

MILWAUKEE BAY WOMEN'S OFFSHORE SERIES

June 12 - August 28, 2023

MILWAUKEE BAY WOMEN'S SAILING ORGANIZATION

Hosted by Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The Milwaukee Bay Women's Offshore Series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 The following prescription of US SAILING will apply:

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including US SAILING Prescriptions, 40.1: "US SAILING prescribes that each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices."

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 two (2) days before it will take effect. [Changes may be emailed to MBWOS Skippers, in addition to posting Notices on Official Notice Boards.]

3 COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at:

- a) South Shore Yacht Club, on the South wall of the derrick house.
- b) Milwaukee Yacht Club, on the notice board located at the front entrance.
- c) Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, the bulletin boards and in the main office.

3.2 The race office is located at South Shore Yacht Club or Milwaukee Yacht Club, depending on the schedule.

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor either VHF channel 69 (SSYC) or 72 (MYC).

3.4 From the first warning signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the MCSC, MYC and SSYC flag masts.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5.3 Flag D with one sound means 'Boats are requested not to leave the harbor until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>
1	6/12	SSYC	2	6/19	MYC
3	7/10	SSYC	4	7/31	MYC
5	8/7	SSYC	6	8/14	MYC
7	8/21	SSYC			
Make-up	8/28	TBD			

6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1820 CDT.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

Division 2: Numeral pennant 2

Division 1: Numeral pennant 1.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be east of the Milwaukee Harbor Main Gap.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 The diagram in Attachment A, shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate length of the first leg will be displayed in nautical miles on the race committee signal boat.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks are be orange or yellow inflatables, spheres, or cylinders with or without spars.

10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction SI 13 will be yellow or have a black band.

10.3 Mark Bots (Robotic Marks) when used may be orange or yellow in color. Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes mark bots returning to station (position) after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with Mark Bots that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11.6 Three (3) boats in a division are required to start that division.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line is between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat on station at the finishing line and a nearby mark or buoy.

13.2 The race committee finish boat may display a flashing light if there is restricted visibility.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty shall be the score she would have received without the penalty, made worse by 1 place. The one-turn and two-turn penalties are not in effect.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) and Finishing Window are:

Race Time Limit: Sunset as given on the race committee GPS on the day of the race.

Finishing Window: Sunset as given on the race committee GPS on the day of the race

15.2 If no boat has finished the race within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the race committee finishes docking its boat.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available at the host yacht club.

16.3 Notices will be posted, emailed, mailed, telephoned, or given in person no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Each party to a protest is responsible for notifying their witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room at the host yacht club, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

17 SCORING

17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a club or season series.

17.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3 When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.2 The race committee may abandon a race for wind gusts in excess of 20 knots or excessive sea conditions as measured on the Race Committee signal boat.

19 OFFICIAL VESSELS

19.1 Official vessels will be identified by displaying a “race committee” flag and the host yacht club burgee.

20 PRIZES

20.1 The MYC Coast Guard permanent trophy will be awarded to the boat placing 1st overall in the MBWOS fleet.

1 to 3 Division entrants	1 trophy
4 to 5 Division entrants	2 trophies
6 or more Division entrants	3 trophies

20.2 Lady of the Wind Trophy Regatta prizes will be given according to the following schedule:

1 to 3 entrants	1 flag and 1 trophy
4 to 5 entrants	2 flags and 2 trophies
6 or 7 entrants	3 flags and 3 trophies
8 or more entrants	4 flags and 3 trophies

21 RISK STATEMENT

21.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22 INSURANCE

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information, contact:

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ATTACHMENT A

Course W

