



**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 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**

Open registration and shakedown race will be held at MBC on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 from 6- 8:30 pm.

RACING: Tuesday evenings, beginning May 12, 2009 and continuing through September 4, 2009 (except August 4). The scheduled time of the warning signal will be at 6:55 pm for each race.

EARLY SERIES:	May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 09, 16, 23, 30
LATE SERIES:	July 07, 14, 21, 28, August 11, 18, 25, September 01
RUM SERIES:	September 08, 15, 22

***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:

Approximate Starting Times:

6:55 pm Warning Signal (PHRF B)

PHRF B Purple

7:00 pm PHRF B Start

PHRF A Pink

7:05 pm PHRF A Start

JAM Yellow

7:10 pm 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 western Lake Erie from the MBC/NCYC North mark in La Plaisance Bay, using the MBC/NCYC Racing Marks (see chartlet).

**8. 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.

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

#### 9. MARKS

All marks will be orange can buoys, identified with "NCYC Racing Mark."

#### 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 fly the "X" flag and signal 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. 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.

#### 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest flags must be flown. Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to the MBC Sail Fleet Board folder 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 the Commodore's Room at the clubhouse. All interested parties must be present.

A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31, 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. Results for a series will be calculated on the best (6) 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.

All MBC members are required to perform a Race Committee duty, which is scored as 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class and Division Overall, at least one time during the season. In the event additional Race Committee duties are warranted, those occurrences will be still count as a race sailed, but be scored 1.5<sup>th</sup> place in Class and 1.5<sup>th</sup> place OA.

**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 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**

Award flags will be awarded to the top three finishers of each class. Exception: only one flag per season is awarded in a class with only one boat. Overall Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division of two or more classes (PHRF/JAM).

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