



Muskegon Yacht Club 2018

Notice of Race, Special Conditions & Seasonal Scoring Appendix

Notice of Race

Rules

The sailing and management of all races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Yacht Ownership and Eligibility

Each yacht shall be owned and skippered by a member of MYC. With approval of the Fleet Captain, yachts from other clubs may be invited to participate in individual races or regattas. Such visiting yachts are eligible to win trophies or flags for an individual race or regatta, but not for a series of races. Entry fees will be the same for visiting yachts as for MYC yachts.

Fees

Race Fleet Entry fee as follows:

- Full Wednesday night season including Blacklock Trophy races \$150.00.
- Non- race fleet members Wednesday races each \$30.00.
- Non- race fleet members weekend Regattas \$60.00 (or \$30 if one day) for events without a fee designated in the event's NOR.
- Governor's Cup, Trans Michigan Trophy Cup, Clipper Cup and Harbor Hospice Race or others, see individual event NOR.

MYC will collect fees designated for series, regattas, or individual races. Applications and race documents can be found on Yachtscoring.com. Each owner/skipper will be required to submit a current PHRF Certificate and Proof of Liability Insurance of at least \$300,000. Payment can be made online through PayPal, club charge, or a check can be mailed to MYC.

Race Schedule

Race schedule will be created by the Race Committee. Schedule will include dates, starting times and in the case of series, the number of throw outs if applicable.

Measurements

Each boat shall produce a current Lake Michigan PHRF measurement certificate.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available prior to the first scheduled race. These will be available from MYC Race Committee and online at, www.Yachtscoring.com as well as on the MYC website www.muskegonyachtclub.org

Course

Courses will be set in Muskegon Lake unless indicated in the race schedule. A series with their own race instructions may use Lake Michigan if indicated in the sailing instructions. The Race Committee boat will plan to leave the dock approximately 30 minutes prior to a Muskegon Lake start and approximately 60 minutes prior to a Lake Michigan start and will signal their leaving by sounding one horn blast.

Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. Courtesy broadcasts from the Race Committee will be on channel 73.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded each Wed night for individual races. Series awards will be distributed at the awards dinner noted on the race schedule.

Scoring

Individual race scoring will be under LMPHRF handicap scoring. For Series Scoring, see Seasonal Scoring Appendix (attached)

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 any racing.

Insurance

Each yacht shall provide proof of watercraft liability with coverage of at least \$300,000. This must be submitted with your Yacht Identification Form and payment.

Further Information

For further information contact MYC Race Committee at race.myc@muskegonyachtclub.org

Special Conditions

Jib and Main rules

For the Jib and Main (non-spinnaker) races, no more than one headsail may be flown at one time, and it may not be set flying. When yachts with head foil type fore stays change the jib during a race, they must do so as though the sail was hanked on. That is, the first sail must be completely lowered before the second is raised. The same halyard must be used for both sails. Spinnaker/whisker poles may be no longer than the "J" measurement. Poles must be attached or held to the mast during use, and may be carried only the side opposite the boom.

Lake Michigan Destination and Return Races

When there is no turning mark at the halfway point of a destination and return race, yachts shall turn to seaward within 100 yards of a pier or the shore if the reference point is a landmark.

Change of Ownership

The changing of yachts by an owner/skipper in mid-series shall be permitted only if the change represents a permanent change from one yacht to another. At such times, the scores of both yachts may be used towards series totals except in cases where the new yacht is in a different division or class.

Handicap Ratings

Each yacht must have a current Lake Michigan PHRF Certificate. Each skipper will provide a copy of the PHRF Certificate when submitting the Yacht Identification Form, Proof of Insurance and payment. In the event a skipper is unable to obtain a rating through no fault of their own, or only wish to race in one race during the season, they may be allowed to race with an assigned rating upon the approval of the MYC Race Committee. The assigned handicap will carry a 6 second per mile penalty. Yachts using such assigned rating will be eligible to win trophies/flags for an individual race, but not for a series. Once an assigned rating yacht receives a current rating, her finishes in previous races will be recalculated, but she need not forfeit any trophies/flags already awarded. The Race Committee may wave the 6 second per mile penalty for yachts which do not normally race in MYC PHRF events.

Government Marks

Government Marks are to be passed on the USCG correct side. The exception to this rule will be the Muskegon Lake green mark USCG #3 (MYC RC #9), which may be passed on either side per the SI's unless MYC RC #9 is designated as a race mark. In this case, it is to be taken in the same manner as all other race marks.

Multiple Starts

In any multiple division single race, the starting order of the classes will be determined by the Race Committee and will be signaled by the appropriate class flag displayed during the start sequence.

Non-Racing Vessels

Racing yachts shall observe the Great Lakes Rules of the Road which require avoidance of commercial vessels underway.

Seasonal Scoring Appendix

Wednesday Night Overall Series Scoring:

Scoring will be based on individual “high point” overall scoring of the best sixteen Wednesday night finishes from May 9th, 2018 through October 3rd, 2018.

Blacklock Cup Trophy Scoring:

The Blacklock Cup will be the total points from low point scoring for the following events: MYC Spring Regatta (2 Day), Nedeau Cup (2 Day), and Governor’s Cup (2 day), MYC Fall Regatta (2 day).

Spring, Summer, and Fall Series:

Spring, Summer, and Fall series will consist of the seven Wednesday night races AND the MYC Spring Regatta races for the Spring series, the Nedeau Cup races, for the Summer Series, and the MYC Fall Regatta races for the Fall Series. There will be one throw out for the spring and fall series and two throw outs for the summer series. Scoring will be based on a high point scoring for overall results for each race.

Boat of the Year Scoring:

BOTY scoring will be based on Best Overall Low Point finish for the combined Spring, Summer, and Fall Series.

Please Note we are reorganizing our race sponsorship structure and as such the Torresen, BBS and UK regattas have been retitled the MYC Spring, and MYC Fall Regattas on an interim basis until we finalize this reorganization. MYC wishes to recognize the long association and support that Torresen Marine, Bluffton Bay Sails, and UK Sails have generously provided. We fully expect this support to continue and be bigger and better than ever as we complete our restructuring.

Prepared by:

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