

INDEPENDENCE RACE

GIYC Sailing Instructions v2

Saturday, July 4th, 2020

1) ENTRY

- a) This regatta is open to sail yachts owned by clubs or members of clubs holding current membership in the DRYA, ILYA and to others upon invitation of the Race Committee.
- b) Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the GIYC website, before 8:30 am on race day.
- c) Boat Owner shall enter the race by filling out the Race Entry Form and returning it to the Race Committee with the proper entry fee. The Race Entry Form is included in these sailing instructions (Appendix B)
- d) Racers MUST also register their boat on www.noticeofrace.net

2) MANAGEMENT RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the PHRF-LE Spinnaker and JAM rules, and any applicable class or one-design rules.
- b) The race will be under the management of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club Race Committee, which will have full and final authority in establishing the racing articles and in interpreting the rules.

3) PROTESTS

- a) Yachts protesting must follow Part 5, Section A of RRS, except there shall be no charge for filing a protest.
- b) Protests must be filed with the RACE COMMITTEE within one hour of the last boat to finish.
- c) Protest shall be written on USSA forms (see p.119 - 122 of the RRS).
- d) Protest committee decisions will be final. There will be no appeals allowed of protest committee decisions.
- e) The two turns penalty for violations of Part 2 of the RRS is replaced by a one turn penalty. This changes the RRS 44.1.

4) RATINGS

- a) Yachts will be placed into classes and rated in accordance with measurements and ratings accepted and on file with a valid PHRF rating certificate. PHRF-LE RATINGS WILL APPLY.
- b) Entries not having an official rating certificate may be ASSESSED A PENALTY of Seven [7] seconds per mile.
- c) The GIYC Race Committee will in its sole discretion assign a rating to a boat without a current PHRF-LE certificate.
- d) The following conditions will apply to yachts racing in the JAM Class:
 - i) Whisker poles may be used to extend the jib clew when sailing downwind. The whisker pole may be extended no further than the 'J' dimension, and shall be attached to the mast when in use.
 - ii) Except for the use of a pole as described above, only sail and rig combinations which the yacht is designed to carry when sailing close-hauled may be employed off the wind.
 - iii) Off wind staysails or reaching jibs are not permitted. Jibs must be attached to their stay for their entire length of luff when hoisted.
 - iv) Only one headsail is allowed at a time.

5) SAFETY

- a) Competing yachts shall in all respects be seaworthy and shall be manned by an adequate and capable crew.
- b) Personal flotation devices and/or harnesses are recommended to be used.
- c) IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, PARTICIPANTS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH COMMERCIAL SHIPPING.

6) SAIL NUMBERS

- a) Sail numbers must be on both sides of mainsail and overlapping headsails. Spinnakers must have sail numbers on at least one side, in compliance with RRS Appendix H. Finish times may not be taken if sails are not numbered as registered.

7) SCORING

- a) For PHRF, JAM and Cruising classes Time on Distance scoring will apply.
- b) The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A2, applies.
- c) If sufficient entries are received, classes may be split.
- d) A boat that does not start (DNS) will be scored the point total of the number of boats registered for the class. A boat that starts but does not finish (DNF) will be scored the number of boats that finish, plus one. A boat that is disqualified (DSQ) is scored the number of boats registered, plus one.

8) RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a) VHF Channel 71 will be used for communication, as well as for notification of a race being canceled.
- b) Any yacht which retires from the race shall contact the committee boat.

9) COURSES AND MARKS

- a) Appendix A includes the course options table, which the Committee Boat will use to select the course once on station.

10) SKIPPERS MEETING

- a) 8:30 am will be the time for the skippers meeting on the deck above the bar at GIYC. Unfortunately, coffee and pastries will not be available.

11) START & STARTING SEQUENCE

- a) Red Nun #2 buoy and the race committee flag on the committee boat, will mark the starting line, located approximately 1NM south of GIYC.
- b) The committee boat will attempt to acknowledge any boats on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal by one or more of the following: displaying code flag X (white with blue cross), sounding a horn for each premature starter, and hailing the sail number or boat name, either verbally or on VHF Ch. 71. Failure of the committee boat to use these signals, or failure of a competitor to observe these signals will not excuse a premature start. It is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start.
- c) A protection buoy may be utilize by the RC boat. This buoy is considered an extension of the committee boat. No boat may properly start between the protection buoy and the committee boat.
- d) Races will be started using RRS rule 26.
- e) Class splits may be adjusted up until 9:30 am on race day. Splits will be displayed on www.noticeofrace.net
- f) Classes will start in the order displayed by their class flag. The sequence and class flag colors are listed below.

Warning Signal	Class	Flag Color
10:00 am	Spinnaker A	Blue
10:05 am	Spinnaker B	Gray
10:10 am	Jam	Purple
10:15 am	Cruising Class	Pink

12) FINISH

- a) RC flag on the GIYC Outer Dock and the finish buoy anchored between the main dock and the southern tip of Sugar Island will designate the finish line. If no finish buoy is present, the finish line shall be between the RC Flag and the southern tip of Sugar Island. Note: Beware of shallow water to east of area between RN10 and RN8.
- b) Five hours will be the time limit for each class from the time of class start. A class will remain racing as long as one boat finishes within the time allowance.

