



Chicago Yacht Club

2011 RACE TO MACKINAC– THE 103rd RUNNING

Presented By
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Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chicago Yacht Club Mackinac Committee (CYCMC) shall represent the Chicago Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority.

2. START DATES

The Start of the Chicago Yacht Club **Race** to Mackinac shall be Saturday, July 16, 2011 for all divisions with the exception of the Cruising Division which shall start on Friday, July 15, 2011.

3. RULES

3.1 The race shall be governed by:

- a. The rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing including (RRS) US SAILING prescriptions, except prescriptions 60, 63.2, 63.4, which shall not apply.
- b. The words “of wire” are deleted from the second sentence of RRS 49.2. This changes RRS 49.2.
- c. The 2011 Mackinac Safety Regulations (MSR), Monohull and Multihull.
- d. The rules of the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) for monohulls and the rules of Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls.
- e. One-Design Class Rules – Boats racing in an approved One-Design Class Section shall be subject to their class rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, a handicap rule of the Division, the Notice and Conditions of Race, these Sailing Instructions or any Additional Sailing Instructions, the more restrictive rule shall apply.
- f. The Sailing Instructions (SI) shall take precedence over the Notice of Race (NOR) for any conflicts that may exist between the two documents, this changes RRS 63.7.

3.2 The Race to Mackinac Protest Committee, in addition to hearing protests and requests for redress, shall have authority to resolve questions of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. Hearings to resolve any such questions shall begin at or after 1400 CDT on the Thursday prior to the Start.

4. TIME ZONES

All times shown in the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions involving pre-Race and on-the-water requirements, including the start, call-ins and the finish times, are Central Daylight Time (CDT). All onshore activities at Mackinac Island will be expressed in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Prior to the Start, notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Monroe Station of Chicago Yacht Club. Unofficial courtesy copies of such notices may also be posted at Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Harbor Clubhouse and online at www.cycracetomackinac.com.

Notices on Mackinac Island shall be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Race Committee Headquarters Tent near the finish line trailer.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change or addendum to these Sailing Instructions shall be in the form of an Additional Sailing Instruction issued by the Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee. Any Additional Sailing Instructions shall be posted before 0700 CDT on the day they shall take effect, with the exception of ORR Scoring Mix.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagpole at the Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station. The Race Committee shall attempt courtesy broadcasts on VHF **Channel 78**. In the event of a Postponement, no starting signal shall be made earlier than ninety (90) minutes following the lowering of the signal. This changes "Race Signals-AP and AP over H".

8. DIVISIONS, SECTIONS, SECTION PENNANTS AND STARTING TIMES

The first Cruising Division start is scheduled for 1500 CDT Friday, July 15; the first start of the Cup, Trophy, Double-Handed and Multihull Divisions collectively is scheduled for 1130 CDT Saturday, July 16. Section starts will be at ten (10) minute intervals. An Additional Sailing Instruction shall designate the allocation of boats into Divisions and Sections, assignment of Section Pennants and starting times.

9. BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1 Each boat shall display on its backstay the Pennant of its Section from prior to its Check-In until after it has finished and completed its Post-Race Sign-In. This changes RRS 55.
- 9.2 Bow stickers provided at Pre-Race Sign-In shall be affixed to both sides of the bow as far forward as possible for the duration of the race. Loss of bow stickers during the Race shall not be subject to protest or penalty.

10. PRE-START CHECK-IN

- 10.1 **Boats in the Cup, Trophy, Double-Handed and Multihull Divisions**, prior to entering the starting area, shall power to the east end of Navy Pier, then proceed approximately 1200 feet due east to the Race Committee Check-In Boat. Each boat shall then leave the Race Committee Check-In-Boat to port while passing between the Race Committee Check-In-Boat and an orange buoy while displaying its MSR compliant reflective sailboard on its port side and be acknowledged before proceeding through the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse Gap to the starting area. The Race Committee Check-In Boat shall display code flag "L" and be on station from 1000 CDT to 1400 CDT. Check-In by radio is not permitted.
- 10.2 **Boats in the Cruising Division** shall come within hail of the Race Committee Check-In Boat located on the West end of the starting line. Leaving the Race Committee Check-In Boat to port, each boat shall display its MSR compliant reflective sailboard on its port side and be verbally acknowledged. Check-In by radio is not permitted.

