



2023 Lake Michigan Clipper Cup Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Lake Michigan Clipper Cup race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The requirements for wearing PFDs at the start and finish are waived. This will be the Captain's choice.

2 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 While racing, boats shall display appropriate backstay identification. See Item 5, Class Flags, below. The committee will supply identification in the Captain's Packets at registration. This identification must be carried until two hours after the finish.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s). This will be the bulletin board located at Muskegon Yacht Club and the event website on YachtScoring.com under the Race Blog.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00am on Friday, August 11, 2023.

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Classes and their flags will be determined by the race committee once most entries have been received.

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 The Racing Area shall be defined as Lake Michigan.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course will be from Muskegon, MI to Port Washington, WI. The course length will be 66.9 NM.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal for the first section made at 8:30 AM EDT on Friday, August 11, 2023. Alert blasts will be sounded prior to the first starts warning.
- 8.2 The starting line will be located approximately 1/3-mile NW of the Muskegon pier head at an approximate location of 43.22681N -86.35378W.
- 8.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 8.4 **Starting Sequence**

8:29 EDT – Horn Blasts – Alert	
8:30 – Warning – Class flags Up	
8:31 – Prep flag Up	Cruise 2 – Light Blue
8:34 – Prep flag Down	Cruise 3 – Dark Blue
8:35 – Class Flags Down-Start	JAM – Gray
8:39 EDT – Horn Blasts – Alert	
8:40 – Warning – Class flags Up	
8:41 – Prep flag Up	Spin 3 – Red
8:44 – Prep flag Down	Cruise 1 – Green
8:45 – Class Flags Down-Start	Double – Maroon
8:49 EDT – Horn Blasts – Alert	
8:50 – Warning – Class flags Up	
8:51 – Prep flag Up	Spin 1 – Black
8:54 – Prep flag Down	Spin 2 – Yellow
8:55 - Class Flags Down-Start	Multi – White

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1** The race finish times shall be recorded in EDT time zone. The finish line shall be located inside the Port Washington Harbor gap. The finish line shall be established between either the North or South lights (whichever is favored) and the finish boat. The finish boat will be anchored just inside the favored break wall. The race committee will attempt to have the finish boat lighted in case of night or other unfavorable visibility conditions. It is recommended that boats should finish within 100 feet of the finish boat. Detailed information will be included in the skippers' bags at registration at MYC on Thursday, August 10, 2023.
- 9.2** It is the sole responsibility of the finishing yacht to make sure that the Race Committee can identify them. Boats that are finishing must sail between the pier heads. Approximately 10 minutes before finishing, the finishing boat must call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 and identify themselves by name and sail number. The Race Committee may not respond due to responsibility of finishing other yachts
- 9.3** After finishing, the captains shall submit a signed Finish Report in a box located at the marina office within 2 hours of finishing. If the marina office is closed, the report must be filed as soon as possible the next morning but in no case later than 8:30 am CDT. Signing the Finish Report verifies that the boat has complied with all the instructions in both the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Furthermore, this signature verifies that the boat has complied with Racing Rules of Sailing and good sportsmanship. Failure to file a Finish Report will result in the yacht being scored as DNF.

10 THE LIMITS

- 10.1** Time limits are 24 hours after your starting time. Boats not completing the race within this period will be scored DNF.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1** Any yacht planning to protest should immediately inform the offending yacht of their intent and display a red protest flag. For each Division, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat in the Division has finished.
- 11.2** Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS

61.1(b). Such notices, time, and place of hearing, etc., will be posted at the PWYC.

12 SCORING

12.1 The scoring system is as follows: PHRF, Time on Distance. Corrected time, from low to high, determines place in Division and Fleet (Spinnaker only).

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Each boat shall conform to US Coast Guard safety standards and the requirements of a "Category 3 race" as defined in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations book (available from US Sailing), formerly known as ISAF.

13.2 A boat that retires from the race shall announce their withdrawal over the VHF radio/channel 69. They must also notify the race committee as soon as possible. This can be done by contacting either Port Washington Marina (262-284-6606) or the race committee (231-740-8454).

14 OFFICIAL BOATS

14.1 Official boats will be marked as follows: RC flag displayed from the starting line boat.

15 BERTHING

15.1 After finishing, each yacht shall hail the Port Washington Marina on VHF Channel 9 for docking or rafting instructions.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. VHF Channel 69 is the official channel for all race related communications.

16.2 The Race Committee will communicate with the competitors using VHF channel 69. The 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.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be given as follows; the overall winner of the Spinnaker Fleet will be awarded the JC Rillema Trophy (Clipper Cup), the first-place finisher in the Jib & Main Fleet will be awarded the Bert Smith Trophy, and the overall winner of the Cruising Fleet will be awarded the Lighthouse Trophy. All sections will be awarded flags and trophies to 3rd in section. An additional prize will be awarded for the last yacht to finish.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured by a valid third-party liability insurance company with a minimum policy limit of \$300,000.