



Bayshore Yacht Club

Wednesday Night Series

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be communicated on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be communicated by 1800 HOURS on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by communication via radio channel 72.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. On the water, the race committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.
- 3.2. From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates and starting times will be indicated in the BYC Calendar located at www.bayshoreyachtclub.org or in the NOR if so indicated on the race calendar.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 6:50pm for Spring and Summer series, and 6:35pm for Fall Series. The Frostbite warning signal will be 10:55

SERIES	TIME	DATES
Spring	6:50pm Warning	May 4, 11, 18, 25
Summer	6:50pm Warning	June 1, 8, 15, 29 July 6, 13, 20, 27 August 3, 10, 17, 24
Fall	6:35pm Warning	August 31 September 7, 14, 21
Frostbite	10:55	Saturday, September 24

5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the L flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1.

CLASS	SERIES	FLAG
Jib and Main	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 1
7.9's	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 2
Spinnaker	Spring, Summer, Fall, Frostbite	Numeral Pennant 3

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The racing area is generally described in the SI Addendum.

8. COURSES

8.1. The diagram(s) in SI Addendum show(s) the course(s), including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will announce the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks used may include the following: inflatable yellow or orange marks. Lake Macatawa Races may include government buoys.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2. Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Start Signal
Warning Signal	Class Flag and 1 sounds	5
Preparatory Signal	I Flag and 1 Sound (Rule 30.1 in effect)	4
One Minute	Preparatory Flag Removed and 1 Long Sound	1
Starting Signal	Class Flag Removed and 1 sound	0

10.3. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.6. General Recall: when at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made after the last normally scheduled class and proceed as prescribed above. This changes RRS 29.2

10.7. A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will display the "C" flag from the RC vessel from anywhere on the racecourse and move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position as soon as practicable.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark.

12.2. If the RC is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the RC at the first practical opportunity.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. This changes RRS 44.1.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1. The race time limit for all classes is 90 minutes in SPRING/SUMMER and 70minutes in the FALL series, Plus your handicap.

** if you don't know how to figure this see tidbits*

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes or the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later.

15.2. Hearing request forms are available at Bayshore Yacht Club or upon request from the Race Committee.

15.3. Competitors will be individually notified of meetings or hearings in which they are parties, or named as witnesses, and time and place for when the hearings will be held.

16. SCORING

16.1 **Spring & Fall Series:** If 4 races are officially scored each yacht will be allowed 1 throw out race. If 3 or less races are scored there will be no throw outs

16.2 Summer Individual Series:

If 10 races are officially scored each yacht is allowed 3 “throw-out” races for the complete series. If there are 9 or 8 officially scored races, each yacht will be allowed 2 “throw-outs”. If there are 7 or less officially scored races, “no throw outs” will be allowed.

16.3 Gold Cup Series:

Point Scoring will be the same as individual series. For Gold cup Series you will be allowed. 5 throw outs for the complete series

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Boats racing must conform to all USCG safety equipment requirements and must have a VHF radio on board capable of broadcasting and receiving on Channel 72.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be given in each division for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- 18.2. The Gold Cup will be awarded to the boat accumulating the best record for Spring, Summer and Fall series. Allowing 5 throw outs over the series.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Tidbits

How to figure time limit: say your boat PHRF is 165 that means you get 165 seconds per race mile. If the race course is 2 miles you will get 330 seconds or 5 minutes 50 seconds add that to the 90 minute time allotment or what it is $90 + 5:50 = 95$ minutes 50 seconds. If you started at 7:05:00 you would have to finish by 8:40:50 to complete in time for scoring.

Race withdrawal: Please call in at your earliest convenience BUT not when the race committee is finishing boats. If you never worked on the committee boat you can’t imagine what’s happening when 4 or 5 boats are finishing within seconds of each other.

If it appears that a sailboat cannot finish in the allotted time the race committee at its discretion can give any yachts a finish time and place allowing them to leave their station