11. STARTING PROCEDURES

- 11.1 The Starting Area shall be situated approximately 1.5 nautical miles east of the Monroe Inner Harbor entrance and approximately 0.5 nautical miles southeast of the south end of the Chicago Harbor Breakwater. Unless otherwise defined by yellow buoys, the Starting Area shall be a rectangle in the middle of which is the starting line extended at both ends east and west two hundred yards. The rectangle begins two hundred yards south of the extended starting line and ends one hundred yards on the course side, north, of the extended starting line. If yellow buoys are deployed, they shall define the Starting Area. Boats whose warning signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of the Starting Area.
- 11.2 The Starting Line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the Starboard (eastern) end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the Port (western) end of the line.
- 11.3 Starting Sequence signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26 except that the warning signal for each section shall be ten (10) minutes before its start. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.4 The Race Committee may make radio broadcasts regarding the timing of signals displayed and other information relevant to the start of the Race over VHF Channel 78. Such broadcasts are provided as a

courtesy to competitors and do not relieve them of their responsibility to observe the visual signals that indicate the actual timing of a starting sequence. Errors or omissions in a Race Committee courtesy broadcast shall not be considered grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. RECALLS

- 12.1 Individual Recalls - Boats on the course side (OCS) in accordance with RRS 29.1 at their start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee. This changes RRS 29.1. If made, the hail will be on VHF 78 or by loud hailer or voice. Failure to hear a courtesy hail is not a basis for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.2 General Recalls - After a general recall has been signaled for a Cruising Division Section, the recalled section or sections shall be re-started after all the other scheduled sections in the Cruising Division. After a general recall has been signaled for the collective of the Cup, Trophy, Double-Handed, and Multihull Divisions, the recalled section or sections shall be re-started after all the other scheduled sections of the collective of those Divisions. For all Divisions, the warning signal for the first section to be recalled will be coincident with the starting signal of the last scheduled section. Any subsequently recalled sections shall be started in the same order that they were recalled. General Recall flags shall be removed one minute before the Preparatory Signal, without a sound signal, for the next section's start. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

13. COURSE AND MARKS

- 13.1 Start at Chicago to Finish at Mackinac Island.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between Grays Reef Light (2010 LL No. 17775) and Grays Reef Passage Channel Lighted Buoy 7 (2010 LL No. 17780), except those passing west of Beaver Island.
- 13.3 Boats shall leave New Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy 3 (2010 LL No. 17745) to starboard.
- 13.4 Boats shall pass under one of the three center spans of the Mackinac Bridge. Competitors are warned that the height above the water of the three spans is not equal and that there are caissons underwater that extend approximately 60 feet on all sides of the bridge supports. This information is available in the most recent US Coast Pilot. Boats shall consult the appropriate navigational documents and base their navigation solely on those documents.
- 13.5 Boats shall leave South Graham Shoal Buoy to port.

14. CALL-IN & RADIO WATCH

- 14.1 All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 16 from 1600 CDT on the day they start until they pass under the Mackinac Bridge and any other time that the Person-In-Charge deems it necessary.
- 14.2 Wednesday Morning Call-In: Any boat which has not crossed the finish line by 0001 CDT Wednesday following the Start shall report to the Race Committee between 0001 CDT to 0200 CDT Wednesday following the Start via phone at (906) 847-3303 with the boat's name, sail number and Latitude/Longitude position.
- 14.3 Bridge Radio Watch: Boats shall maintain a radio watch from the time they pass under the Mackinac Bridge until they have completed their post-Race inspection and/or received docking instructions. This watch shall monitor VHF Channel 78 until directed to another channel by the Race Committee.
- 14.4 Mackinac Bridge Call-In: After passing approximately 1/2 mile east of the Mackinac Bridge, boats shall transmit on high power with their 25 Watt Marine Radio to call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 78 and, after acknowledgment, report to the Race Committee their name, sail number and position. If there is no response from the Race Committee, boats shall repeat their call at approximately two-minute intervals.
- 14.5 If a boat is unable after repeated attempts to reach the Race Committee for any required radio call-in, the boat shall promptly contact another boat and request that the other boat pass on the required information to the Race Committee and the requesting boat shall log the date and time of the request and contact with the Race Committee.

