

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

MILWAUKEE BAY OFFSHORE SERIES (MBOS)

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South Shore Yacht Club & Milwaukee Yacht Club Will serve as the Organizing Authorities June 1, 2024 - September 14, 2024 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1 RULES

- 1.1 The MBOS is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for US Nearshore Safety Equipment will apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the MWPHRF, Policies and Procedures, are amended as follows:
- 1.4 The Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club PHRF Fleets may jointly adjust the MWPHRF Handicap of specific boats for Milwaukee Bay Offshore races.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2 hours prior to the first warning signal 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 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the South Shore Yacht Club derrick house and the Milwaukee Yacht Club clubhouse front entrance. At SSYC, an alternate location will be near the dockmaster house.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72 for MYC races, or 69 for SSYC races.
- 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.
- 3.4 A boat shall not monitor private communications between race committee personnel, except as permitted by the notice of race or the sailing instructions.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the MYC and SSYC flagpoles.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled dates of events and races with the number of races to be sailed and the time of the first warning are shown in the table below.

REGATTA / RACE NAME	DATE	# RACES	RC	COURSE	WARNING	SEQUENCE	TIME LIMIT
Wind Point Race	1-Jun	1	SSYC	SSYC "C" mark to Wind Point Buoy R14, leave to port, and return	9:55am	Sect 2,1	7 hrs + boat's allowance
Skelding Regatta	15-Jun	3	SSYC	TBD	11:25am	Sect 2,1	2 hrs + boat's allowance
Stephenson Regatta	22-Jun	3	MYC	TBD	11:25am	Sect 2,1	2 hrs + boat's allowance
Big Triangle Race	6-Jul	1	MYC	TBD	11:55am	Sect 2,1	3.5 hrs + boat's allowance
Tanger Regatta	3-Aug	3	SSYC	TBD	11:25am	Sect 2,1	2 hrs + boat's allowance
Commodore's Regatta	24-Aug	3	MYC	TBD	11:25am	Sect 2,1	2 hrs + boat's allowance
Grudge Regatta	9/16 & 9/7	3	SSYC	Course G (Fri) TBD (Sat)	6:35pm (Fri) 11:25am (Sat)	Sect 2,1	2 hrs + boat's allowance
Last Blast Regatta	14-Sep	3	MYC	TBD	11:25am	Sect 2,1	2 hrs + boat's allowance

- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

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6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags shall be as follows:
Racing Section 2 – Numeral pennant 2
Racing Section 1 – Numeral pennant 1

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Michigan, east of the Milwaukee Harbor as shown in Illustration "A" of these Sis.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Illustration "B" below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 When throw-in marks are used, the approximate nautical miles to the first mark will be displayed on the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks used by the SSYC race committee are as follows:
- The South mark, illustrated Mark 'B', is the green government Bell Buoy '1'.
 - Throw-in buoys are orange or yellow inflated buoys.
 - The windward offset mark will be a small orange or yellow inflated buoy
 - The SSYC Center Mark, identified with a "C" and located ~1NM North of the government Bell Buoy
- 9.2 Marks used by the MYC race committee are as follows:
- The MYC mark, illustrated Mark "M", is an orange structure buoy with orange and white striped spire.
 - Throw-in buoys are either orange cylinders with no spar, or inflated buoys.
 - The MYC courses' windward mark will be orange.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE, will be either of the following:
- Orange cylinder with no spar or inflated buoys, or
 - Yellow inflated buoy.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be any of the above-described marks designated as the opposite end of the line from the race committee start or finish signal boat, respectively.
- 9.5 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

10 START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 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 by broadcast on VHF channel 72 at MYC, or channel 69 at SSYC. 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 redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)
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- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.5 The race committee may change the location of the start by displaying race signal L and proceeding to the new location.
- 10.6 The race committee may skip the starting sequence for any section if there are no boats of that section in the racing area.

11 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 After any change of the Mark 1, an offset mark will not be laid.

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12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying blue flag/shape on the starboard side of the signal boat and a nearby 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.
- 12.3 All boats finishing after dusk shall illuminate either her mainsail or sail number board on the rail while finishing.
- 12.4 After dusk, the finishing vessel will display a flashing light.

