



## MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

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### *Greetings Lake Michigan Sailors!*

Submit your entry now for the upcoming **Commodore's Cup** on August 8 and 9, conducted by Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

- One-Design fleets (S2 7.9, S2 9.1, Melges 20, Melges 24, ??)
- PHRF Spinnaker fleets
- Regatta is an LMSRF Area IV scored event

We expect a strong turnout of boats with two days of good competitive racing.

We have dockage/rafting available on a first come-first served basis at MBYC at no charge for the regatta, with additional slips available right next door at Eldean's Shipyard (transient fees applied). We also have launch ramp and hoist facilities for trailerable boats. If you wish to reserve a slip at Eldeans, please contact Herb Eldean or Matt Eldean at Eldeans Shipyard (616-335-5843 or [eldean.com](http://eldean.com)).

After the racing you can enjoy refreshments and food at MBYC, or at any other fine Holland establishments. Awards will be presented as soon as results are computed on Sunday afternoon.

We hope you can join us for a weekend of sailing on Lake Michigan!

Questions? Call Jack Knoblauch at 616-878-0753, or email: [jrkobby@comcast.net](mailto:jrkobby@comcast.net)

***Race documents posted at [MBYC.Com](http://MBYC.Com); click on Racer's Corner***

# **2009 Commodore's Cup**

August 8-9, 2009

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

#### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the following classes: S2 7.9, S2 9.1, Melges 20, Melges 24, and PHRF. Other One Design sections will be established if a minimum of four legitimate entries are received. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.
- 2.2 **Deadline: Entry forms and fees must be received at MBYC no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2009. Late entry forms and fees must be received at MBYC no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009 with a \$25 late fee.**

#### **3 SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 Registration will be Saturday, August 8 from 8:30 to 8:55 a.m. at the MBYC Commodore's Room
- 3.2 Skippers Meeting will be Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m. at MBYC under the tent
- 3.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030 hours
- 3.4 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.

#### **4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration

#### **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**

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.

## **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 awarded for first through third place for each section.

## **10 MEDIA AND MEDIA RIGHTS/RESTRICTIONS**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

## **11 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 contact:

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