



**1. RULES**

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (Sail Fleet Bulletin Board) located in the Recreation Room of MBC, and the waterside windows of the club.

**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**

A competitors' meeting will be held at MBC at 9:00pm on Friday, May 15, 2009 or at the close of registration.

RACING: Up to three races may be sailed, Saturday, May 16, 2009 (rain date May 17). No races will begin after 3pm.

The scheduled time for the warning signal will be at 9:55 am.

**6. CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS**

Classes will initially start in the following order; **subsequent starts may be in a different order:**

	Approximate Starting Times:	
	09:55 am	Warning Signal (PHRF B)
PHRF B Purple	10:00 am	PHRF B Start
PHRF A Pink	10:05 am	PHRF A Start
JAM Yellow	10:10 am	JAM 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 La Plaisance Bay of western Lake Erie, around fixed and temporary racing marks.

**8. 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 Center racing mark. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of boats whose warning signal has been made.

**9. COURSE(S)**

A windward-leeward course will be indicated by a black letter on a white board displayed by the Race Committee, indicating N (north), S (south), E (east), W (west), or T (temporary orange tetrahedron). If "T" is used, wind direction and mileage to the upwind mark will be indicated.

Number of laps will be indicated for PHRF (x1, x2). JAM will only sail once (x1) in all instances.

**10. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the R/C boat and the orange tetrahedron unless shortened or abandoned (See RRS 32).

**11. MARKS**

Approximate locations of fixed marks:

N 41' 50.867	E 41' 49.457	S 41' 48.048	W 41' 49.457
83' 21.841	83' 19.961	83' 21.843	83' 21.721

Should conditions warrant, a temporary mark (T) may be dropped in a NW, NE, SW, or SE direction.

**12. RECALLS**

The R/C boat will fly the "X" flag or "First Substitute" and signal in accordance with Rule 29, 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.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

There is no time limit.

**14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protest flags must be flown. Protest forms are available on the official notice board (Sail Fleet Bulletin Board). Protests shall be delivered to Protest file folder (Sail Fleet bulletin board) within 1.0 hour after the race committee/finish boat docks.

The protesting yacht 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 MBC Commodore's Room. All interested parties must be present. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 or 44.2 shall notify the Race Committee after it has finished the race.

**15. SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. There is no throw out race.

**16. SAFETY**

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

Retirement: A yacht that retires shall notify the Race Committee, verbally, via mobile phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), 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.

**17. 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.

*Each boat shall have onboard an operating VHF radio, capable of both transmitting and receiving, and monitoring Ch 71 while racing. This is the only method to immediately broadcast potentially life and/or property saving information to the entire fleet and other potential responders at once.*

**18. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

Flags will be awarded to the top three finishers of each class of three or more boats. A Perpetual Trophy is engraved with the name of the top finisher of two or more classes in the PHRF division.

