



MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

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2009 Offshore Series

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed as follows: Except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark or a finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the following classes: S2 7.9, Etchells, Melges 20, Melges 24, and PHRF. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Macatawa Bay Yacht Club by Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Skippers Meeting will be Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m. at MBYC
- 3.2 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	[<u>One design classes</u>]	[<u>PHRF</u>]
May 23	Racing	Racing
June 6	Racing	Racing
July 11	Racing	Racing and awards
July 25	Racing	
August 29	Racing	

- 3.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030 hours
- 3.5 It is the intent of the race committee to conduct 3 races each day, but may schedule as many races as practical on each scheduled day of racing

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23 at MBYC

5 THE 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..

6 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 6.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as described in NOR 1.2.
- 6.2 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.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 One Design Classes:
 - (a) Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (b) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (c) When from 6 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (d) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 7.2 PHRF Classes:
 - (a) Each day of racing shall comprise a series
 - (b) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
 - (c) A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no daily throwouts)
 - (d) The season overall will be scored as the best two out of three series

8 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.

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd for each class that completes a series. PHRF classes will also have prizes for the overall season award.

10 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.

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.”*

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact John Donnelly for One Design questions, and Jack Knoblauch for PHRF questions