13 PENALTIES

- 13.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 (on course penalty turns) will apply. Appendix V, Section V2 (postrace scoring penalty option) will also apply.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Time limits for each individual regatta or race is show in the **SCHEDULE OF RACES**.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes, or 1 hour for races with a time limit of 5 hours or more, after the first boat of her section sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. They will be assigned 2 places higher than the number of finishers, not to exceed DNF score. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 If boats racing cannot, in the judgment of the race committee, place ahead of any boat finished, the race committee may record the time and the relative positions of the boats racing. The boat(s) are not required to "Finish". The race committee will attempt to notify the boats involved by hail or by radio. This changes rule 35.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Protests forms are available from the host yacht club office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered, faxed, or emailed there, to any of the following, in order of preference: 1) the principal race officer; 2) scorer; 3) the fleet captain of the hosting club, 4) the fleet captain of the boat's home club, within the appropriate time limit. If the form is faxed or emailed, any of the above recipients must be contacted in person or by telephone within the time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted, emailed, mailed, telephoned, or delivered in person to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Each party to a protest is responsible for notifying their witnesses.
- 15.4 The protest hearings will be scheduled either on that race day beginning as soon as practicable following the last race of the day or beginning at approximately 1900 on the Thursday following each race or regatta at the yacht club which hosts the race or regatta.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 For the club series and the Boats Of The Year (BOTY) series, RRS A5.3 will apply, except visiting boats' will be excluded. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as prescribed in the exclusions table in section 21.6.
 - 16.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta or series.
 - 16.3 For 2 and 3 race regattas, a boat's score for a regatta will be the total of her race scores.
 - 16.4 Overall winner, when awarded, will be determined based on fleet overall MWPHRF time-on-distance scores. This amends rule A2.
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- 16.5 A boat that is disqualified under instruction SAFETY REGULATIONS shall be scored DNE, Disqualification Not Excludable. This amends Appendix A.

17 [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Check-in: Before the first race of the day, boats intending to race shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat, hail her sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee. She may do this either before the first warning signal or after her warning signal. Any boat failing to do so shall notify the race committee by hail or radio when she starts.
- 17.2 A boat that starts or, sails in the vicinity of the starting line between her warning and starting signal, then retires from a race and fails to notify the race committee by end of protest time of her retirement, may be protested. If disqualified, she shall be scored DNE, Disqualification Not Excludable. This changes Appendix A.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Flags, when awarded, will be awarded according to the following schedule:
 - a) 1 to 2 starters – one flag

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- b) 3 to 4 starters – two flags
 - c) 5 or more starters – three flags
- 18.2 Race and Regatta trophies, when awarded, will be awarded to the overall first place winner only.
- 18.3 Perpetual Trophies for the season and club series' overall are awarded as follows:
- Simonsen Trophy – Perpetual trophy, awarded to First Overall for the Wind Point Regatta
 - Tanger Cup – Perpetual trophy, awarded to First Overall for the Tanger Regatta
 - Skelding Cup – Perpetual trophy, awarded to First Overall for the Skelding Regatta
 - Grudge "Chicken Shit" – Perpetual trophy, awarded to First Overall for the Grudge Regatta
 - William Barr Memorial Cup - Awarded to the SSYC Overall Season Winner using a High Point, bonus scoring system and based on Section Participation in the SSYC Season Series
 - Steel Mill Yacht Club Milwaukee Bay Challenge Cup – awarded to First in Racing 1 for the SSYC Season Series
 - Steel Mill Yacht Club Corinthian Cup – awarded to First in Racing 2 for the SSYC Season Series
 - Milwaukee Bay Boat of the Year – awarded to First Overall in each Section for the season according to scoring described in section 21

19 RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 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.**

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.
- 20.2 Proof of coverage shall be provided by each owner to their respective club.

