# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



# August Monday One Design Series

*August 7, 14, 21, 28* Ford Yacht Club Grosse lle, MI 48138



#### 1 RULES

- **1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- **1.2** Competing boats shall comply with their respective one design class rules.
- **1.3** Racing will not be started with sustained winds over 20 knots.

# 2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- **2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the Ford Yacht Club small boat harbor near the single point lift.
- **2.2** There will be a general competitors' meeting on each day of racing at 1800 hours at the Ford Yacht Club near the small boat harbor single point lift.

# 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- **4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located near the small boat harbor
- **4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replace with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled first warning signal of racing shall be 1900 hrs.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made 30 minutes before dark.
- 5.3 No more than 3 races will occur per day.

# 6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag for Lightning class shall be the a square pennant with the Lightning symbol
- 6.2 The class flag for Force 5 class shall be the square pennant with the Force 5 symbol

# 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Detroit River, immediately west of the Ford Yacht Club or South of Grosse IIe, depending on weather conditions. The exact area will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

# 8 THE COURSES

See attachment A for the courses and course designations.

# 9 MARKS

Marks of the course will be orange or yellow. Green or red channel buoys may also be used as the weather mark.

# 10 THE START

**10.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. If a committee boat is not present, flags may be substituted by the sounds from an electric start box, this changes RRS 26.

Rev. 06/09/2017

- **10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 9. If a committee boat is not present, a start may be between two buoys described in the skipper's meeting.
- **10.3** A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4 and A5*

#### 11 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

#### 12 THE FINISH

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 instruction 9. If a committee boat is not present, a start may be between two buoys described in the skipper's meeting.

#### 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

#### 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

#### **14.1** Time limits and target times are as follows:

8	
Race Target Time	Race Time Limit
30 minutes	60 minutes

**14.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS rule 35, A4, and A5.

#### 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- **15.1** Protest forms are available near the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- **15.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked after the last race of the day, or 2200 hours, whichever is later.
- **15.3** 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 on the official notice board.
- **15.4** Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)
- **15.5** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. *This changes RRS 66.*
- **15.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

#### 16 SCORING

**16.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**16.2** In accordance with rule A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If more than 6 races are sailed, her worst 3 scores may be excluded.

#### 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- **17.1** Boats shall check in by hailing their mainsail numbers to the RC signal boat before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore.)
- **17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- **17.3** It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start and finish a race.

#### 18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

#### 19 AWARDS

**19.1** Overall awards shall be presented at the FYC Awards Night

## 20 Disclaimer of Liability

**20.1** 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.

#### 21 INSURANCE

**21.1** 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.

Attachment A





# **Course 1**: Start – 1 – Finish **Course 2**: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish