

Charlevoix Yacht Club
Summer and Fall – Thursday Night Race Series
2022 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Rules

1.1. Charlevoix Yacht Club will be conducting the Thursday 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. Racing is open to all J22s whose registration and payment are made prior to the start of the first race. Sailing instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting, then afterwards both on-line at the CYC website. 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, 220 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 Summer Series will consist of 8 Thursday night races. If more than 8 races are scored 2 "throw outs" are allowed; for every 4 additional races one additional throw out is allowed. Racing starts Thursday June 30th and continues through August 18th.

4.2. The Fall Series will consist of 7 Thursday nights. If more than 8 races are scored 2 "throw outs" are allowed; for every 4 additional races one additional throw-out is allowed. Racing starts with Thursday, August 25th and continues through October 6th.

5.0 The Courses

5.1. Courses will be windward leeward either once or twice around as decided by the RC. Races will be around CYC race buoys and a start line approximately in the middle of the racing area at the Northwest end of Lake Charlevoix.

6.0 Marks

6.1. Course marks are orange cylinders. Marks may vary in color and shape.

7.0 The Start

7.1. The starting line will be roughly in the middle of the Race Area. 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 left to port.

7.2. 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.

7.3. 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.

8.0 Finishing

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

8.2. If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should follow Rule 34, and report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. (See Rule 34)

9.0 Time Limits

9.1. The time limit shall be 2030 for any first boat to finish. One boat finishing within the prescribed time limit shall make the race valid for all other boats. Boats finishing later than 2100 shall be scored DNF (did not finish). This changes RRS Rule 35. i. If a boat has not rounded the first mark within 30 minutes of the first start, the Race Committee may abandon the race.

10.0 Protests

10.1. Protests must be submitted in writing to a Race Committee representative at the CYC Parking Lot 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 and online.

10.2. 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.

11.0 Scoring

11.1. 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 6 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.

12.0 Safety

12.1. Boats leaving the racing area prior to finishing, are requested to contact the Race Committee via VHF Radio Channel 16 or text/call cell phone #231-675-2533

13.0 Awards

13.1. Flags will be awarded for the First, Second and Third place boats, 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 2 positions less than the number of boats registered. Flags will be awarded on Awards Night following the Fall Series.

14.0 Changes to The Racing Rules of Sailing

14.1. The following Rules from the Racing Rules of Sailing will not apply: Rule 77.