

MACKINAC ISLAND YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For the

“ROUND THE ISLAND” RACE

JULY 19, 2017

1. Organizing Authority

The Mackinac Island Yacht Club (MIYC) is the Organizing Authority. The Round the Island Committee (RIC) of MIYC shall manage the Race on behalf of MIYC.

2. Rules

The Race will be governed by:

2.1 The rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 US SAILING prescriptions to the RRS, except the prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 which shall not apply.

2.3 Lake Huron PHRF (or another current recognized racing certificate) will be used to assign all rating handicaps.

2.4 All boats entered must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Offshore type monohull yachts which have a PHRF certificate are eligible to enter the race in the Madigan Trophy Fleet. Multihull yachts of a seaworthy type are eligible to enter the race in the Class 3 Section.

4. ENTRY AND FEES

Entry shall be completed on behalf of a yacht by the Person-in-Charge. Entry can be made by following the registration link located on the Mackinac Island Yacht Club website at: www.miyachtclub.com. Entry forms will be available at the counter in MIYC from Monday July 17 at 10:00 am EDT through Wednesday, July 19 until 10:00 am EDT. Entry fee is \$60 per yacht which includes 8 tickets to the post-race Awards Party (children under twelve are free). The entry fee is non-refundable.

5. ADVERTISING

For the purposes of RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20, this race is designated “Category C”.

6. RACE HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

Race headquarters shall be at the MIYC. The Official Notice Board shall be at the MIYC

7. NO SKIPPERS MEETING

The MIYC and the Round the Island Committee (RIC) have determined not to hold a skippers meeting which would only force you to listen to a bunch of boring announcements and self-congratulation. A careful reading of these sailing instructions should provide the information you need in order to race. The one exception to that concerns the section assignments. Entries can be accepted as late as Wednesday

morning until 10:00 am. Therefore the final section breaks and final assignments will be announced via radio (channel 71) on Wednesday, July 19, beginning at 12:00 noon EDT.

8. SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATIONS ASHORE

Visual signals ashore shall be displayed from the flagstaff in front of MIYC.

Sound signals shall be by air horn. The Race Committee may make a courtesy radio broadcasts to provide further information to competitors.

9. COURTESY BROADCASTS

It is the intent of the Race Committee to make extensive use of courtesy broadcasts over VHF channel 71. These broadcasts may include information regarding section assignments, descriptions of and countdown to race starting signals, identification of OCS (premature starters), and any other matters the Race Committee believes will enhance the understanding of the race by the competitors, including possible changes to the sailing instructions. A change to a sailing instruction on the water will be made before the first warning signal by means of the Race Committee displaying code flag "L" and providing the change via VHF channel 71. This conforms to RRS 90.2(c). Courtesy broadcasts may not be the subject of Requests for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. SCHEDULE

The race shall be held on July 19, 2017. The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The first Warning Signal will be at 1:00 pm EDT. The starting sequence shall be as follows:

Section 1 – Monohulls 1:05 START

Section 2 – Monohulls 1:10 START

Section 3 – Multihulls 1:15 START

Class flags will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the Section number.

12. COURSE, STARTING LINE, FINISH LINE

The race will start just east of the east breakwater of Haldimand Bay and, leaving Mackinac Island to port, circumnavigate the island. The Race Committee may use *Mission Point Lighted Bell Buoy 2*, QR, Light List # 12540 (45-50-55.447N, 084-35-56.658W) as a port end starting line mark with an orange flag on a Race Committee boat as the starboard end.

The finish line will be located between the flag in front of the Chicago Yacht Club trailer on Windermere Point and the Round Island Lighthouse located on Round Island. (The same finish line as the Chicago to Mackinac Race.)

13. WITHDRAWAL

Yachts that retire from the race shall notify the Race Committee by hailing them on VHF Channel 71. If that method fails, call the MIYC at 906-847-3363.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed to reduce the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 from 2-turns to 1-turn.

15. SCORING

The monohull fleet will be divided into 2 sections. Multihulls will be only 1 section. Boats will be scored according to their MIHR handicap using time on distance. Distance for scoring purposes shall be 12 nautical miles.

16. DOCKING

Free docking, courtesy of Starline Mackinac Island Ferry Company, has been arranged for entered yachts at the Starline dock the evenings of July 18 and July 19.

17. PROTESTS

Protests and Requests for Redress shall be decided by the RTIR Protest Committee (RTIR-PC). The RTIR-PC may offer an arbitration process to the parties of a protest which alleges a breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS. If either party or the arbitrator declines this process, the protest will be heard pursuant to RRS 63. If a yacht accepts a penalty under arbitration, the penalty shall be five minutes added to her elapsed time.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Monohull fleet	1 ST PLACE	the Madigan Trophy
	2 nd PLACE	
	3 RD PLACE	
Monohull Section One	1 st PLACE	
	2 nd PLACE	
	3 rd PLACE	
Monohull Section Two	1 st PLACE	
	2 nd PLACE	
	3 rd PLACE	
Multihull –Class A Section	1 st PLACE	

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See Rule RRS 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 race.

20. PHOTOGRAPHY

For and in consideration of participation in this race, each participant gives absolute rights and permission for video footage, photographs and other pictorial representation of their yacht or yhemselfes to be published in any media for press, editorial, advertising or commercial purposes.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Dave Rowe, 810-516-5052.

Regatta Chairman - David Rowe

Principal Race Officer – Lloyd Karzen

Chairman of the Protest Committee – Lloyd Karzen