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**2011 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race
Sailing Instructions**



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - 2011

1. RULES

The 2011 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race shall be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS), which include the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the Notice of Race, the Cruising Division Mackinac Rules 2011, the Mackinac Safety Regulations 2011 – Monohulls, Mackinac Safety Regulations 2011 – Multihulls (except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions), and these Sailing Instructions. In case of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

US Sailing Prescription 63.2 will not apply.

Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 (ISAF Advertising Code).

2. CREW

The minimum number of crew for Divisions I, III and IV shall be five experienced and capable sailors - exceptions to this requirement may be granted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. The minimum number of crew for multihulls in Division II shall be three experienced and capable sailors. The number of crew for Division V – Double Handed shall be two experienced and capable sailors.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The race is open only by invitation of Bayview Yacht Club to boats in compliance with (i) the Notice of Race, (ii) the Bayview Mackinac Safety Regulations and (iii) these Sailing Instructions.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Before the start, notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at (1) Bayview Yacht Club during registration on July 19 and 20, 2011, and (2) on the glass wall near Race Committee Headquarters in the Student Center building at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron on July 22 and 23, 2011.

4.2 After the start, notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Race Committee Headquarters at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the glass wall near Race Committee Headquarters in the Student Center building at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron before 0900 on Saturday, July 23, 2011.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at both Port Huron Yacht Club and the Port Huron Harbormaster office.

6.2 Flag "AP" displayed ashore means "The race is postponed. Boats are advised not to leave the harbor. Please monitor VHF channel 71 and check the Official Notice Board at the Student Center building, St. Clair County Community College, for further instructions."

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the flags designated in Sailing Instruction 10.5. A class flag will be included in the skipper's packet issued by the Race Committee at registration. Each boat shall display her class flag from the backstay at least six feet above the deck from before the boat first enters the Starting

Area or the Staging Area until at least 30 minutes after starting and for at least 30 minutes immediately before and after finishing.

8. STARTING AREA

The starting area will be on the west side of the shipping channel on lower Lake Huron, approximately 4.5 nautical miles (nm) north of the head of the St. Clair River. The Race Control Boat will be anchored at approximately N 43° 04.00', W 082° 25.05'.

9. COURSE

9.1 **Divisions I:** From the starting line in lower Lake Huron to the Cove Island Buoy set in the vicinity of Cove Island, Ontario, Canada, visually leaving this to port then to the finish line at Mackinac Island, leaving the Duck Islands to starboard and Bois Blanc Island to port. The Cove Island Buoy is a conical yellow buoy with a yellow strobe light flashing once every four seconds that will be set at approximately latitude N 45° 20.00', W longitude 081° 51.00'.

Each boat shall record the time of passing the Cove Island Buoy, the boat ahead (if known) and the boat astern (if known) on the card provided in the skipper's packet issued at registration.

9.2 **Divisions II, III, IV and V:** From the starting line to the finish line at Mackinac Island leaving Thunder Bay Island and Bois Blanc Island to port. For handicap purposes, the course length is 204 nm.

10. THE START

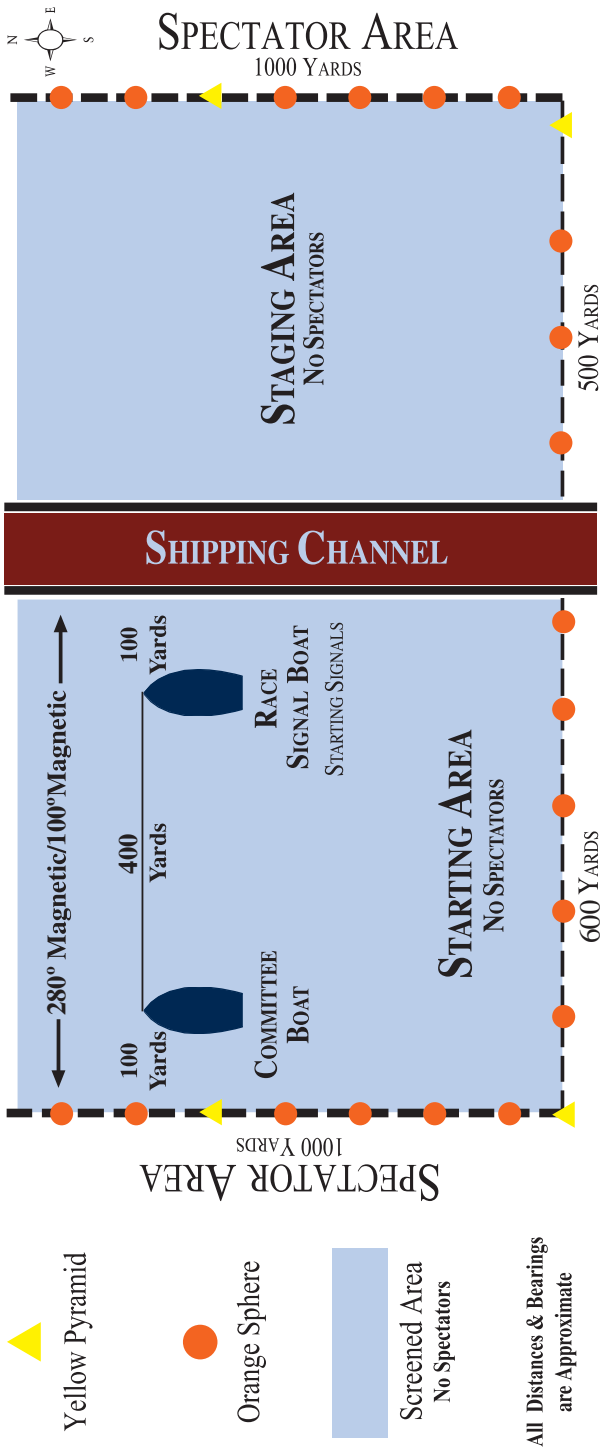
10.1 The starting line will be between an orange cylindrical shape or the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and an orange cylindrical shape or the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat at the port end. Refer to diagram on page 26.

