

BOB VISGER MEMORIAL RACE & LEUKEMIA CUP

REGATTA

Sunday, September 2nd, 2012
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), national authority will apply.
- 1.3 No single-handed racing is allowed.
- 1.4 All yachts shall comply with Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws and have a 2012 PHRF Certificate.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at PHYC and the Yachtscoring.com. Notices may also be posted on the race information board at SYC as a courtesy. Any such notice or absence of notice shall not be relied upon as official.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0800 on the day of the race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the PHYC on the Flagstaff and when possible, at SYC Race Committee Building.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 90 minutes’ in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1055.

6. SPLITS

- 6.1 Class splits will be posted by 0800 the day of the race on the notice board.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 Marks B, D, F and X are 4’ diameter yellow balls marked with a black letter. R-2 is a red channel buoy.
- 7.2 The Lakeport Mark is a inflatable orange pyramid buoy, with an offset mark 100 yard due east
- 7.3 Marks that are damaged but still visible are still to be considered proper marks. Marks that are missing or substantially off-station may be replaced by marks that meet one of the following conditions (Modifies RRS 34):
 - (a) 4’ diameter white or yellow ball with no letter identification.
 - (b) A buoy or stake-boat displaying an M Code Flag.
 - (c) An inflatable orange (or other color) pyramid buoy.
- 7.4 Green inflatable pyramid may be used as a limit mark for the Race Committee Boat. This mark will be considered to be apart of the Race Committee boat.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 A Course

- 1st Leg - 319T for 6.7 NM, (approximate location N43.07.000 and W82.29.000) to the Lakeport mark and offset
- 2nd Leg - 117T for 6.3 NM, (approximate location N43.04.140 and W82.21.321) to the B mark
- 3rd Leg - 165T for 1.8 NM, (approximate location N43.02.419 and W82.20.696) to the D mark
- 4th Leg - 234T for 3.2 NM (approximate location N43.00.530 and W82.24.266) to the X mark
- 5th Leg - 270T for 0.50 NM to finish line
- All marks to be round to starboard.
- Distance - 18.5 nautical miles.

8.2 B Course

- 1st Leg - 319T for 6.7 NM, (approximate location N43.07.000 and W82.29.000) to the Lakeport mark and offset
- 2nd Leg - 152T for 7.3 NM (approximate location N43.00.530 and W82.24.266) to the X mark
- 3rd Leg - 270T for 0.50 NM to finish line
- All marks to be rounded to starboard.
- Distance - 14.5 nautical miles

- 8.3 Shortened course, see Section 11, Time Limit.

- 8.4 Class courses will be displayed with splits as noted in 6.1.

9. THE START

- 9.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2** The starting line shall be between a staff displaying the Orange Flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and the "F" mark at the port end.
- 9.3** Restricted Area - Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all yachts whose warning signal has been made.
- 9.4** The starting order will be displayed with splits as noted in 6.1.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1** The finishing line will be the R-2 navigation buoy to starboard and the red stripe on the SYC race shack to port.
- 10.2** After finishing, boats shall not obscure the Race Committee's vision of the finish line and stay clear of boats still racing. Boats should not re-cross the finish line with sails up after finishing.
- 10.3** Boats shall record their finish times, and the boat immediately ahead and astern. Times should be reported to the Race Committee if requested.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1** The time limit for all classes shall be 1730 hours EDT
- 11.2** One yacht finishing within the time limit extends the time limit one (1) hour for all other yachts within its class.
- 11.3** For any class failing to finish the entire race course within the time limit; times taken upon rounding the Lake Port Mark (not the offset) will be used as the finish times for that class.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1** Each yacht racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 12.2** The US Coast Guard has advised PHYC that some commercial traffic may be under escort through the St. Clair River and the Lake Huron shipping channel out to #11 & #12 buoys. Skippers are reminded that all larger commercial vessels have the right-of-way in these areas and must use caution when approaching or crossing the channel when a freighter is present, especially at #2 Buoy when finishing a race.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1** The protest time limit is 2 hours after the finish time of the protesting yacht.
- 13.2** All protests will be heard at PHYC.

14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 14.1** Racing rule (RRS) 44.3 scoring penalty will not apply.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1** The Race Committee may monitor and use VHF 69 to hail sail numbers of infringing yachts. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 15.2** It is strongly recommended that all yachts monitor communications on VHF 16 & 69 while racing
- 15.3** Yachts retiring from the race shall identify themselves to the Race Committee by hailing VHF Ch. 69. Second to hailing the skipper must inform the race chairman once ashore. Failure to meet this obligation could result in a protest and penalty by the Protest Committee.

16. SCORING

- 16.1** The Low Point Scoring System, appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules will apply.

17. AWARDS

- 17.1** Awards will be made to the top three finishers in each class.
- 17.2** The **DENNIS KOVACH** trophy will be awarded to the first yacht to finish the A Course, unless all classes fail to meet the time limit. If all classes complete only the shortened course, the first yacht to finish the shortened A Course will be awarded the Kovach trophy, see 11.3.