

Charlevoix Yacht Club

Spring, Summer and Fall - Wednesday Night Race Series

2021 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Rules

- 1.1. Charlevoix Yacht Club will be conducting the Wednesday Night Race Series on the dates listed below. The races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2021 to 2024, as adopted by U.S. Sailing and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Sailing instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting, then afterwards both on-line at the CYC [website. www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org](http://www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org) and at the Charlevoix Yacht Club

2.0 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the front window of the Charlevoix Yacht Club Building, 209 Ferry Avenue.

3.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 13:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 13:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 Schedule of Races

- 4.1. The Spring Series will consist of 7 Wednesday night races with 2 "throw outs", starting Wednesday, **May 12th** through **June 23rd**.
- 4.2. The Summer Series will consist of 8 Wednesday night races with 2 "throw outs", starting Wednesday, **June 30th** through **August 18th**.
- 4.3. The Fall Series will consist of 7 Wednesday night races with 2 "throw outs", starting Wednesday, **Sept 1st** through **October 6th**.

5.0 Class Flags

- 5.1. Boats will be divided into Fleets as follows:

Fleet	Description of boats	Fleet Flag Color
JAM Fleet	All boats using Jib & Main sails only	Dark Blue
P-26 Fleet	Combined JAM and Spinnaker	Green
Spinnaker Fleet B	Boats w/ Spinnaker – PHRF 112 & higher	Red
Spinnaker Fleet A	Boats w/ Spinnaker – PHRF 111 & lower	White
Melges 24 Fleet	Melges 24	Yellow

(Depending on the quantity of boats to register, Fleets and splits may be subject to change before each series and will be posted at the Yacht Club. Also see 15.4)

6.0 The Courses

- 6.1. Courses to be raced will be around the buoys normally set for these races on the Northwest end of Lake Charlevoix. Courses are shown on the **2021 Wednesday Night Courses** course sheet. The marks are listed in the order they are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.2. The course number will be displayed on the Race Committee boat prior to the First warning signal.

7.0 Marks

- 7.1. Course marks are cylinders located as indicated on the course sheet. Marks may vary in color and shape.

8.0 The Start

- 8.1. The starting line will be established near the first mark of the race course. The start shall be between the starting mark and the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat; in a direction toward the first mark. Marks will be rounded in such a manner to leave the mark to the side of the boat indicated on the course sheet. (E.G. Ap = mark A to port side of boat)
- 8.2. Starting signals shall be as prescribed in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, Rule 26. Depending on the circumstances, the race committee may ignore all communication during the starting sequences.
- 8.3. The first signal of the evening is designated **ATTENTION** and indicates that Racing Signals will follow. This is a courtesy signal and is scheduled for 17:45. The flag alone will constitute that this signal is adequately given. The signal will consist of Two Sounds and the simultaneous raising of the Orange flag and the AP PENNANT designating the end of the starting line on the committee boat. The AP PENNANT will be lowered with a single Sound 1 minute prior to the first WARNING signal.
- 8.4. The starting signal times are scheduled as follows, but the Race Committee flag signals shall govern, regardless of the starting time.

	WARNING	PREPARATORY	START
JAM Fleet(s)	17:50	17:51	17:55
P-26 Fleet	17:55	17:56	18:00
Spinnaker Fleet B	18:00	18:01	18:05
Spinnaker Fleet A	18:05	18:06	18:10
Melges 24 Fleet	18:10	18:11	18:15

- 8.5. In the event of a general recall, the fleet recalled will restart after the last Fleet scheduled has started. If other fleets receive a general recall they will restart after the first restarting fleet in the order listed above. This changes RRS Rule 29.2

9.0 Finishing

- 9.1. The finish line will be between the staff displaying the Orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark of the course.

finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. (See Rule 34)

10.0 Time Limits

- 10.1. The time limit shall be 2100 for all three series. One boat from a fleet finishing within the prescribed time limit shall make the race valid for all other boats racing in that fleet. Boats finishing later than 2200 shall be scored DNF (did not finish). This changes RRS Rule 35.
 - i. If a boat has not rounded the first mark within an hour of the first start, the Race Committee may abandon the race.

