

**2011 Indigo Trophy Race**  
**September 9, 2011**  
**Mentor Harbor Yachting Club**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS rule 63.7
- 1.4 "Class" in these Sailing Instructions is defined as the Class or the Division within a rating system to which a boat is assigned on the scratch sheet. (example: PHRF B, JAM A, etc.).

**2 CLASSES**

- 2.1 Boats without current a PHRF or JAM measurement certificate will be assigned a rating, at the discretion of the Race Committee, which shall be valid for this regatta only and cannot be appealed.
- 2.2 Class splits will be made after entries close for PHRF and JAM. The decisions by the Race Committee on splits are final. This changes RRS rule 60.1(b).

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the MHYC Gas Dock.

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 2 hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 on the day before it will take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the west channel entrance. When a signal is displayed with a Class flag, it applies to that Class only, otherwise it applies to all.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The first warning gun will be at approximately 1925 hrs. The first start will be at approximately 1930 hrs.

**7 CLASS FLAGS:** Class flags and starting sequence for the race will be posted on the Official Board and available with the scratch sheets.

**8 RACING AREA:** Racing will take place on Lake Erie between Mentor Harbor Yachting Club and the Cleveland Crib.

**9 THE COURSE**

- 9.1 The course will be between the start and finish as described below. There are no marks between the start and the finish. Course length shall be 41.56 nautical miles.
- 9.2 Course will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

**10 CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT**

- 10.1 All boats shall check in **during the 10 minutes preceding their** start by sailing past the RC located on shore.
- 10.2 Boats which retire from the race for any reason **MUST** report their action as soon as possible to the Race Committee. This report may be made either by marine radio (VHF Channel 5a) or by phone (216) 965-3800 or in person at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club gas dock.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 More than one class flag may be displayed at the Warning Signal.
- 11.3 The starting area for this course is between the red triangle on the west channel entrance and a white with orange stripe pin at approximately 322° and 200 yards from the MHYC west channel entrance.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. The starting area is defined as four boat lengths to weather and to leeward of the starting line and its extensions.

## 12 RECALLS

- 12.1 The race committee, as a disinterested party, may attempt to notify boats that have not started properly on the VHF radio and/or via hail.
- 12.2 The following are not grounds for redress: failure of the committee to radio or hail any or all boats, failure of a boat to hear or receive its hail, timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats within the hail.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish will be the same as the start described in 11.3.
- 13.2 All boats shall identify themselves to the Race Committee via VHF Channel 5a approximately 10 minutes before reaching the finish area.
- 13.3 All boats shall take their own finishing time, record this on the finishing card, and file the finishing card at the MHYC gas dock within one hour of finishing.

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit for this race shall expire at 1600 on the day after of the race.
- 14.2 Boats finishing after the time limit will be scored as Did Not Finish.

## 15 COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 The Race Committee monitors VHF channel 5a.
- 15.2 Communications between the race committee which may be overheard by a competitor or competitors shall not be grounds for redress or protest.
- 15.3 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 or similar such devices.

- 16 **PENALTIES:** RRS 44 applies, including Rule 44.2 (TWO TURNS PENALTY). In case of a sustained protest involving the racing rules, the protested boat, at the discretion of the Race Committee, may be penalized by having her corrected time increased by a penalty of thirty minutes in lieu of disqualification. This modifies RRS rule 44.3.

- 17 **INSPECTION:** The Race Committee may inspect Boats before starting or after finishing.

## 18 PROTEST PROCEDURE

- 18.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee of her intention by VHF Radio Channel 5 as soon as possible after finishing, retiring or withdrawing and shall include the sail number of the boat(s) being protested until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS rule 61.1(a).
- 18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of its class has finished, retired, or withdrawn.
- 18.3 Protest forms are available at the MHYC Gas Dock and protests shall be delivered to the Protest Office located in the lower level Board room prior to the end of the protest time limit specified in Instruction 17.2
- 18.4 Protests will be heard in the Protest Office in the approximate order received.
- 18.5 Protest notices will be posted on the notice board, shortly after the Protest Time Limit ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.6 Protests which do not involve award winners may, at the Protest Committee's sole discretion, be heard after the awards presentation.

**19 SCORING**

19.1 The *Low Point Scoring System* of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.

19.2 The results of the Falcon Cup Race and the Sundance Trophy Race will be scored using available handicaps.

Each boat which carries a current handicap certificate and meets the eligibility requirements will be scored for either the Falcon Cup Race or the Sundance Trophy Race respectively, in addition to the Class or PHRF Division entered.

**20 PRIZES**

20.1 Winner of the Indigo Trophy is the boat in the fleet that finishes first on corrected time.

20.2 Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place in each class having more than four entries.

20.3 Classes with three to four entries will be awarded first and second place trophies.

20.4 Classes with two entries will be awarded a first place trophies.

21 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** 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.

**2011 Indigo Race FINISH CARD**

Finishing Yacht Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht In Front: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Behind: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_