may be subject to protest by the race committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.

12.3 Infraction of 12.1 is not subject to protest by another boat (this changes RRS 60.1)

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