11.0 Protests

- 11.1. Protests must be submitted in writing to a Race Committee representative at the CYC within 90 minutes of finishing, under normal conditions. Variations of the 90-minute limit will be determined by the Race Committee. Protest forms are available at the Yacht Club.
- 11.2. Every effort will be made to resolve any protest at the CYC the night of the race. Skippers should make an appearance at the CYC after each race, especially if they have reason to believe they may be involved in a protest.

12.0 Scoring

- 12.1. Finish places for All Fleets will be scored using Time on Time formula $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$.
 - i. Results will be calculated from the Racing (adjusted) Handicap on the most recent PHRF certificate, or the PHRF rating assigned by the race committee
- 12.2. For series standings points will be awarded in accordance with "Low Point" scoring system of Appendix A of (RRS).
 - i. A boat must start a minimum of 3 races to be scored for a series.
 - ii. If a boat does not race because the crew is functioning as the on the water race committee, she shall be awarded a score for that race the equivalent of her average score for all races during that series.

13.0 Safety

- 13.1. Boats leaving the racing area prior to finishing, are requested to contact the Race Committee via VHF Radio Channel _____ or text/call cell phone # _____ - _____ - _____

14.0 Awards

- 14.1. Flags will be awarded for the First, Second and Third place boats in each fleet, in each series, based on least total points for each series. If fewer than 4 boats register in a fleet, flags will be awarded for 1 position less than the number of boats registered. Flags will be awarded on Awards Night following the Fall Series.

15.0 Changes to *The Racing Rules of Sailing*

- 15.1. The following Rules from the *Racing Rules of Sailing* will not apply: Rule 77.
- 15.2. Rule 33 is modified as follows: At any rounding mark the race committee may signal a change of course by displaying the flag C and displaying the letter designating the new next mark. The new mark replaces

the original mark for the remainder of the course, unless the committee designates a further change.

15.3. Unrestricted Spinnaker/Whisker Pole lengths are not allowed without penalty. Poles exceeding J or certificate length need to be declared and rating will be adjusted accordingly.

15.4. Scoring Changes:

- a. Occasionally it is necessary to realign boats to different fleets, after they may have raced in the same series with another fleet. This usually happens at the beginning of each series, or when a boat joins our racing fleet during a series, or if the RC deem they are not in the correct fleet.
- b. If it is necessary to reassign a boat to a different fleet, any affected races will be rescored as though the boat started and raced with the correct fleet, and will be based on the boats elapsed time of the affected race. This may change the previous finish positions of boats in the race, and the overall series scores.



Charlevoix Yacht Club



The CYC, established in 1970, is a club made up of over 300 local and non-local boating enthusiasts. While boat ownership is not required, most of our members do own boats. The CYC owns the club facility at 209 Ferry Avenue, maintained by mostly volunteers. A new Clubhouse and Event Center is set to open in the summer of 2021!

Sailors participate from May to October on Lake Charlevoix in Wednesday evening race series and several weekend offshore races. The traditional Labor Day weekend Charlevoix Yacht Club Red Fox Regatta draws sailboats from all over the Great Lakes to compete. This regatta provides an excellent opportunity for all members to get involved on the water and at social gatherings at the end of the race days.

The Race Committee is looking for your help to fund regular maintenance of the RC boat, on-land and on-water racing expenses, as well as general safety equipment for the RC boat, it's crew, and sailors.

For the year 2021 we expect a minimum of \$250 to upwards of \$2,000 in additional needed expenses to equip the RC boat, club, and racing fleet with the necessary equipment to function safely and efficiently.

Some of these expenses will help to cover:

- First aid kit
- Flares
- Fueling equipment
- Life vests
- New bumpers and lines
- Fire extinguisher
- Race buoys
- Flags
- Windlass, if funds allow
- New course board and numbers

The Race Committee, sailors, and their families thank you for considering contributing to the Race Committees efforts to continue to put on fun, safe, races.

Sincerely,

The Race Committee, Members of the Club, Sailors, and their families

Name/Business: _____ (Please make my contribution anonymous)

I would like to contribute in the amount of:

- \$20 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other monetary value

Please make check payable to "CYC" and return to CYC mail drop box or Charlevoix Yacht Club,
PO Box 522, Charlevoix, MI 49720