21 SCORING/BOAT OF THE YEAR

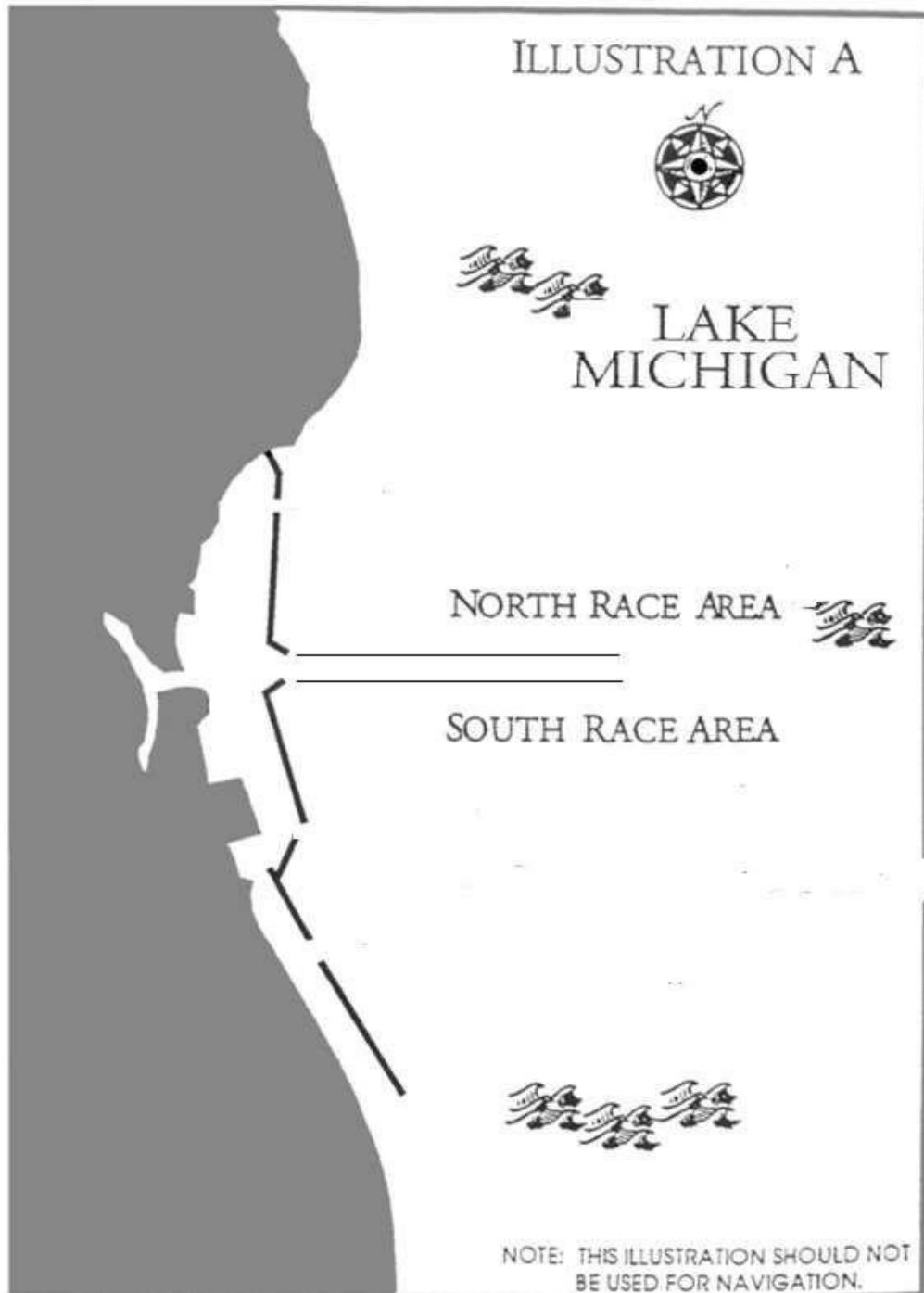
- 21.1 The Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club MBOS RACING Fleets may adjust the MWPHRF Handicap for specific boats for MBOS races only.
- 21.2 RACING fleet: 10 Milwaukee Yacht Club races and 10 South Shore Yacht Club races are scheduled for each club's respective CLUB SERIES.
- 21.3 Both of a boat's MYC and SSYC CLUB SERIES scores will be the total of the respective series race scores excluding her worst scores per the exclusions chart in section 21.6.
- 21.4 To qualify for the Boat Of The Year Series, RACING fleet boats must compete in at least one multiple race event in each of the MYC and SSYC Club Series.
- 21.5 A boat's Boat of the Year Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst scores per the exclusions chart in section 21.6.
- 21.6 When excluding worst scores for a season series the following chart will be used to determine the number of exclusions allowed.

