

Monroe Boat Club Sailing Fleet

2025 MIDWEEK SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[NP] The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

1. RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and PHRF-LE Class Rules. Each yacht must conform to the USCG requirements for their vessel and monitor VHF Ch 71 while racing.[DP]

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the event page at noticeofrace.net and may also be posted on the waterside windows of Monroe Boat Club or sent via text message.

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

REGISTRATION: Tuesday, May 13th, 6-8 pm at MBC and ONLINE at noticeofrace.net

RACING: Tuesday evenings, May 20th through August 26th.

SPRING SERIES: May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 8

SUMMER SERIES: July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26

RUM SERIES: Sep 2, 9, 16

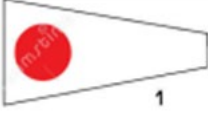

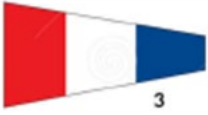
The scheduled time of the warning signal will be at 6:55 pm for each race.

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: Two JAM starts (JAM B then JAM A)
Approximate Starting Times: 6:55 pm Warning Signal (JAM B)

JAM B	Class	Code Flag #1	Start 7:00 pm
JAM A	Class	Code Flag #2	Start 7:05 pm

		
#1 JAM B	#2 JAM A	#3 Optional
7:00 PM start	7:05 PM start	7:10 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.

See Exhibit "A" for Course List and Exhibit "B" for a Course Diagram.

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 display the "X" flag and one sound 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. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be no less than 3 places at the discretion of the protest committee, in lieu of disqualification, but in no case should the end result be better than the fouled boat.

14. TIME LIMIT

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

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest flags must be flown. Hearing Request Forms (formerly "Protest Forms") are available on the official notice board. Hearing Requests shall be delivered to the MBC Sail Fleet Board folder within 1.0 hour after the race committee/finish boat docks.

15.1 The yacht requesting a hearing 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 yacht may be awarded a discretionary penalty in lieu of disqualification.

15.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 , 44.1 or 44.3 shall notify the Race Committee after it has finished the race.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Results for a series will be calculated on the best five (5) 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.

16.2 For a boat to be scored, it must be properly registered 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.

16.3 All competing 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. [DP]

17. SAFETY

17.1 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.

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

17.3 Each boat MUST monitor VHF Channel 71 during each race.[DP]

17.4 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. [DP]

18. 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 except to call the club at (734) 243-8935.

19. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Award flags will be awarded to the top finishers of each class at the annual banquet.

Flags will be awarded to the top finishers of each class of each series based on the number of entrants (1-3 entries - 1st only, 4 entries - 1st, 2nd, 5+ entries - 1st, 2nd, 3rd),

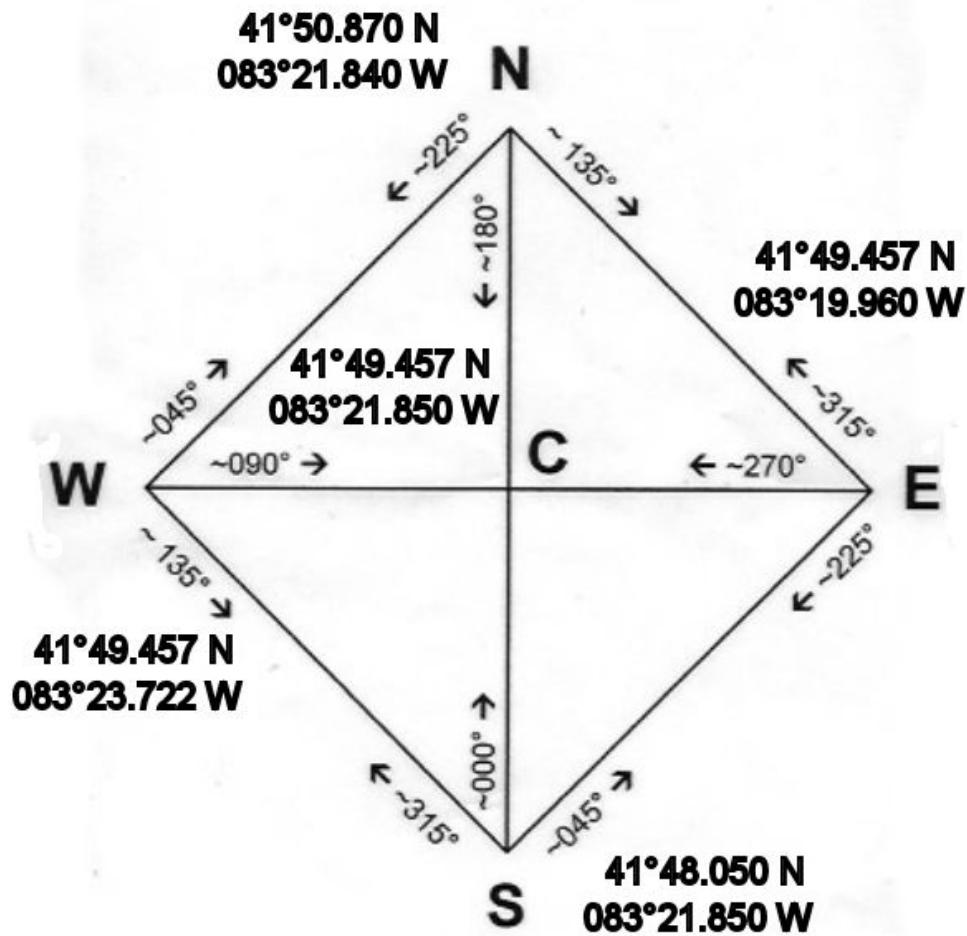
Overall Trophies for the combined Spring and Summer Series will be awarded to the top three finishers in each JAM class.

Exhibit “A”**Course List**

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

Exhibit "B"

Course Diagram



Buoy coordinates are approximate and the buoys are subject to movement by storms. If a mark is missing, the competitors will use these coordinates to make a navigational rounding.