10.2 A boat shall not enter the "Starting Area" depicted in the diagram on page 26 except during the 20-minute period immediately preceding her starting signal. Boats allowed in the "Starting Area" prior to their warning signal shall keep well clear of the boats that are about to start.

10.3 An orange inflated buoy (*Protection Mark*) may be anchored near or tethered to the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the starting line and the Race Committee Boat at the port end. In addition, the Signal Boat and Race Committee Boat may have a buoy attached to the anchor rode. If a boat touches one of the Race Committee boats, a Protection Mark or its tether, or passes between one of the Race Committee boats and its Protection Mark, she shall be considered to have touched a mark. This changes RRS 31. A boat may exonerate herself in accordance with RRS 44.

10.4 Races will be started using the following starting signals (this changes RRS 26). Times will be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	10
Preparatory	Flag P; 1 sound	5
One-minute	Flag P removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0



SCHEDULED STARTING TIMES

Time	Class	Class Flag	Course
1130	Beneteau 36.7	Hot Pink	Cove
	Level 35	Hot Pink	Cove
1140	Crusing C	Light Green	Shore
1150	IRC - D	Gold	Cove
	IRC - C	Gold	Cove
1200	PHRF - F	Black	Shore
1210	PHRF - E	Yellow	Shore
1220	PHRF - D	Purple	Shore
1230	Cruising - B	Teal	Shore
	Doublehanded (PHRF)	Teal	Shore
1240	C&C 35	White	Shore
1250	Cruising - A	Black	Shore
1300	PHRF - C	Light Grey	Shore
1310	IRC - B	Royal Blue	Cove
1320	PHRF - B	Light Green	Shore
1330	PHRF - A	Yellow	Shore
	J-120	Yellow	Shore
1340	GL-70	Purple	Cove
	IRC - A	Purple	Cove
1350	Multihull	Light Grey	Shore

10.6 An observer designated by the Race Committee may broadcast the visual signals displayed by the Race Committee on VHF channel 71. These broadcasts will be provided as a courtesy to competitors and will not relieve competitors from their responsibility to observe the visual signals, which shall govern. The failure to broadcast such information or the broadcast of incorrect information shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee as a courtesy will attempt to hail the sail number of each boat on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal on VHF channel 71.

12. RADIO WATCH AND IDENTIFICATION

12.1 All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 16 from 1600 hours Saturday, July 23 until one hour prior to their finish and any other time that the Person-In-Charge deems it necessary.

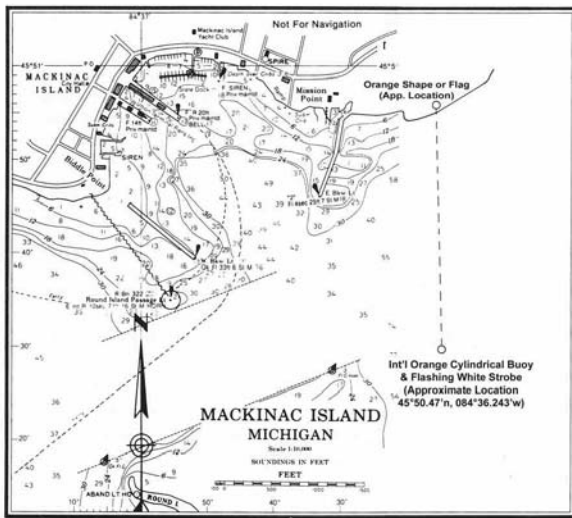
12.2 All boats are required to carry the position transponder supplied by the Race Committee and to ensure that the transponder is installed according to supplied directions, and make every effort to ensure it is functional for the duration of the race.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line shall be between an orange cylindrical shape or the staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the Bell's Beer Finish Buoy at the port end. The orange shape or flag at the starboard end of the finish line will be near the southeast tip of Mackinac Island and will be illuminated during hours of darkness. The Bell's Beer Finish Buoy at the port end is an international orange cylindrical buoy with a white reflective stripe and a white flashing strobe light, which will be set approximately 180° true, 0.5 nm from the orange shape or flag at the starboard end of the finish line.

