

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2018 Barker's Island Yacht Club Shorthanded Sailing Series, Superior WI.,

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Sailing Prescriptions, and these Sailing Instructions and/or posted on the BIYC Shorthanded Sailing website. The race committee is not obligated to post changes to notices on the website.

1.2 For all Shorthanded Races, Rule 52 MANUAL POWER will be revised as follows: *boats may use electronic auto-helm or autopilots.*

1.3 For all Shorthanded Races, the maximum number of crew (including skipper) is two. In short, all competing boats need to be single- or double-handed.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the BIYC Shorthanded Sailing website at: www.biyc.today

2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the say it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 Yachts intending to participate in a given race should email Robert Schroer (rschroer@mac.com) by 9am the day of that race. Please provide the name of your yacht along with the names and contact information for all crewmembers.

3.2 Races are scheduled for May 26, June 9, July 21, Aug 18, and Sept 8.

3.3 Bermudez start times will be posted on: www.biyc.today

4. CLASSES

4. Classes for the BIYC Shorthanded Series will be determined by the Race Committee and determined by PHRF ratings. Single-handed and double-handed yachts will compete against one another.

4.2 Bermuda Starts will be used for all BIYC Shrothanded Races and will listed on the Bermuda Start Listing.

5. RACING AREA

5.1 The race area is Western Lake Superior within approximately 10 miles of the Duluth Shipping Channel. A race area map will be available at: www.biyc.today

6. RACE COURSE

6.1 One course will be used for the BIYC Shorthanded Races. The course and how it is to be sailed will be announced 24 hours prior to the race on the BIYC Shorthanded Series website and emailed to all yachts that are registered for the series. The course will involve the marks use in the DYC Nearshore Triangle Course. The course length is 10.5 miles. The starting and finishing line is between the end of the South Pier of the Duluth Harbor entry, and the DYC positioned "G" mark. At the start, regardless of the course direction (clockwise or counter-clockwise), leave the DYC position "G" mark to starboard, crossing the start line in an easterly direction and when finishing leave the DYC positioned "G" mark to port, crossing the finish line in a westerly direction.

6.2 Although we are making use of the DYC Nearshore Marks, the Shorthanded Racing Series described in these SIs are being run by the BIYC club. The DYC is not responsible for any aspect of the management or the organization this racing series.

7. RATINGS

7.1 The class will use PHRF as adopted by the Duluth Yacht Club.

7.2. If a yacht does not already possess a PHRF rating through the Duluth Yacht Club, they will be assigned a PHRF rating through LMPHRF.

7.3 Provisional Ratings - Provisional ratings will be assigned to yachts racing that do not possess a rating through either the Duluth Yacht Club or LMPHRF.

8. EQUIPMENT

8.1 While racing all yachts shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. BIYC strongly recommends compliance with US Sailing requirements as listed in the US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) document under the "US Coastal Category".

8.2 While not required, participants in the BIYC Shorthanded Series are strongly encouraged to wear safety harnesses and be tethered to the boat at all times. Participating boats are also requested to monitor VHF #72 during the race.

9. STARTING

9.1 Bermuda Starts will be used for all BIYC Shorthanded Races and are listed on the Bermuda Start Listing available at: www.biyc.today

9.2 As Bermuda starts will be used, all boats that are not starting are required to be aware of and keep clear of boats that are starting.

10. POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT

10.1 Race postponement or abandonment will be communicated by the race coordinator by email, on the website, and on VHF 72.

10.2 Schedule permitting, a postponed race may be re-sailed at a later time and/or date.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 All competitors should record their finish place and the boats around them. Information about finishing positions should be emailed to Robert Schroer at rschroer@mac.com

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 There is no time limit for these races.

13. RETIREMENT

13.1 A yacht that retires from a race is asked to notify the race coordinator before leaving the race area by VHF 72 or hailing. If that is impossible or impracticable, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a Race Committee representative.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 The protesting boat is required to notify a race committee representative (Art Johnson or Robert Schroer) as soon as possible after finishing that a protest will be filed. Protesting boats will have 24 hours to submit a protest form.

14.2 Protests shall be written on RRS protest forms available on the BIYC website. Lacking a proper protest form, a protesting boat shall provide in writing the information required under RRS 61.2.

14.3 Time Limit - The time limit for filing protests shall be 24 hours after the finish time of the protesting boat. Protest may be submitted directly to a Race Committee Chairman (Robert Schroer) or the Protest Committee Chairman (Art Johnson).

14.4 Notices of hearings and their location will be provided electronically or by phone no later than 1 day after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are involved.

15. SCORING

15.1 The scoring system will follow Appendix A of the RRS with the exception of: Boats that do not start or do not finish will be scored one (1) plus the number of finishers.

15.2 All competitors are required to have paid their series race fees prior to start of the series in order to be scored in that series.

15.3 Overall series winner will be determined by best 4 finishes.

16. PRIZES

16.1 There may or may not be prizes, depending upon the number of participants and revenue generated by entry fees. If there are prizes awarded, they will not violate the amateur standards of the US Sailing Association or the US Olympic Committee.

NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The BIYC and BICY Shorthanded Race Committee, and their members or any other committee shall not be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property whether caused by or resulting from their act, omission or alleged negligence, or from weather or sea conditions, hazards of any kind, defects or failure of yachts to be seaworthy in hull, rigging or gear, or any acts, omissions or alleged negligence of other participants which may occur during or arising out of or in connection with any race, regatta, event, cruise, spectacle or any activity sponsored or aided in whole or in part by the Barker's Island Yacht Club.

Notice is hereby given to all participants (including crew, spectators, officials and others) that they participate in any activity solely at their own risk. Skippers of participating yachts are required to apprise all crew members of this Limitation of Liability as a Condition of Entry.