15. FINISH LINE

The Finish Line shall be between the southwest corner of the abandoned Round Island Lighthouse located on the westerly tip of Round Island and an orange flag on a pole at the Race Committee finish trailer on Mackinac

Island. Two vertical green lights and/or flashing strobe may be displayed night and day from the trailer to approximate the location of the finishing line.

Two high intensity searchlights used by the Race Committee to identify boats and sail numbers may be flashed on and off. **They are positioned to the west of the finish line and have no significance to the finishing boat.** They are not to be considered as a signal as to the location of the finish line or that a boat has finished.

Boats may want to assume they are still racing until having passed easterly of **the Round Island Passage Light** (2010 LL No. 12580).

16. FINISHING PROCEDURES

- 16.1 Each boat shall display its **MSR compliant reflective sailboard** no less than 0.2 NM from the finish line and the reflective sailboard shall remain on display until acknowledgment of finish is received. The reflective sailboard shall be secured to the boat's port side aft of the beam in such manner so its lowest edge is above the deck line and its view is unobstructed by the boat's sails, equipment and crew.
- 16.2 Each boat shall record its own finishing time and the sail number and name of the boat finishing ahead and behind it, if these boats can be identified, on the Finish Report Card provided in the competitor's packet at pre-Race registration.
- 16.3 **After finishing, boats shall immediately call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 78 to receive acknowledgement of their finish.** All boats shall be inspected unless specifically advised otherwise by the Race Committee.
- 16.4 After finishing, a boat shall not make landfall, discharge any crew, remove or take on board any item before it has either been inspected or specifically released from inspection by the Race Committee.
- 16.5 Once a boat has finished, it shall make best efforts to keep well clear of boats still racing. In particular, already-finished boats shall endeavor to avoid creating wakes and/or wind disturbances for boats still racing.
- 16.6 Boats that finish after the Race Committee is no longer on station need not adhere to SI 16.3, 16.4, 17 and 18 and, if planning to make landfall at Mackinac Island, shall make docking arrangements directly with the Michigan DNR Mackinac Island Harbormaster. The Race Committee shall not be on station after 0800 CDT Wednesday following the start of the Race. Therefore, affected boats shall fax, phone or email their Finish Card information to the CYC Staff Race Coordinator (contact information listed below) at the first reasonable opportunity. It shall be the responsibility of the Invited Competitor to confirm that the Race Committee has received all Finish Card information.

17. INSPECTION AND DOCKING PROCEDURES

- 17.1 **After a boat has secured sails and other equipment and is prepared to dock, it shall switch to VHF Channel 72 and call the Race Committee for instructions regarding inspection and docking.** NOTE: During the docking process, docking officials may direct boats to switch from VHF Channel 72 to an alternate channel or channels.
- 17.2 A boat shall be subject to inspection by the Race Committee from Thursday 1000 CDT preceding the Start, until the boat has properly completed its post-Race registration.
- 17.3 Boats shall not dock or raft at any location without the express direction of the Race Committee.
- 17.4 **Boats shall race with sufficient and appropriately sized dock lines, spring lines and fenders appropriate for rafting with up to 10 other boats. Boats unable to comply with this regulation may be required by the Race Committee to depart from all CYCMC controlled docking locations.**
- 17.5 **The Race Committee may protest boats failing to comply completely with any of the inspection and/or docking procedures as set out in the Sailing Instructions. In addition, such Invited Competitors failing to comply may not be invited to compete in future Races.**

