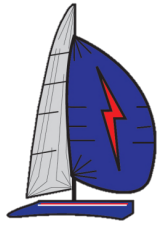




Ford Yacht Club / Sail GI *Pursuit Style "Rum Races"*



May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, September 15, 2024

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 There will be a MANDATORY general competitors' meeting on each day of racing at 1200 hours at the pavilion next to the travel lift. You will receive your start time at the meeting
- 2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the Ford Yacht Club's Peg Spriggs Pavilion near the fuel dock in the West Basin.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on the day of the race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals will not be made ashore, any communications before the race will take place at the skipper's meeting.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled first warning signal of racing shall be approximately 1400 hrs

RACING AREA

Racing area is located South of Grosse Ile and to the West of the international shipping channel.

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 Courses will be identified in attachment A. Attachment A will be available at the skipper's meeting.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the corresponding signal identified in Attachment A for what course has been selected.

7 MARKS

Marks will be identified in attachment A.

8 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 The initial ratings are based on Lake Erie PHRF handicaps for Jib and Main racing. You do not need a PHRF certificate. If you do not have a certificate your rating will be assigned by the race committee.
- 8.2 For every US Military Veterans, US Military Active Duty, and First Responder you have on board, we will credit you 5 seconds per mile
- 8.3 Upon the Finish of the race - 1st place will be penalized 10 seconds/mile for the next race that yacht competes in. 2nd place will be penalized 5 seconds/mile for the next Dacron race that yacht competes in. Last place (unless last place is 2nd place) will be credited 10 seconds per mile

9 THE START:

- 9.1 Races will be started using a pursuit style system with a single warning made 5 minutes before the first starting signal. When the FYC burgee is flying, the start sequence is active.
- 9.2 Start times and a detailed description of flags will be given at the skipper's meeting.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in Attachment A.
- 9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area until they are within 5 minutes of their given start time.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in Attachment A.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1*

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 Time limit for all class is 1630 hours.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish by 1630 hours will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available in the Ford Yacht Club lobby. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the sail committee mailbox in the Ford Yacht Club lobby or submitted using the online entry at www.fycsailing.com within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 Protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted.
- 13.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 On board VHF radios are required for monitoring purposes. The RC will be monitoring VHF channel 71.

16 AWARDS

- 16.1 Awards shall be presented at the FYC Awards Night.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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 the regatta.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.