



## MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

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# *Preliminary* Notice of Race 2008 MBYC Commodore's Cup

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC).

### 2. HEADQUARTERS

The Regatta Headquarters will be at MBYC located at 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, Michigan.

### 3. RULES

3.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

3.2 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any Class Rules.

3.3 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within two boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all boats with a current PHRF certificate or racing a One-Design fleet. Separate divisions will be established for Spinnaker and for Main/Jib fleets. A minimum of 5 legitimate entries must be received to qualify for a One-Design section for starting and scoring purposes.

### 5. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

5.1 Entry Forms, a copy shall be available at MBYC and at [mbyc.com](http://mbyc.com) by June 20, 2008

5.2 Registration shall be deemed completed only after complete Entry Forms are submitted to and accepted by the OA, including payment of MBYC racing fees.

5.3 Deadline: Entry forms and fees must be received at MBYC no later than 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2008. Late entry forms and fees must be received at MBYC no later than 6:00 p.m., Friday, Aug 1, 2008, with a \$25 late fee.

## 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Racing will be held on Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3, 2007

6.2 The intended start will be at 1030 hours each scheduled day of racing or as otherwise posted.

6.3 It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct 3 races on Saturday but may schedule as many races as practical on each scheduled day of racing, up to a maximum of five races for each Series. No Initial Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours on Saturday or after 1400 hours on Sunday.

6.4 After consultation with a Class Representative, the OA may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

6.5 Number of races that constitute a Series

(a) 1 race shall constitute a regatta

6.6 Schedule (times and sequence may be modified by the OA)

Aug 1	1800	Deadline for late entries with penalty
Aug 2	0830	Registration MBYC
	0900	Skippers briefing
	1030	Warning signal
Aug 3	1030	Warning signal

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

## 8. COURSES AND RACING AREA

The course areas will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting areas intended to be approximately 2.0 nm from the Holland Pier Head. Multiple race courses may be established by the OA to suit individual fleet requirements.

## 9. PENALITIES

9.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as described in NOR 3.3.

9.2 The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than RRS Part 2 is at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

## 10. SCORING

Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races. The low point Scoring system, Racing Rules of Sailing appendix A, will be used. PHRF fleet shall race using corrected time on distance.

## 11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first through third place for each section.

## **12. MEDIA AND MEDIA RIGHTS/RESTRICTIONS**

13.1 By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members of the competing yacht grant, at no cost to MBYC, event sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the yachts in any media (being television, print and internet media, including video footage); for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the regatta, boats, event, or sport.

13.2 Entrants and crew members shall acknowledge and accept the media rights referred to in this section 13 on the entry form and the disclaimer and acknowledgement of rights form, respectively.

## **13. DISCLAIMER**

14.1 All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Each crew member:

a. acknowledges and accepts the risks (including the risk of harm to persons and property and the risks associated with the perils of the sea and the seaworthiness of any boat) associated with participation in this regatta and waives all rights against and releases the MBYC, Organizing Authority, event sponsors, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members in respect of any loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, suffered in connection therewith;

b. acknowledges that participation in this regatta by him or her is on the basis that participation is entirely at his or her risk and responsibility and that the MBYC, Organizing Authority, event sponsors, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members are not responsible for any boat or its crew.

14.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: **“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”**

## **14. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

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