13) AWARDS PARTY ~ 12:30pm on the front lawn

- a) 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be presented to the winners, and the following trophy winners will be announced.
 - Catboat Trophy (Best Corrected - Spinnaker Fleet)
 - Commodore Edward Campbell Trophy (Best Corrected - JAM Fleet)



Independence Race Course Options

For All Courses, The Western Livingston channel buoys are marks of the course - must stay west of them at all times.

Grosse Ile Area Marks Table			
Marks	Description	Lat.-d°-m'	Long.-d°-m'
C	WNATR C	N - 42 - 1.3854	W - 83 - 6.6223
CL	Colchester Light	N - 41 - 55.932	W - 82 - 53.46
DL	Detroit Light	N - 42 - 0.049	W - 83 - 8.473
DL8	Livingston Chan. DL8 Buoy	N - 42 - 3.851	W - 83 - 7.924
EM	WNATR East Mark	N - 42 - 2.9338	W - 83 - 9.0274
EO	East Outer	N - 41 - 54.755	W - 83 - 7.283
GI	GIYC Outer Dock	N - 42 - 5.396	W - 83 - 9.045
GS	Grecian Shoal EM2	N - 41 - 57.917	W - 82 - 56.049
MBI	Middle Bass Island	N - 41 - 40.75	W - 82 - 48.666
MBL2	Maumee Entrance Light #2	N - 41 - 49.532	W - 83 - 11.612
MSI	Middle Sister Island	N - 41 - 50.982	W - 83 - 0.002
NBRN	North Bass Red Nun #2	N - 41 - 43.017	W - 82 - 51.717
PMR4	Point Mouillee Red Nun 4	N - 42 - 0.389	W - 83 - 9.735
R2	R2 West of Detroit Lighth	N - 42 - 0.245	W - 83 - 8.776
RN10	Grosse ile Red Nun #10	N - 42 - 5.265	W - 83 - 8.982
RN2	Grosse ile Red Nun #2	N - 42 - 4.369	W - 83 - 9.198
RN4	Grosse ile Red Nun #4	N - 42 - 4.654	W - 83 - 9.335
RN8	Grosse ile Red Nun #8	N - 42 - 5.078	W - 83 - 9.038
T10	Tower 10 (FI R 2.5s 44ft 7 St N	N - 41 - 57.803	W - 83 - 7.27
TIB	WNATR Three Inlet Buoys Ea	N - 42 - 3.1636	W - 83 - 9.8142
WM	WNATR West Mark	N - 42 - 2.9338	W - 83 - 10.5958
WO	West Outer	N - 41 - 57.0159	W - 83 - 9.539
Y10	Lake Erie Metro Yellow Lt.	N - 42 - 2.981	W - 83 - 10.497

Course 1	Marks	RN2	WM	RN2	RN4	RN8	RN10	GI			
4.6 Nm	Rounding	Start	p	s	s	s	s	Finish			
	Distance Nm	-	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1			
	HDG °True	-	216	36	340	27	13	10			

Course 2	Marks	RN2	EM	RN2	RN4	RN8	RN10	GI			
4.0 Nm	Rounding	Start	p	s	s	s	s	Finish			
	Distance Nm	-	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1			
	HDG °True	-	175	355	340	27	13	10			

Course 3	Marks	RN2	WM	EM	RN2	RN4	RN8	RN10	GI		
5.5 Nm	Rounding	Start	p	p	s	s	s	s	Finish		
	Distance Nm	-	1.8	1.2	1.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1		
	HDG °True	-	216	90	355	340	27	13	10		

Course 4	Marks	RN2	EM	WM	RN2	RN4	RN8	RN10	GI		
5.5 Nm	Rounding	Start	s	s	s	s	s	s	Finish		
	Distance Nm	-	1.4	1.2	1.8	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1		
	HDG °True	-	175	270	36	340	27	13	10		



2020 ENTRY FORM

Skipper Name	
Email	
Boat Name	
Make/Model	
Sail #	Yacht Club
Address	
City	State
Zip	Phone
Insurance:	Exp. Date

Please remember to sign up for each race on www.NoticeOfRace.net as well as filling out this form and providing payment.

Race	Date	Class <small>(Circle One)</small>	Entry Fee	Total
Independence	July 4	Spin. / JAM	Free	Free
			Total Due	Free

In consideration of being permitted to enter, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, the owner, contestants, and all crew members and guests aboard his/her yacht agrees to assume the risk of participation and to hold harmless all losses and/or claims incident thereto, the Grosse Ile Yacht Club, any of its officers, directors, members or sponsors and/or the personnel which conduct these races. All owners of participating yachts shall have insurance to insure against loss or damage of property and or injury to participating individuals and or yachts. I further agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and by the Race's Sailing Instructions. I further agree that all yachts entered or racing shall be subject to the direction and control of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club Race Committee. The establishment of special regulations and/or instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative.

The safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper. It shall be the complete and unlimited responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to start, continue, or finish a race. Skippers must be a member of a yacht, sail club, or other organization affiliated with a national sailing authority. Crews who are competent and physically fit to face adverse conditions shall man all boats.

If races are canceled, for any reason, entry fees will not be refunded.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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