

THE GREAT LAKE RACE AND FESTIVAL 2010 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 edition herein after referred to as the "rules".
- 1.2. The U.S. Sailing Prescriptions and addendum, will apply.
- 1.3. If a conflict exists between any of the above and the CSA Sailing Instructions, the CSA instructions will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the regatta notice board at the "Skipper's Party" Friday night at New Orleans Yacht Club (NOYC).
- 2.2. Any changes to these instructions after the Skipper's Party will be posted on the official notice board at the CSA office, 7356 West Roadway Drive, by 0730 the morning of the race.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1. Spinnaker Class
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- 3.2. Non-Spinnaker Class.
 - 3.2.1. Headsails. A single headsail, of the maximum size specified by the PHRF rating, or smaller, may be carried and tacked at the usual tack point with its luff attached to the forestay either continuously as with luff tape or in interrupted fashion with hanks that are separated by no more than four (4) feet. During headsail changes, if two headsails are carried, their clews must both lie on the same side of the boat.
 - 3.2.2. Whisker Poles—Whisker Pole length is unrestricted. Whisker Poles must be attached to the mast and at or adjacent to the clew of the headsail. Only one whisker pole may be carried at a time.
 - 3.2.3. Spinnakers, Bloopers or Pole less Spinnakers are not allowed.
 - 3.2.4. Staysails are allowed, if tacked on centerline, a minimum of 1/3 of the "J" dimension behind the jib tack point and shall not exceed the rated overlap distance for which the boat is rated.
 - 3.2.5. Cutter Rigs boats rated as such by PHRF may set staysails to the tack point provided by the boat manufacturer.
 - 3.2.6. Yawl and Ketch Rigs-- Mizzen staysails may be carried.

4. RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The race will be sailed on Saturday September 25, 2010. In the event that the race is abandoned for any reason, the race will be rescheduled two (2) weeks later on Saturday October 9, 2010. It will be the individual Skipper's responsibility to keep their crew informed of all schedule changes.
- 4.2. The race start sequence will be a "Staggered Start" based on PHRF ratings with the first Warning Signal at 0850.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1. There will be no class flags.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. Attachment "A" is a chart showing the locations of the racing area and fixed marks.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1. The course is a twenty (20) nautical mile, Steeple Chase. The course distance is not protestable.
- 7.2. The Course shall be as follows:
From the starting line set between "H" and "J" Mark
 - 7.2.1 Thence to "J" Mark, leaving it to Port,
 - 7.2.2 Thence to "M" Mark, leaving it to Starboard,
 - 7.2.3 Thence to "DELTA" Mark, leaving it to PORT,
 - 7.2.4 Thence to "R" Mark, leaving it to Starboard,
 - 7.2.5 Thence to "J" Mark, leaving it to Starboard,
 - 7.2.6 Thence to the Finish Line at "A" Mark

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Marks shall be fixed yellow marks or orange tetrahedrons as described in Attachment "A" and Attachment "B".

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby temporary mark.
- 9.2. Each boat's start time is based upon its PHRF rating and is listed on the Start Time Sheet. The Start Time Sheet will be included in the race packets handed out at the Skippers Meeting, and posted on the official notice boards. Boats arriving at the Starting area after the Race has started are advised to verify the time sequence the Committee is in.
- 9.3. Starting signals will be;
- 9.4. A "Yellow" warning Flag and sound at 0850,
- 9.5. A "Blue" Preparatory Flag and sound at 0855,
- 9.6. A "Red" Start Flag and sound at 0900.
- 9.7. Thereafter, a short horn signal will be sounded every minute for the duration of the starting sequence with a long horn signal every 5 minutes.
- 9.8. As an additional aid to Skippers, the Committee Boat will display an Electronic, countdown clock that will reflect the elapsed time from 0900 (i.e.: 0920= 00:20:00).
- 9.9. It is the responsibility of each Skipper to assure that they start at the proper time. The time display on the Committee Boat will assist in this effort. The Start Committee WILL keep a record of the Sail No's that cross the start line in each minute of the sequence.
- 9.10. If the First Start at 0900 is postponed, all Yachts must add the postponement time to their individual start time. If, as an example, the first start is delayed until 0930, the timer clock will re-start at 0930 = 00:00:00. Postponements will be in 10-minute increments.
- 9.11. Yachts are "Racing" five minutes before their start and may run their engines until they are "Racing". Boats not racing, shall avoid the starting area. Violators of this rule are subject to protest and may be disqualified.

10. RECALL

- 10.1. Rule 30.1 "Round-An-End Rule: is modified as follows:
If either the Yellow, Blue or Red flags is displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before the starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.
- 10.2. When a boat has violated 30.1, the Race Committee shall signal Individual Recall as defined in 29.1 and attempt to hail the boat over the VHF radio. Skippers are cautioned not to make "practice" runs at the starting line once the start sequence has begun. Changes Rule 29.1

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The Finish Line shall be between the orange flag displayed on the committee boat and an orange tetrahedron located at "A" mark.
- 11.2. The course may be shortened at any mark. If the course is shortened, the Race Committee will make an announcement on VHF channel 68 with directions as to what steps may be required by participating boats.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The Race Committee Boat will leave the Finish Line at 1830. Any boats not finished after the Committee Boat leaves, will be scored "DNF".

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. A boat intending to file a protest shall inform the Race Committee of the protested boat's sail number and name upon finishing or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.2. Protests shall be submitted on protest forms listed in the "rules" book. Copies of the protest form are available in the NOYC office.
- 13.3. Protest Forms shall be deposited in the box located at the NOYC office within two (2) hours of the protesting boat's recorded finish time. Protesting boats shall indicate on the protest form the time the form is deposited in the Protest box.
- 13.4. The Protest Committee will hear protests in the approximate order of submission. The Protest hearing schedule will be posted on Notice Board at NOYC Office.
- 13.5. Skippers of boats involved in the protest must be available for the protest hearing.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Each yacht will be scored in the order of its finish by class and fleet. The staggered start system adjusts for corrected time by applying a handicap to starting time vs. distance.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine if his boat and crew are capable of participating in the race. Each skipper is reminded to comply with all applicable State and Federal safety regulations.
- 15.2. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine if PFD's shall be worn.
- 15.3. Radio. The race committee shall operate on and monitor VHF channel 68. Competitors shall monitor VHF Channel 68 during the race.
- 15.4. Running lights must be displayed between sunset and dawn. Violators are subject to protest and disqualification.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.1. Trash and Debris. No trash or debris will be thrown overboard at any time. Violators are subject to protest and disqualification.
- 16.2. Trophies will be awarded as announced.
- 16.3. Yachts retiring or withdrawing from the race MUST inform either the Race Committee Boat via VHF radio channel 68, or Rob Grisoli at 504-491-0693.