<u>Number of Races</u>	<u>Number of Exclusions</u>
1 to 5	0
6 to 8	1
9 to 11	2
12 to 14	3
15 to 17	4
18 to 20	5

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ILLUSTRATION A - RACING AREAS



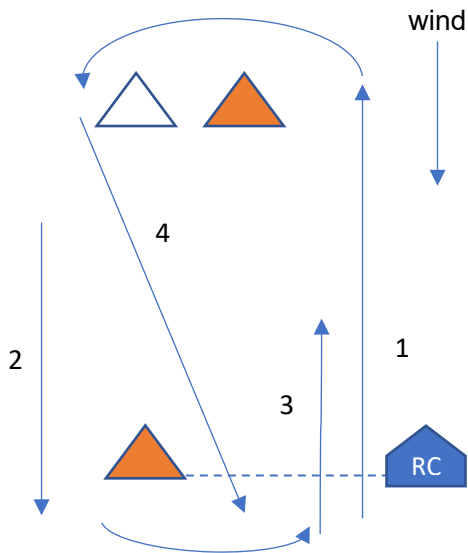
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ILLUSTRATION B - COURSES

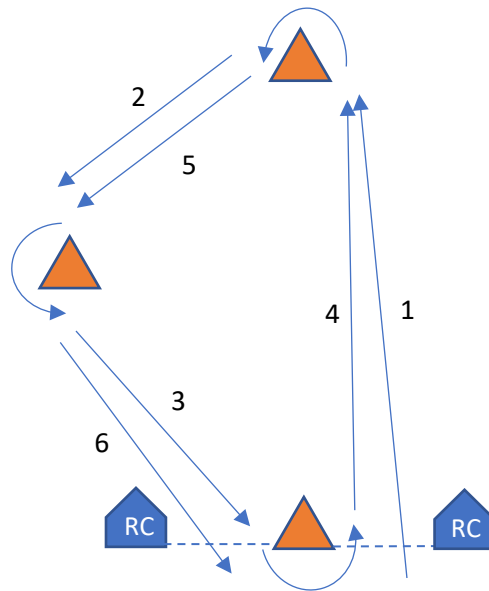
Course L – 4 legs

Start-1-2-3-4-Finish



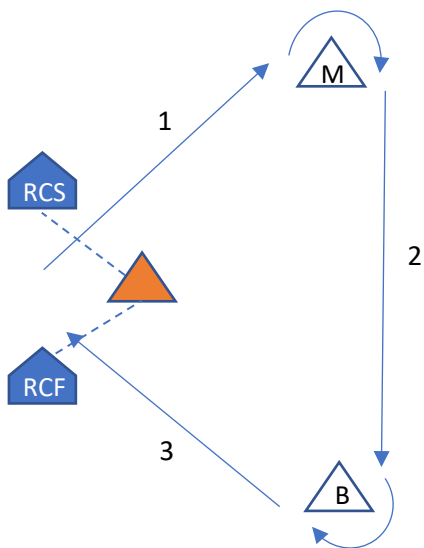
Course T – 6 legs

Start-1-2-3-4-5-6-



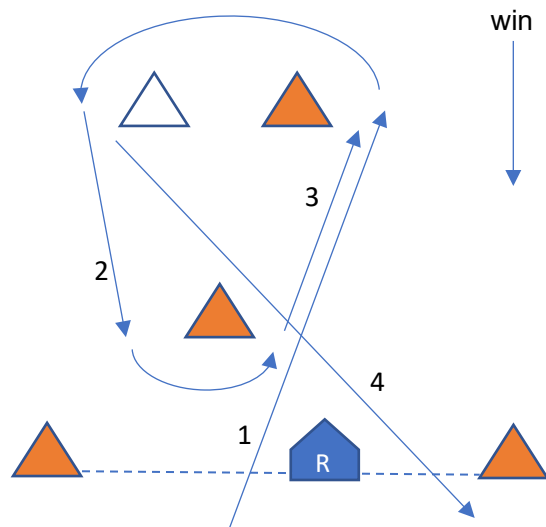
Course G – 3 legs

Start-1-2-3-Finish








Course M – 4

Start-1-2-3-4-



Legend

-  = Race Mark
Fixed or Throw-In
-  = Race Mark
Fixed or Throw-In
-  = Bell Buoy
-  = MYC Fixed Mark
-  = RC Boat