17.6 DOCKING AT MACKINAC ISLAND

The following regulations apply to all docking on Mackinac Island:

- a. Upon finishing or after completion of post-race inspection, the Race Committee will direct competitors to dock in a Docking Zone. Docking Zones will be labeled A-K. Competitors will receive a document labeled “Mackinac Island Docking Chart” at Pre-Race Sign-In identifying the location of the various Docking Zones.
- b. Boats must leave their locations no later than 1300 EDT Wednesday after the Start. All boats rafted or blocking another boat shall have crew on board capable of moving the boat beginning 0700 EDT Wednesday after the Start in order to facilitate a timely departure by all. Boats wishing to stay beyond the deadline must make reservations directly with the Michigan DNR at 1-800-44-PARKS and are responsible for paying applicable charges.
- c. Competitor boats requesting “touch and go” docking may be directed by the Race Committee to Docking Zone J and given a time limit for departure. Time limits may be as short as ten (10) minutes. Unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee, no long term docking is permitted at Docking Zone J. At least two (2) people, capable of moving the boat, shall be onboard for the entire time their boat is moored in Docking Zone J.
- d. Unless specifically directed otherwise by the Race Committee, boats shall not berth in Mackinac Island Harbor by anchoring in the harbor.

17.7 DOCKING AT ST. IGNACE

- a. Boats that have docking assignments at St. Ignace shall follow the “touch and go” procedure listed in SI 17.6.c. After completing Post-Finish Sign-In requirements as stated in SI 18, boats shall leave Mackinac Island for St. Ignace. Prior to arrival in St. Ignace, boats shall contact the St. Ignace Harbormaster on VHF 77 to obtain their docking assignments. If a boat has a change of plans and chooses not to dock at St. Ignace, the boat shall notify the Race Committee of the change and shall not be allowed to dock on Mackinac Island.
- b. Boats moored at St. Ignace must leave St. Ignace no later than 1300 EDT Wednesday after the Start. All boats rafted or blocking another boat shall have crew on board capable of moving the boat beginning 0700 EDT Wednesday after the Start in order to facilitate a timely departure by all. Boats wishing to stay beyond the deadline must make reservations directly with the St. Ignace Harbormaster and are responsible for paying applicable charges.

18 POST-FINISH SIGN-IN

- 18.1 Within three (3) hours of finishing, except as listed in SI 18.2, the Invited Competitor or the Person-In-Charge shall complete and sign the Finish Report Card provided at Pre-Race Sign-In and turn it in at the Race Committee Headquarters tent located in the vicinity of the Finish Line. Signature on the Finish Report shall represent acknowledgment that the boat was raced in full compliance and in the spirit of the rules set forth in the Notice and Conditions of Race and the Sailing Instructions and that all persons associated with the boat shall comply with the Mackinac Harbor Regulations until they have departed the Island.
- 18.2 Boats that are complying with the “touch and go” docking procedure in SI 17.6.c shall fulfill their Post-Finish Sign-In requirements with the Race Committee at the Race Committee Harbor Control in Docking Zone J. Upon successful completion of Post-Finish Sign-In, boats shall promptly leave “touch and go” slip.

19 TIME LIMIT

All boats not finishing by 1200 CDT Thursday following the start of the Race shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

20 WITHDRAWAL

- 20.1 Boats that retire from the Race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by calling 906-847-3303. Failure to comply with this directive may result in the Invited Competitor not being invited to compete in future races.

20.2 Boats withdrawing from the Race or having a serious incident shall complete the US SAILING Serious Incident Report Form and file it with US SAILING within three (3) weeks, with a copy to the Race Committee, as part of this Club's cooperation with the US SAILING Safety at Sea Committee. Failure to comply with both of these directives may result in the Invited Competitor not being invited to compete in future races.

21 PROTESTS

21.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be decided by the Race to Mackinac Protest Committee.

