



1. RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and PHRF-LE Class Rules. Each yacht must conform to the USCG requirements for their vessel. For boats and crew wishing to experience racing for the first time, provision has been made to assign a temporary PHRF handicap (without becoming a PHRF member); the scoring results for those boats for the races in which they participate will not count toward season standings.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Recreation Room of MBC, and the waterside windows of the club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than one hour before the affected race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the waterside of MBC. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Open registration and competitors' meeting will be held at MBC on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 5-6 pm. A "shakedown" is scheduled for Tuesday May 15, immediately following registration.

RACING: Tuesday evenings, beginning May 22, 2018 and continuing through September 4, 2018. The scheduled time of the warning signal will be at 6:55 pm for each race.

- REGISTRATION: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 5-6 pm and ONLINE
- SHAKEDOWN: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7pm
- RACING: Tuesday evenings, May 22, 2018 through September 4, 2018
- SPRING SERIES: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10
- SUMMER SERIES: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, Sept 4
- RUM SERIES: Sept 11, 18, 25
- BANQUET: Saturday October 13, 2018

THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP RACES SCHEDULED IF A RACE IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON

6. CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

Classes will start in the following order: Approximate Starting Times:

			6:55 PM	Warning Signal (PHRF)
	PHRF	Pink	7:00 PM	PHRF Start
	JAM B	Yellow	7:05 PM	JAM B Start
	Jam A	Gray	7:10 PM	JAM A Start

On-water postponement: Code Flag "AP" and two sound signals. The Warning Signal will be made one minute after lowering the "AP" flag.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in western Lake Erie from the MBC/NCYC North mark in La Plaisance Bay, using the MBC/NCYC Racing Marks. (See exhibit A)

8. MARKS: All marks will be orange can buoys, identified with "NCYC Racing Mark."

9. COURSES

The courses may be triangular or windward-leeward. The race committee signal boat will display the selected course, designated by a black number on a white background indicating marks to round and rounding order no later than the warning signal.

Course #	Class	Rounding Marks - (direction)	Nautical Miles
1	PHRF	Start-W-E-Finish (port)	6.8
	JAM	Start-W-C-Finish (port)	4.8
2	PHRF	Start-W-S-Finish (port)	6.8
	JAM	Start-W-C-Finish (port)	4.8
3	PHRF	Start-S-W-Finish (stbd)	6.8
	JAM	Start-C-W-Finish (stbd)	4.8
4	PHRF	Start-S-E-Finish (port)	6.8
	JAM	Start-C-E-Finish (port)	4.8
5	PHRF	Start-E-W-Finish (stbd)	6.8
	JAM	Start-E-C-Finish (stbd)	4.8
6	PHRF	Start-E-S-Finish (stbd)	6.8
	JAM	Start-E-C-Finish (stbd)	4.8
7	ALL	Start-W-C-Finish (port)	4.8
8	ALL	Start-C-W-Finish (stbd)	4.8
9	ALL	Start-E-C-Finish (stbd)	4.8
10	ALL	Start-C-E-Finish (port)	4.8
11	ALL	Start-W-Finish (port)	4.0
12	PHRF	Start-W-N-W=Finish (port)	8.0
	JAM	Start-W-Finish (port)	4.0
13	ALL	Start-S-Finish (port)	5.6
14	PHRF	Start-S-N-C-Finish (port)	8.4
	JAM	Start-S-Finish (port)	5.6
15	ALL	Start-E-Finish (port)	4.0
16	PHRF	Start-E-N-E-Finish (port)	8.0
	JAM	Start-E-Finish (port)	4.0

10. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat and the North mark. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The R/C boat will fly the "X" flag and signal in accordance with Rule 29.1, and MAY attempt to notify individual yacht(s) by hail. However, failure of a yacht to hear her recall shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly. There will be no general recalls.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat and the North mark unless shortened or abandoned (See RRS 32).

13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be **2 hours** for the first boat to finish in each division (PHRF and JAM). Boats finishing more than **90 minutes** after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest flags must be flown. Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to the MBC Sail Fleet Board folder within 1.0 hour after the race committee/finish boat docks.

The protesting yacht must notify the R/C boat at the finish line of her intent to protest and the sail number of the protested yacht. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing in the Commodore's Room at the clubhouse. All interested parties must be present.

A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall notify the Race Committee after it has finished the race.

15. SCORING

a. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Results for a series will be calculated on the best six (6) scores in each series; this changes RRS Appendix A-2. No makeup races will be scheduled if a race is cancelled for any reason; this changes RRS Appendix A-2.

b. For a boat to be scored, it must be properly registered and prior to the start of that boat's first race. Proper registration includes receipt of the following by the Racing Chairman or Sail Fleet Captain; completed registration form, payment for registration, current proof of insurance, and current PHRF or GLMHA certificate.

c. All MBC members are required to perform Race Committee duty once during the season. RC duty is scored as 1st place in Class and Division Overall. As a canceled or abandoned race is not scored, the scheduled Race Committee will not be awarded any points. Should additional Race Committee duties be warranted, those occurrences will be counted as a race sailed, and scored as 1.5th place in Class and 1.5th place OA.

16. SAFETY

a. Each competitor is responsible for the personal safety of him/herself, his/her crew and yacht. It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper and crew of the yacht to decide whether or not to start, continue, or finish a race.

b. All yachts shall follow the U.S. Coast Guard requirements for carrying lights at night.

c. Each boat MUST monitor VHF Channel 71 during each race.

d. Retirement: A yacht that retires shall notify the Race Committee, verbally or using VHF channel 71, before leaving the racing area. If that is not possible, the yacht shall notify MBC as soon as possible. The club monitors VHF channel 16. Club telephone: (734) 243-8935.

17. 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 mobile (cell) telephones.

18. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Award flags will be awarded to the top three finishers of each class at the Annual Banquet. Exceptions: only one flag per season is awarded in a class with only one boat. Overall Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division of two or more classes (PHRF/JAM) and will be based on the top 6 races in the Spring series and the top 6 races in the fall series.