The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first class is 1120 on Saturday, July 23, 2011. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal for the preceding class.

10.5 The class flag assigned to each class and scheduled starting times are as follows. The scheduled starting times assume that the warning signal for the first class occurs at its scheduled time and that the warning signal for each succeeding class is made with the starting signal for the preceding class.



13.2 Each finishing boat shall display the sign showing her reflective sail number, whether finishing during the day or night and regardless of visibility, along the life lines on the starboard side, aft of the beam, so as to be unobstructed by any overlapping headsail. Finishing boats are requested to leave the mainsail and the sign showing the reflective sail number displayed until the boat is well beyond the finish line.

13.3 AFTER finishing, each boat shall contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 71 and give (1) the boat's name and sail number, (2) the boat ahead (if known) and (3) the boat astern (if known). Boats are requested to continue to monitor VHF channel 71 until instructed to change to VHF channel 78 for docking or inspection instructions.

13.4 Each boat shall take her own finishing time and record it and the sail numbers of the boats ahead, astern and abeam on the card provided in the skipper's packet issued at registration. A representative from each boat shall turn in their class flag, race tracking transponder, completed and signed card and sign the register at Mackinac Island Race Committee Headquarters at Mission Point Resort the earlier of two hours after the boat finishes or no later than 1000 hours the following day in the event the boat finishes after 2201 hours. The Mackinac Island Race Committee Headquarters hours of operation for boat representative check in are 0600 – 2400 hours.

14. DOCKAGE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

14.1 Dockage in the Mackinac Island Harbor is limited. For safety reasons, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (*DNR*) requires a 20-foot fairway to be maintained in the inner harbor. This requirement will be STRICTLY ENFORCED.

14.2 Upon finishing, the Race Committee will direct competitors to dock in a Docking Zone. Docking Zones will be labeled A through J. Competitors will receive a card labeled "Mackinac Island Docking Chart" at Registration identifying the location of the various Docking Zones.

14.3 Due to the limited amount of dockage available on Mackinac Island, the Person-In-Charge is required to follow the docking instructions given by the Harbormaster or the Race Committee. In addition, upon leaving the harbor, the Person-In-Charge and/or crew shall act responsibly when untying any boat rafted off from it. Failure to comply with the above or instructions from the Harbormaster the Race Committee may request that the Jury act under RRS 69.1 and/or denial of an invitation to participate in future Mackinac Races.

14.4 Competitors must call the DNR at 1-800-44PARKS to extend their stay in the Mackinac Island Harbor beyond 1200 on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, and pay the additional dockage fees to the DNR. Failure to comply may result in a protest against the boat, and the boat may be denied entry in future Mackinac Races.

15. INSPECTION

Boats will be selected at random for inspection after finishing. Upon finishing, boats selected for inspection will be notified by the Race Committee on VHF channel 78. Boats that refuse to follow such instructions, hinder the inspection process or are found not in compliance with the Mackinac Equipment Requirements are subject to protest by the Race Committee only.

16. BOATS RETIRING FROM THE RACE

A boat that retires from the Race for any reason SHALL notify the Race Committee on Mackinac Island by telephone at (906) 847-3305 as soon as possible. The boat also shall notify the United States Coast Guard via VHF channel 16, if possible. If the boat cannot establish radio contact with the United States Coast Guard, she shall notify a United States Coast Guard station nearest the port of refuge. Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction may result in a protest by the Race Committee and/or denial of an invitation to participate in future Mackinac Races.

17. PROTESTS AND ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

17.1 A boat protesting another boat shall do so in accordance with RRS 61. Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee at Race Committee Headquarters at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island within three (3) hours of the finish of the protesting boat or no later than 1000 hours the following day in the event the protest boat finishes after 2101 hours. A withdrawing boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee of her intent to protest when reporting her 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 – fax protest to Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race Committee at 906-847-3359.

