

# 2011 RACING SERIES

## HARBOR BAY YACHT CLUB

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the "The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012 including US Sailing Prescriptions" published by the United States Sailing Association (RRS).
- 1.2 All races will be sailed jib-and-main ("JAM") only.
- 1.3 The Series will use time allowances determined using the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet ("PHRF") system with time-on-distance scoring. Skippers are encouraged to obtain a PHRF-Lake Erie ("PHRF-LE") handicap certificate; the PHRF Rating on the certificate, not the "JAM" rating, will be used to determine the Harbor Bay Yacht Club ("HBYC") handicap. Boats without a certificate will be assigned an unofficial handicap by the Race Committee using the base rating from the PHRF-Lake Erie Master Class List. If a base handicap for a particular boat is not in the List, the Committee will use the US Sailing "PHRF Handicaps" book for any of the other Great Lakes. If none of the other Great Lakes is listed, the Race Committee will use its discretion to assign a base handicap.
- 1.4 The Race Committee will adjust the assigned Base Handicap for "Cruising Credits" recommended by PHRF-LE. (Appendix A)
- 1.5 Rule 42 of the Racing Rules (Propulsion) will be in effect after the Warning Signal, which the Race Committee will interpret to include a prohibition on engines running.
- 1.6 Racing will be postponed if sustained wind is less than 3 knots or more than 20 knots.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 2.1 The Series is open to keelboats properly registered in the State of Ohio and equipped with the State-mandated safety equipment. A competitor may enter by delivering a completed registration form and paying the appropriate fee as outlined in the Notice Of Racing, either by mail to the Race Committee Chair, or to the Chair at the Skippers' Meeting prior to any of the eight scheduled races. For a boat to be scored for races and be eligible for awards, the Chair must receive its entry form before the competitor's first race, and its fee paid before the boat has sailed in her second race of the Series.
- 2.2 Competitors intending to sail a race must pass within close proximity of the Race Committee Boat and identify themselves visually and orally (not via radio or mobile phone) prior to the Warning Signal.

#### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors, including schedule changes, will be posted on the official notice board located on the south side of the Sandusky Harbor Marina bathhouse.

#### 4. RACING AREA The racing area will be in the western end of Sandusky Bay (Appendix B)

#### 5. COURSE AND MARKS (Appendix C)

- 5.1 The course for each race will be announced unofficially at the Skippers' Meeting. The Race Committee may change the course after the Meeting depending upon wind and weather. The official notification of the course will be by way of the course number posted on the stern of the Race Committee Boat when it is in position at the starting/finishing line.
- 5.2 Generally, the course will be one of the nine outlined in Appendix C., but the Committee may decide on an alternative course at its discretion. In that event, it will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting, no number will be posted on the Race Committee Boat, and competitors not attending the Skippers' Meeting will be notified by radio according to paragraph 8.
- 5.3 All marks, except at the starting/finishing line, will be white plastic buoys, 15" in diameter and 4' high, with two red fluorescent horizontal stripes, a red circle in-between, and a letter (N, E, S, or W) in the middle of the circle identifying the mark as the north, east, south, or west mark, respectively.
- 5.4 Boats may cross the start/finish line midway through a race without penalty.

## 6. STARTING/FINISHING

- 6.1 The starting and finishing lines will be between the "RC" flag (Blue with red "RC") displayed on the Race Committee Boat and the Start/Finish marks as shown on Course Diagrams in Appendix C.
- 6.2 Rule 26 of the Racing Rules ("Starting Races") will be modified for the following signals procedure:

| <b>Class</b>    | <b>Minutes from Start Signal(S)</b> | <b>Signal</b>       | <b>Flag To Be Displayed</b>          | <b>Horn Sound</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>All</b>      | S-6                                 | Attention           | None                                 | Four short        |
| <b>Racing</b>   | S-5                                 | Warning             | HBYC Pennant (Class)                 | One short         |
|                 | S-4                                 | Preparatory         | Yellow with Black Circle (I)         | One short         |
|                 | S-1                                 | One-minute          | Yellow with Black Circle (I) removed | One long          |
|                 | S-0                                 | <b>Start</b>        | HBYC Pennant removed                 | One short         |
| <b>Cruising</b> | S+5                                 | Warning             | Red with Green Light House (Class)   | One short         |
|                 | S+6                                 | Preparatory         | Yellow with Black Circle (I)         | One short         |
|                 | S+9                                 | One-minute          | Yellow with Black Circle (I) removed | One long          |
|                 | S+10                                | <b>Start opens</b>  | Red with Green Light House removed   | One short         |
|                 | S+15                                | <b>Start closes</b> |                                      | One long          |

- 6.3 Rule 30.1, I Flag, of the Racing Rules ("Round-an-End Rule") will be in effect for all races.
- 6.4 The Cruising Class will have a five-minute window for starting. The RC boat will record the time each boat crosses the start line. After the start closes, all boats not across the line will be given a start time corresponding to the Fifteen Minute time.
- 6.5 In the event a Race Committee Boat is unavailable and the Race Committee decides to employ a self-start, the starting and finishing lines will be between two marks designated by the Committee, and the starting signals may be horn blasts only.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 Radio communications will be on VHF Channel 80 or as established at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 7.2 Radio communications shall not be initiated with the Race Committee during the starting sequence except for emergencies.
- 7.3 A competitor who drops out of a race after starting and before finishing must immediately notify the Race Committee.

## 8. TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 The race will be abandoned if the lead boat has not rounded the first mark within one hour of the start, or if the lead boat does not cross the finishing line within three hours of the start.
- 8.2 The Race Committee may shorten the course after the start according to Rule 32 of the Racing Rules, if there is insufficient wind, foul weather, etc. If a Race Committee boat is unavailable, the lead boat will be directed to set a finish line at a mark of the course.

## 9. PROTESTS

- 9.1 Protests shall be governed by Part 5 of the Racing Rules, with the additional requirement that boats intending to protest must notify the RC and fleet within 10 minutes of finishing.
- 9.2 Written protests forms are to be delivered to the HBYC clubhouse within one hour of the Race Committee Boat's docking. Forms are available from the Race Committee.
- 9.3 Hearings will be held in the clubhouse as soon as possible after racing, and in the order the forms are delivered.

**10. SCORING**

10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply for scoring. Rule A9 (“Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta”) will apply.

10.2 A boat shall come to the starting area for at least the number of races shown below to qualify for a series ranking.

| <u>No. Races in Series</u> | <u>No. of Races to Qualify and Best-Score Races for Series Score</u> |
|----------------------------|--|
| 8                          | 5  |
| 7                          | 4  |
| 6                          | 4  |
| 5                          | 3  |

10.3 Rule A2 is replaced with “Each boat’s Series Score shall be the total of the number of her best scores. The boat with the lowest Series score wins the Series, and others shall be ranked accordingly.”

**11. AWARDS**

Awards will be presented for the first three places based upon the total Series scores.

**Appendices:**

A: PHRF-LE Cruising Credits

B. Racing Area Chart

C: Race Courses