



2010 Great Lakes IRC Championship Regatta

Hosted by the Port Huron Yacht Club
July 10th – July 11th, 2010
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *2009-2012 The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States national authority (*US SAILING*) will apply.
- 1.3 The 2010 IRC Class Rule, parts 1, 2, and 3 shall apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at PHYC after approval of the Race Chairman.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the PHYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '90 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Final Entry, Skipper Packet Pick Up & Meal 1800-2100 on July 9th, 2010 at PHYC.
- 5.2 Skipper's meeting 0800 at PHYC on Saturday July 10th, 2010.
- 5.3 Races to be held on July 10th and July 11th.
- 5.4 The first warning signal is scheduled at 1100 each day.
- 5.5 Dinner and Entertainment will be provided on Saturday July 10th after racing.
- 5.6 Awards presented on Sunday July 11th, following racing.

6 CLASS SPLITS AND STARTING ORDER

- 6.1 Final splits, course assignments (Long or Short), class flag designations and starting order will be posted on the official notice boards and Yacht Scoring website (www.yachtscoring.com) by 2200 on July 9th, 2010.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 The Starting Mark, Finishing Mark, and original Marks #1 and #2 will be orange inflated pyramids.
- 7.2 Offset marks will be smaller, orange-red inflated balls (hip-hops).
- 7.3 Yellow inflatable pyramids will be used as the new marks for a change of course. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 7.4 A green inflatable pyramid may be used as a limit mark for the Race Committee signal boat.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The starting area will be located at approximately N43°03.02', W82°22.20'.
- 8.2 See Course Diagram for course layout and order of rounding.
- 8.3 The leeward Mark 2 P/S will be a gate located approximately 0.1 nm to windward of the starting line. In the event one of the gate marks (P/S) is absent, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. One or the other of the gate marks may be adjusted by the race committee without signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 8.4 The windward mark (W/M) and offset mark of each respective course (Long or Short) shall be rounded to port by the boats assigned to those courses. The Short course W/M and offset do not have a required side for boats sailing the Long course. Ref. RRS 28.2.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the (nm) distance of the first leg for both the long (L) and the short (S) courses and the approximate magnetic compass bearing to the Windward Mark(s) (W/M) on signal boards.
- 9.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end, and the course side edge of an inflatable mark at the port end.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC signal boat to port and the course side edge of a nearby inflatable mark to starboard

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 Time limit is 2 hours from the start of the class.
- 11.2 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course as prescribed in RRS 28.1 and finishes will be scored TLE without a hearing. See SCORING. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the PHYC Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Chairman within the protest time limit.
- 12.2 The Protest time limit is 90 minutes from the RC docking time (as posted on the official notice board).
- 12.3 Protest hearings will be held as soon as a committee can be convened.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 Each yacht racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 13.2 Yachts retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible using VHF 72.

14 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 14.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 The Best Overall Performance, and thus the IRC Great Lake Champion shall be determined by the following. The average corrected seconds per mile for all races completed will be calculated for the winner of each class. The class winning boat with the lowest combined corrected seconds per mile is the Champion
- 15.3 Boats that do not finish within the time limit will be scored one place more than the number of boats that sail the course as prescribed in RRS 28.1 and finish within the time limit.
- 15.4 There are no throw outs.
- 15.5 It is the intention of the race committee to run as many races as practical each day up to a maximum of seven total races for the series. One completed race is required to constitute a regatta. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday, July 11.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor and use VHF 72 to hail sail numbers of infringing (OCS) yachts. Failure to transmit or receive such notification and the order of such hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Flags will be given to the top three finishers in each class of the event.
- 17.2 A flag will be given to the top overall finisher of the event, as determined by SI 15.2.