

## **Muskegon Yacht Club Handicap Race Fleet Notice of Race and Special Conditions**

- 1     **Rules** The sailing and management of all races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Races are designated ORC Category Four.
  
- 2     **Advertising** Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
  
- 3     **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. Such visiting yachts are eligible to win trophies or flags for an individual race, but not for a series of races. Entry fees will be the same for visiting yachts as for MYC yachts.
  
- 4     **Fees** Each owner/skipper will pay membership dues in the HRF, or pay an entry per race. Entry fee amounts as follows. Full season including series and individual races \$100.00. Individual races \$ 10.00. The HRF chairman will collect dues. Applications can be downloaded from [www.muskegonyachtclub.org](http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org) and mailed along with a current PHRF/ Class Certificate, Proof of Liability insurance and the yearly fee to MYC or submitted to the HRF chairman (Bob Harvey) prior to the first race.
  
- 5     **Race Schedule** Race schedule will be created by Fleet Captain with consultation with the race committee and the HRF chairman. Schedule will include dates, starting times and in the case of series, the number of throw outs.
  
- 6     **Measurements** Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF measurement certificate or be one design class compliant.
  
- 7     **Sailing Instructions** Sailing instructions will be available prior to the first scheduled race. These will be available at MYC and online at [www.muskegonyachtclub.org](http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org).
  
- 8     **Courses** Courses will be set in Muskegon Lake unless indicated in the race schedule. Series with their own race instructions may use Lake Michigan if indicated in the race instructions. The race committee boat will plan to leave the dock 30 minutes prior to a Muskegon lake start and 60 minutes prior to a Lake Michigan start and will signal their leaving by

raising the race committee flag and sound one horn blast.

- 9 **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 broadcast from the race committee will be on Channel 73
- 10 **Prizes** Prizes will be awarded at the awards dinner noted on the race schedule
- 11 **Disclaimer of Liability** Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See Rule four (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.
- 12 **Insurance** Each yacht shall provide proof of watercraft liability with coverage of at least \$300,000.00. This must be submitted along with your application.
- 13 **Further Information** For further information contact Chairman of HRF Bob Harvey, at MYC or at 5876 Martin Road, Norton Shores, MI 49444.

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- A **Main and Jib rules** For the Main and Jib [ non spinnaker] races, no more than one headsail may be flown at one time, and it may not be set flying. When yachts with headfoil type fore stays change jibs 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. Must be attached or held to the mast during use, and may be carried only on the side opposite the boom.
- B **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.
- C **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 toward series totals except in cases where the new yacht is in a different division or class.

- D **Handicap Ratings** Each yacht will have a current PHRF certificate or a current One Design Class Certificate. Each skipper will provide copy when submitting division dues. 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 HRF chairman or the approval of the MYC Race Committee chairman. The assigned handicap will carry a six second penalty. Yachts using such assigned ratings 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 re-calculated, but she need not forfeit any trophies/flags already awarded. The race committee may waive the six second per mile penalty for boats which do not normally race in the MYC PHRF events.
- E **Government Marks** All government navigation marks will be honored and passed on the correct side.
- F **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.
- G **Trash, Garbage** Discarding trash, garbage or other debris into the water shall result in disqualification from the race.
- H **Non- racing Vessels** Racing yachts shall observe Great Lakes Rules of the Road which require avoidance of commercial vessels underway.

End of notice of race and special conditions

Dated: 1/5/2011