

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Ford Yacht Club Regatta
August 20th, 2017
Ford Yacht Club
Grosse Ile, MI 48138



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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 25 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 the day of racing at 0930 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 three hours 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 1030 hours.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

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 Ile, 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.

10 THE START

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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 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.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

The two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1*

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Target Time	Race Time Limit
45 minutes	90 minutes

13.2 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.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 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.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked after the last race of the day, or 1800 hours, whichever is later.

14.3 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, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.

14.4 Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

14.5 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.*

14.6 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.*

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 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.)

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

15.3 It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start and finish a race.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

17 AWARDS

17.1 Overall awards shall be presented at the FYC Awards Night. Various prizes for the day will be awarded immediately after racing concludes for the day.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 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.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 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.