21.2 **It is recommended that** protests be submitted on the standard US SAILING Form, which shall be available at the Race Committee Headquarters Tent on Mackinac Island and online at www.cycracetomackinac.com.

21.3 Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee at the Race Committee Headquarters Tent within three (3) hours of the finish of the protesting boat. A withdrawing boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest when reporting its withdrawal. Protest by a boat that has withdrawn from the race shall be delivered to the Race Committee at Mackinac Island within 24 hours of arrival at the harbor of refuge.

Attn: Chicago Yacht Club
Mackinac Race Committee
FAX: (906) 847-6568 or Email: racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org

21.4 Posting of the notice of protest and hearing time on the Official Notice Board in the Race Committee Headquarters Tent shall constitute the notification that is required under RRS 63.2. It shall be the responsibility of each Invited Competitor or Person-in-Charge to note the protest postings and to attend the protest hearing, if involved in a protest. Protested boats may obtain copies of the protest from the Race Committee at the Race Committee Headquarters Tent.

21.5 Protests shall be heard on Mackinac Island at the Windermere Hotel in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday following the start	0900 EDT
Tuesday following the start	0900 EDT
Wednesday following the start	0900 EDT

The Protest Committee shall continue to hear protests for as long as it determines necessary and may alter this schedule as it deems necessary.

21.6 Protests not heard or decided at Mackinac Island shall be heard no sooner than two weeks after the start of the Race, at Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station. Invited Competitors or Persons-in-Charge of boats involved will be notified.

22 ALTERNATE PENALTIES

22.1 The Protest Committee has the discretion to issue corrected time penalties, Section placement penalties or disqualification except as listed in SI 22.3 and SI 22.4. Section Placement penalties shall be assessed by adjusting the corrected time of the penalized boat the minimum amount necessary to achieve the desired rank. After penalties are applied, the scores of all boats shall be updated to reflect any changes in their ranking.

22.2 Two-Turns Penalty shall only apply within six (6) hours of a boat's starting signal. This changes RRS 44.1.

22.3 RRS G4 is changed to read: When a protest committee finds that a boat has broken a rule of this appendix it may warn the boat but shall not penalize it.

22.4 The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing for a breach of SI's 14.4, 16.1, 16.3 and 18 by applying a scoring penalty of 5 minutes elapsed time per infraction. This changes RRS 63.1, 64.1(a) and A5. If a boat accumulates penalties from SI 22.4 and SI 22.1, the order in which the penalties will be assessed is SI 22.4 then SI 22.1.

22.5 RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

23 SCORING

Scoring will be in conformance with the NOR.

On a divisional basis, the ORR Scoring Course Mixes to be used to score Divisions being scored with ORR shall be posted on a sign board located on the Race Committee Check-In Boat or Race Committee Boat prior to the start of each Division. The Race Committee may announce the ORR Scoring Mixes by courtesy broadcasts during the starting sequence.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the NOR. The Chicago Yacht Club permanent trophies for the Mackinac Race will be awarded in accordance with their deeds of gift.

Flags for winners will be presented in the Grand Hotel's Tea Garden between 1400 EDT – 1800 EDT on Tuesday following the Start unless posted differently on the Official Notice Board.

Unless otherwise notified, Mackinac trophies shall be awarded at the Annual Mackinac and Offshore Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

25 OFFICIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS IDENTIFICATION

All pages of the Official Sailing Instructions shall display the words "Official Sailing Instructions" at the bottom of each page.

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Race to Mackinac Official Website

www.cycracetomackinac.com

Key Dates to Remember

July 15	Pre-Race Registration Cutoff - 1100 CDT Cruising Division, 1600 CDT all other divisions.
July 15	Cruising Division Starts
July 16	Remaining Divisions Start
July 19	1400-1700 EDT Brag Flags Awarded at the Grand Hotel Mackinac Island
Nov. 5	Mackinac Awards Banquet in Chicago
July 21, 2012	104 th Running of the Race to Mackinac