

Port Huron Yacht Club
Pac Man Buoy Race
Hosted by the Cruising Class
May 30, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Cruising Class Rules for series races sail limitations and accommodations for 2009 will apply.
- 1.3 All boats are limited to Main & Jib sails less than 155% without penalty. Boats that do not comply with the "Live Aboard" accommodations may be assessed a rating penalty.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Any notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at PHYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the race day.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at PHYC, and may be repeated at SYC.
- 4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '90 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 There are no Class Flags required. Check in with Race Committee on the course prior to the start.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 Long Course – Start -H-A-B-CC-C-D-E-F-X-Finish
Marks H, A, B, C, D, E and X are to be rounded to Starboard. Marks CC and F are rounded to Port. The approximate full course length will be 10.5 NM.
- 6.2 Before the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course, (Modifies RRS 32)
- 6.3 Short Course – Start -H-A-B-X-Finish
All Marks are to be rounded to Starboard. The approximate full course length will be 7.6 NM.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and X are 4' diameter yellow balls marked with a black letter. Mark CC is a 4' diameter white ball marked with black letters. R-2 is a red channel navigation buoy.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The warning signal for the first start is 12:25 PM.
- 8.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 8.3 The starting line will be the G Mark to Starboard and the orange flag on the RC boat to Port.
- 8.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 8.5 Starts will be made according to the splits posted on the Official Race Board. The RC will display the corresponding number flag for each start.
- 8.6 When a general recall for a class has been signalled, the start for the recalled class will be moved to the bottom of the starting order. This will retain the starting order for the other classes. This changes RRS 29.3.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line will be Red Channel Marker #2 and the SYC Race Shack.
- 9.2 Record your finish time and the boat ahead and behind. Provide this information to the Race Committee if requested.

10 TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 The time limit is 5 hours after the start of each class.
- 10.2 At least one boat in each class must finish by the time limit for the race to count for that class.
- 10.3 If one boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit will be extended by 30 minutes only for that class.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 11.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 Each yacht racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 13.2 Every effort **MUST** be made to avoid interference with Great Lakes Shipping.
- 13.3 If a yacht is in the river or seaway channel and is in danger, propulsion other than sail may be used without penalty to move the yacht out of danger, provided that the yacht's position is in no way improved by doing so. Such propulsion shall be reported to the Race Committee. (Changes RRS 42)
- 13.4 Yachts retiring from a race must identify themselves to the Race Committee as soon as possible using VHF 69, failing that, by calling 810-985-9424.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 The Race Committee may monitor and use VHF 69 to hail sail numbers of infringing yachts. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 14.2 It is strongly recommended that all yachts monitor communications on VHF 16 & 69 while racing.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Flags for the 1st-3rd place finish for each class.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

