***Grosse Ile Yacht Club Independence Day Race 2023***

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

'[DP]' at the beginning of an SI if that SI is subject to discretionary penalty

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| **1** | **RULES** |
| **1.1** | The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of US Sailing and Phrf-LE Class Rules. |
| **2** | **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** |
| **2.1** | Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. |
| **3** | **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS** |
| **3.1** | Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.noticeofrace.net. |
| **3.2** | On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel *VHF CH71*. |
| **3.3** | [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. |
| **4** | **CODE OF CONDUCT** |
| **4.1** | [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. |
| **5** | **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** |
| **5.1** | Signals made ashore will be displayed at *GIYC*. |
| **5.2** | When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than *60* minutes’ in Race Signals AP. |
| **6** | **SCHEDULE OF RACES** |
| **6.1** | The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is *10:55. The order of starts is listed in SI Addendum 1.* |
| **6.2** | One race is scheduled and is required to be completed to constitute a series. |
| **7** | **CLASS FLAGS** |
| **7.1** | The class flags are:  Spinnaker A – Blue  Spinnaker B – Green  Spinnaker C – Yellow  Jam - Purple |
| **8** | **RACING AREA** |
| **8.1** | The racing area is North Western Lake Erie near the Detroit River Entrance East Outer and West Outer Channels and will incorporate the West Shore Sail Club Wednesday Night at the Races marks. |
| **9** | **COURSES** |
| **9.1** | SI Addendum 2 show(s) the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. |
| **9.2** | No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed. |
| **9.3** | Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. |
| **9.4** | Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33. |
| **10** | **MARKS** |
| **10.1** | Mark(s) are various fixed and or floating government buoys including… the WSSC marks, they have a cylindrical form, white in color with orange reflective tape and labelled with an identification letter. There locations are listed in the WSSC WNATR SIs here: <https://noticeofrace.net/docs/ev/1163/2023WSSCWNATRSailingInstructions05162023Rev.pdf>    See USCG Light List for location and description of government buoys and aids to navigation  https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/light-list-annual-publication |
| **10.2** | The following marks may also be used rounding marks. See course descriptions in SI Addendum 2 for details:  *DL. Detroit River Entrance East Outer Channel, Detroit River Light*  *WO. Detroit River Entrance West Outer Channel, Lighted Buoy 1W*  *EO. Detroit River Entrance East Outer Channel, Light 1 E*  *T10. Detroit River Entrance East Outer Channel, Light 10*  *RN8. Detroit River Entrance East Outer Channel, Lighted Buoy 8* |
| **11** | **THE START** |
| **11.1** | Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made *5* minutes before the starting signal. |
| **11.2** | The starting line is between a staff displaying a blue R/C flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark. |
| **11.3** | Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. |
| **11.4** | If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel *VHF Ch71*. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). |
| **11.5** | If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). |
| **11.7** | A boat that does not start within *4* minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2. |
| **12** | **THE FINISH** |
| **12.1** | The finishing line is between a blue R/C flag on the signal vessel at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark. |
| **12.2** | If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. |
| **14** | **PENALTY SYSTEM** |
| **14.1** | For the *all* class(es), RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. |
| **15** | **TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]** |
| **15.1** | The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Mark 1 Time Limit | Race Time Limit | Finishing Window | | *2 hours* | *4 hours* | *1 hour* | |
| **15.2** | If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. |
| **15.3** | The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10. |
| **15.4** | Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). |
| **16** | **HEARING REQUESTS** |
| **16.1** | The protest time limit is 120 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board. |
| **16.2** | Hearing request forms are available from the race office at *https://www.ussailing.org/resource-library/us-sailing-hearing-request-form/* |
| **16.3** | Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes 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, located at *GIYC*, beginning at the time posted. |
| **16.4** | RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply. |
| **17** | **SCORING** |
| **17.1** | The scoring system is as follows:  As stated in the notice of Race, and RRS Appendix A, SCORING. |
| **17.2** |  |
| **18** | **SAFETY REGULATIONS** |
| **18.1** | [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. |
| **19** | **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS** |
| **19.1** | A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions. |
| **20** | **TRASH DISPOSAL** |
| **20.1** | Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels. |
| **21** | **PRIZES** |
| **21.1** | The number of flags will be dependent on the number of competitors per class.  1st place flag for 3-4 competitors  1st & 2nd for 5-6 competitors,  1st, 2nd & 3rd for 7 or more.  The Catboat Trophy (Best Corrected - Spinnaker Fleet) and the Commodore Edward Campbell Trophy (Best Corrected - JAM Fleet) will also be announced. |
| **22** | **RISK STATEMENT** |
| **22.1** | RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.  **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** |
| **23** | **INSURANCE** |
| **23.1** | Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of *$300,000* per incident or the equivalent. |
| **24** | **Ratings** |
| **24.1** | 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. |
| **24.2** | Entries not having an official rating certificate may be ASSESSED A PENALTY of Seven [7] seconds per mile. |
| **24.3** | The GIYC Race Committee will in its sole discretion assign a rating to a boat without a current PHRF-LE certificate. |

**24.4** Class splits will be announced at the skipper's meeting and posted on the official Notice Board in accordance with Section 3 of these Sailing Instructions.