

Charlevoix Yacht Club

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Sailing Instructions (SIs)

2023 Wednesday Night Series: Spring, Summer, and Fall

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), 2021-2024, as adopted by the U.S. Sailing, and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Sailing Instructions will be made available at the skippers meeting, then afterwards on-line at the CYC website, www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.
- 1.3 The following rules from the RRS will not apply: Rule 77.
- 1.4 Rule 33 is changed as follows: At any rounding mark the Race Committee may signal a change of course by displaying the C flag and displaying the letter designating the next new mark. The new mark replaces the original mark for the remainder of the course unless the Race Committee designates a further change.

2.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 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 which will be posted by 1300 on the day before it will take effect.

3.0 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the CYC website on the on-line official notice board. <https://www.charlevoixyachtclub.org/racing/information.html>
These notices may also be posted on the front door of the CYC building at, 220 Ferry Avenue, Charlevoix, as a courtesy.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed as a courtesy on the CYC flagpole.
- 4.2 Signals, if made, will be:
 - 4.2.1 AP- Racing postponed.
 - 4.2.2 N over A- Racing Abandoned, no racing today.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not more than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5.0 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The **Spring Series** will consist of 7 race nights. The races will start on Wednesday, May 17th and run through Wednesday, June 28th.
- 5.2 The **Summer Series** will consist of 8 races nights. The races will start on Wednesday, July 5th and run through Wednesday, August 23rd.
- 5.3 The **Fall Series** will consist of 7 races nights. The races will start on Wednesday, August 30th and run through Wednesday, October 11th.

6.0 Class Flags

- 6.1 Boats will be divided into fleets as follows:
(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 14.3)

Fleet	Description of Boats	Fleet Flag Color
J/22 Fleet	J/22	Pink
JAM Fleet	All boats using Jib & Main Sails only	Dark Blue
Spinnaker Fleet B	Boats w/ Spinnaker-PHRF 112 & higher	Green
Spinnaker Fleet A	Boats w/ Spinnaker-PHRF 111 & lower	Light Blue
Melges 24 Fleet	Melges 24	Yellow

7.0 Courses

- 7.1 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 **2023 Wednesday Night Courses** course sheet. The marks are listed in the order they are to be passed and the side to which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 The course number will be displayed on the Race Committee boat prior to the First Warning signal.
- 7.3 The J/22 fleet will sail short windward-leeward courses to an inflatable mark. Multiple races each night if possible.

8.0 Marks

- 8.1 Course marks are cylinders located as indicated on the course sheet. Marks may vary in color and shape from each other.
- 8.2 The J/22 fleet will use an inflatable mark for their windward mark, color and shape vary.

9.0 The Start

- 9.1 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. (i.e. Ap = mark A to port side of boat)
- 9.2 Starting signals shall be prescribed in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, Rule 26. Depending on the circumstances, the race committee may ignore all communication during the starting sequences.
- 9.3 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 17:50. 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.
- 9.4 The starting signal times are scheduled as follows, but the Race Committee flag signals shall govern, regardless of the starting time:

	WARNING	PREPARATORY	START
J/22 Fleet	17:55	17:56	18:00
JAM Fleet	18:00	18:01	18:05
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

- 9.5 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

10.0 The Finish

- 10.1 The finish line will be between the staff displaying the Orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark of the course.
- 10.2 If the Race committee boat is absent when a boat finishes she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. (see rule 34)

11.0 Penalty System

- 11.1 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.

12.0 Time Limits and Target Times

- 12.1 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. This changes RRS Rule 35.
- 12.2 If a boat has not rounded the first mark within an hour of the first start, the Race Committee may abandon the race.

13.0 Hearing Requests

- 13.1 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. Protests forms are also available online at <https://www.ussailing.org/resource-library/us-sailing-hearing-request-form/> and can be filled out on the US Sailing Racing Rules application.
- 13.2 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.

14.0 Scoring

- 14.1 Finish places for all fleets will be scored using Time on Time formula
 $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$.
- 14.1.1 Results will be calculated from the Racing (adjusted) Handicap on the most recent PHRF certificate, or the PHRF rating assigned by the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Series standings points will be awarded in accordance with the “Low Point” scoring system of Appendix A of (RRS)
- 14.2.1 A boat must start a minimum of 3 races to be scored for a series.
- 14.2.2 If a boat does not race because the crew is functioning as on the water race committee, she shall be awarded a score for that race equivalent of her average score for all races during that series.
- 14.2.3 Two “throw-outs” will be allowed for 7 races completed in each season.
- 14.2.4 J/22 scoring will allow for 2 “throw-outs” after 8 races completed, plus an additional “throw-out” for every 4 additional races completed.
- 14.3 Scoring Changes:
- 14.3.1 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 Race Committee deems they are not in the correct fleet.
- 14.3.2 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 finished positions of boats in the race, and the overall series scores.

15.0 Safety Regulations

- 15.1 Boats leaving the racing area prior to finishing are requested to contact the Race Committee via VHF Radio Channel 78 or text/call cell phone # (231) 675-7055 (Mike Tofil, on water race committee.) Please identify boat and sail number when contacting.

16.0 Prizes

- 16.1 Flags will be awarded for the First, Second, and Third place boats in each fleet, in each series, based on the least 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.

17.0 Further Information

17.1 For further information please contact a member of the 2023 Race Committee or email RaceCommittee@CharlevoixYachtClub.org:

17.1.1 John Kunitzer (231) 459-8797

17.1.2 Noel Smolenyak (231) 497-8541

17.1.3 Rosie Amstutz (231) 838-7725