



**1. RULES**

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**2. ENTRIES**

The race is open to all single-hulled, auxiliary sailboats, must be helmed by a woman at all times, and carry no more than 50% male crew.

Competitors may enter the race in advance by mail, online at [www.monroeboatclub.org](http://www.monroeboatclub.org), or by delivering a completed entry form along with \$20.00US to Monroe Boat Club during open registration 10:30-11:30am the morning of the race. Each entry must be accompanied by a current PHRF-LE rating certificate and \$100k liability insurance policy, unless on file at MBC for 2008. A handicap certificate and/or yacht club membership may be waived at the discretion of the Race Chair.

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- There will be NO competitors' meeting.
- One race will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2008.
- The scheduled time for the warning signal will be at 12:50pm (~10 min starts)

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

| Flag | Class |
|------|-------|
| Gray | JAM   |
| Pink | PHRF  |

**7. ON-WATER POSTPONEMENT**

Code Flag "AP" and two sound signals. The Warning Signal will be made one minute after lowering the "AP" flag.

**8. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be western Lake Erie, starting at the MBC North mark approximately ½ nm southeast of the Bolles Harbor R2 buoy.

**9. MARKS**

Race marks are orange spar buoys with letters N, E, and "NCYC Racing Mark." The approximate locations of those used in today's race are:

|                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>N</b> 41' 50.867<br>83' 21.841 | <b>E</b> 41' 49.457<br>83' 19.961 | <b>S</b> 41' 48.048<br>83' 21.843 | <b>W</b> 41' 49.457<br>83' 21.721 |
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**10. COURSES**

The courses for both PHRF and JAM are triangular, using the five joint NCYC-MBC orange racing buoys arranged in a diamond pattern in La Plaisance Bay. The Race Committee will identify the course by displaying course number boards.

Should conditions warrant, the Race Committee MAY shorten course at a mark of the course, and will notify yachts by flying code "S" flag accompanied by two sound signals upon approach of the first yacht.

**11. THE START**

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given 10 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.

**12. 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. Starting order will not change. Rule 29.2 does not apply (there will be no general recalls).

**13. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the race will be 2.5 hours from the first start, for the first boat to finish.

**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 MBC sail fleet notice 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 clubhouse banquet room. All interested parties must be present.

A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall notify the Race Committee after finishing the race.

**15. SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

**16. SAFETY**

Each competitor is responsible for the personal safety of him/herself. 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 the race.

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. COMMUNICATIONS**

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. The Race Committee will monitor VHF-71.

**19. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

Flags will be awarded to the top three finishers of each class. The perpetual trophy will be engraved naming the top boat in each division.

| <b>Course #</b> | <b>Rounding Marks</b> | <b>(direction)</b> | <b>Nautical Miles</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1               | Start-W-E-Finish      | (port)             | 6.8                   |
| 2               | Start-W-S-Finish      | (port)             | 6.8                   |
| 3               | Start-S-W-Finish      | (stbd)             | 6.8                   |
| 4               | Start-S-E-Finish      | (port)             | 6.8                   |
| 5               | Start-E-W-Finish      | (stbd)             | 6.8                   |
| 6               | Start-E-S-Finish      | (stbd)             | 6.8                   |
| 7               | Start-W-C-Finish      | (port)             | 4.8                   |
| 8               | Start-C-W-Finish      | (stbd)             | 4.8                   |
| 9               | Start-E-C-Finish      | (stbd)             | 4.8                   |
| 10              | Start-C-E-Finish      | (port)             | 4.8                   |