

# Charlevoix Yacht Club

## Spring, Summer and Fall

### Wednesday Night Race Series

# Sailing Instructions

## 2010

### 1.0 Rules

- 1.1 Charlevoix Yacht Club will be conducting the Wednesday Night Race Series on the dates listed below. The races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2009 to 2012, as adopted by U.S. Sailing and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Sailing instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting, then afterwards both on-line at the CYC website. [www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org](http://www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org) and at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

### 2.0 Entries

- 2.1 Boats competing in these races may be registered by Members of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, and Junior Members whose parents are Members. Other Junior Members may petition the race committee for registration.
- 2.2 Races will be given for boats equipped with standard U.S. Coast Guard approved safety equipment. A current Lake Michigan PHRF rating certificate will be accepted but is not required. Boats sailing without a current LM-PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the race committee.
- 2.3 The registration fee for the Spring series is \$145.00, Summer \$240.00, and Fall \$145.00. A boat may enter all three series for \$355.00. Reduced rates are available to U S Sailing members and are shown on the Entry Form. The fees are due the day of the first race to be sailed. A boat will be scored DNC for any race in which a signed entry form and fees have not been received.

### 3.0 Notices To Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the front window of the Charlevoix Yacht Club Building, 209 Ferry Avenue.

### 4.0 Changes In Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 13:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 13:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 5.0 Schedule Of Races

- 5.1 There will be a skippers meeting at the Charlevoix Yacht Club on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00 P.M.
- 5.3 The Spring Series will consist of six Wednesday night races with 1 "throw out", starting Wednesday, **May 19**, running through **June 23**.
- 5.4 The Summer Series will consist of eight Wednesday night races with 2 "throw outs", starting Wednesday, **July 7**, running through **August 25**
- 5.5 The Fall Series will consist of six Wednesday night races with 1 "throw out", starting Wednesday, **September 8**, running through **October 13**.

## 6.0 Scoring

- 6.1 Finish places for All Fleets will be scored using Time on Time formula  $R=650/(550+PHRF)$ . Results will be calculated from the Racing (adjusted) Handicap on the most recent PHRF certificate, or the PHRF rating assigned by the race committee
- 6.2 a.) For series standings points will be awarded in accordance with "Low Point" scoring system of Appendix A of (RRS).  
b.) A boat must start a minimum of 3 races to be scored for a series.  
c.) If a boat does not race because the crew is functioning as the on the water race committee, she shall be awarded a score for that race the equivalent of her average score for all races during that series.
- 6.3 In the event of a tie for a series position, it shall be resolved as defined in Appendix A of (RRS).
- 6.4 Flags will be awarded for the First, Second and Third place boats in each fleet, in each series, based on least total points for each series.

## 7.0 Fleets

- 7.1 Boats will be divided into Fleets as follows :

<b>Fleet</b>	<b>Description of boats</b>	<b>Fleet Flag Color</b>
JAM Fleet	All boats using Jib & Main sails only.	Dark Blue
P-26 Fleet	Combined JAM and Spinnaker	Green
*Spinnaker Fleet A	Boats w/ Spinnaker – PHRF 102 & higher	Pink
*Spinnaker Fleet B	Boats w/ Spinnaker – PHRF 99 & Lower	Purple

\*Additional Fleet(s) will be added for the summer series if sufficient additional spinnaker boats are registered. Fleet Flag Color and Start Time will be posted in an Addendum to these Sailing Instructions

- 7.2 Boats racing in Jib and Main (JAM) Fleet(s) may use an unrestricted length whisker pole. This is a modification of LMPHRF ratings allowed for these races. The use of staysails is not permitted.

## 8.0 Courses

- 8.1 Courses to be raced will be around the buoys normally set for these races on the Northwest end of Lake Charlevoix. Courses are shown on the course sheet attached.
- 8.2 Course marks are cylinders located as indicated on the course sheet. Marks may vary in color.
- 8.3 The course number will be displayed on the Race Committee boat prior to the First warning signal.
- 8.4 The starting line will be established near the first mark of the race course. The start shall be between the starting mark set by the RC boat and the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat in a direction toward the first mark. Marks will be rounded in such a manner to leave the mark to the side of the boat indicated on the course sheet. (E.G. Ap = mark A to port side of boat)
- 8.5 Starting and all other signals shall be as prescribed in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, Rule 26. Depending on the circumstances, the race committee may ignore all communication during the starting sequences.
- 8.6 The first signal of the evening is designated **ATTENTION** and indicates that Racing Signals will follow. The signal will consist of a Single Sound and the simultaneous raising of the Orange flag designating the end of the starting line on the committee boat. This is a courtesy signal and is scheduled for 17:45. The flag alone will constitute that this signal is adequately given. The AP PENNANT will be flown at this time, and will be lowered with a single Sound 1 minute prior to the first WARNING signal.
- 8.7 The starting signal times are scheduled as follows, but the Race Committee flag signals shall govern regardless of the starting time.

	<u><b>WARNING</b></u>	<u><b>PREPARATORY</b></u>	<u><b>START</b></u>
JAM Fleet(s)	17:50	17:51	17:55
P-26 Fleet	17:55	17:56	18:00
Spinnaker Fleet A	18:00	18:01	18:05
Spinnaker Fleet B	18:05	18:06	18:10

8.9 In the event of a general recall, the fleet recalled will restart after the last Fleet scheduled has started. If other fleets receive a general recall they will restart after the first restarting fleet in the order listed above. This changes RRS Rule 29.2

## 9.0 Visual Signals

- 9.1 The visual signals of the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, (Part 3) shall govern all racing instances such as shortening courses, postponements, protests, abandonment, etc., with the following added instructions:
  - a.) The time limit shall be 2100 for all three series. One boat from a fleet finishing within the prescribed time limit shall make the race valid for all other boats racing in that fleet. Boats finishing later than 2200 shall be scored DNF (did not finish). This changes RRS Rule 35.
  - b.) If a boat has not rounded the first mark within an hour of the first start, the Race Committee may abandon the race.

## 10.0 Finishing

13.2 The finish line will be the staff of the Orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark of the course.

## **11.0 Protests**

11.1 Protests must be submitted in writing to a Race Committee representative at the CYC within 90 minutes of finishing, under normal conditions. Variations of the 90 minute limit will be determined by the Race Committee.

11.2 Every effort will be made to resolve any protest at the CYC the night of the race. Skippers should make an appearance at the CYC after each race, especially if they have reason to believe they may be involved in a protest.

## **12.0 Lifelines**

12.1 Lifelines are required on all boats racing unless permission to sail without is granted to a yacht by the race committee prior to the start of a series. All J-22, and Sonar 23 boats are granted permission to sail in these races without lifelines.

## **13.0 Anchors**

13.1 For safety reasons no boat shall carry an anchor on her bow when racing.

## **14.0 Changes To *The Racing Rules Of Sailing***

14.1 The following Rules from the *Racing Rules of Sailing* will not apply:  
Rules 30.3, 67, & 77.

14.2 Rule 33 is modified as follows: At any rounding mark the race committee may signal a change of course by displaying flag C and displaying the letter designating the new next mark. The new mark replaces the original mark for the remainder of the course, unless the committee designates a further change.

14.3 U.S. Sailing membership is not required to participate in these races, however it is recommended.