17.2 Failure to comply with the Bayview Mackinac Safety Requirements or a breach of Sailing Instruction 10.2, 12, 14, 15 or 16 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17.3 Protests should be submitted on a US SAILING Protest Form (available at Race Committee Headquarters at Mission Point). In addition, provide a cell phone number on the protest form in the event the Jury or the Race Committee needs to contact the protestor.

17.4 Posting of notice of a protest and the time of the hearing on the Official Notice Board at Race Committee Headquarters at Mission Point will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2. In addition, protest notices may also be posted at the Harbor Master Office located at the main harbor.

17.5 Protests shall be heard on Mackinac Island at the Race Committee Headquarters at Mission Point in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday, July 25 at 1200 EDT
 Tuesday, July 26 at 0900 EDT

The Jury shall continue to hear protests for as long as it determines

necessary and may vary this schedule if needed. The owner or owner's representative of each protesting or protested boat that finished the race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving Mackinac Island.

17.6 RRS 44 shall not apply for boats that may have broken a rule of Part 2. This changes RRS 44.

17.7 The penalties that the Jury may impose include disqualification, or in lieu thereof, the Jury may penalize a boat by (a) increasing her elapsed and corrected time by an amount the Jury deems appropriate or (b) assigning a penalty score equal to the place worse than her finishing position by the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) not to exceed 40% of the number of boats entered. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

18. SCORING

18.1 Division I IRC: Each boat's corrected time shall be calculated by multiplying the boat's elapsed time by its TCC.

18.2 Division II Multihull: Time allowances shall be based on time-on-time scoring.

18.3 Divisions III, IV and V: Time allowances for these divisions will be based upon the boats PHRF rating racing on a time-on-time basis.

18.4 One-Design/Level: Elapsed time will be used for those one-design/level classes that elect to race level. Boats racing in a one-design/level class that has elected to race level will be eligible for overall scoring within their division if they have submitted a valid rating certificate for the respective division they are registered in.

18.5 Yacht Club Challenge: Teams will be scored based on corrected times in accordance with the applicable rules published by the Race Committee.

18.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to correct at any time, errors in ratings, time allowances and scoring.

NOTE: Boats racing in the Multihull Division are not eligible for overall or first-to-finish honors.

19. AWARDS

Skippers, crew and guests are invited to attend the Bayview Mackinac Race Awards Party beginning at 1200 on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Mission Point Resort. Entry will be limited to persons who display the Awards Party sticker distributed at the sign-in after finishing the race. Flags will be awarded as follows: seven or more boats in a class - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards, four to six boats in a class - 1st and 2nd place awards, three or less boats in a class - 1st place award. An award will also be presented to the 1st place team in the Yacht Club Challenge.

A more formal trophy presentation will be made at the invitational Mackinac Awards Dinner at Bayview Yacht Club on Saturday, September 17, 2011.

20. SAFETY AT SEA

Bayview Yacht Club supports the US SAILING Safety at Sea Reporting Program, requiring that boats failing to finish the race report the reasons and circumstances to US SAILING in writing. In addition, it is requested that a report be filed with the Race Committee on any significant accident, or boat or equipment failure, even if the boat finishes.

The Board of Governors of Bayview Yacht Club and the Race Committee wish you a safe, fast passage and a pleasant stay on Mackinac Island.

NOTICE TO SKIPPERS, CREWS AND GUESTS

During pre-race meetings with representatives of the Mackinac Island Police, the Mackinac County Sheriff and the DNR, the Race Committee has been advised of the following policies:

- 1. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a mandatory ten-day jail sentence. Having alcohol on a boat, with a minor drinking, will be considered furnishing.*
- 2. All Michigan law enforcement agencies enforce "Zero-Tolerance" policies respecting illegal drugs.*
- 3. No open alcoholic beverages will be permitted outside the dock area.*
- 4. The DNR will inspect all boats entering the harbor for proper State registration stickers. If a boat does not have proper stickers, the owner will be fined, and the entire boat will be inspected for other violations.*
- 5. All holding tank laws and regulations will be strictly enforced. "Y" valves that are not permanently sealed will not be tolerated.*
- 6. Competitors must call the DNR at 1-800-44PARKS to extend their stay in the Mackinac Island Harbor beyond 1200 on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, and pay the additional dockage fees to the DNR. Failure to comply may result in a protest against the boat, and the boat may be denied entry in future Mackinac Races.*

MACKINAC ISLAND HARBOR MAP

For Early
Arriving Boats
Note Docks
Available Sunday

Comfort
Station
& Dock
Attendants'
Quarters

Outboard
Mooring

Office

Concrete
Seawall

Do Not Raft Or Dock
ARNOLD DOCK

*Do not raft or dock on the east side of the
Arnold Dock. This will allow free ferry movement.*

You must dock where you are assigned.

*Failure to cooperate with the dockmaster is subject
to protest by the Race Committee.*

