

BAYVIEW MACKINAC RACE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – 2020

1. RULES

The 2020 Bayview Mackinac Race shall be governed by:

1.1 The rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing including (RRS) U.S. Sailing prescriptions.
i. U.S. Sailing prescriptions 60.3(b), 63.2, 63.4 shall not apply.

ii. RRS 55 is modified by adding a second sentence: To help ensure the safety of boat and crew, the definition of trash shall not include biodegradable sail ties used while setting sails.

iii. **The definition of *Finish* is changed, as approved by US Sailing under RRS 86.3, as follows:**

Finish A boat *finishes* when its position transponder, in its assigned location (see SI 10.2), crosses the finish line from the course side. However, she has not finished if after crossing the finishing line she

(a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2

(b) corrects an error under rule 28.2 made at the line, or

(c) continues to sail the course.

1.2 The Notice of Race (except as changed by these Sailing Instructions), and these Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race for any conflicts that may exist between the two documents. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.3 Rules of the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) shall apply for boats racing in Division I.

1.4 Rules of the Offshore Racing Rule for Offshore Cruising/Racing Yachts (ORR-EZ) shall apply for boats racing in Division II and Division IV.

1.5 The rules of Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for Multihulls (Division III).

1.6 The Bayview Mackinac Safety Equipment Requirements 2020 (SER) – Mono-hulls and Multi-hulls.

1.7 Boats racing in an approved one-design class shall be subject to their class rules. If there is any difference between a class rule and a handicap rule of the respective Division, the Notice and Conditions of Race, and the Sailing Instructions, the more restrictive rule shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.8 The Cruising Classes in Divisions II Class G and Class H will also be subject to the 2020 Bayview Mackinac Cruising Class Rules.

1.9 Breaches of sailing instructions which are annotated [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.10 The penalty for a breach of a rule other than those of Parts 2 and 3, may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification, in accordance with RRS 64.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the 2020 Bayview Mackinac Race Official Notice Board at www.bycmack.com under the Official Board tab. Competitors are strongly encouraged to check the website regularly.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the 2020 Bayview Mackinac Race Official Notice Board at www.bycmack.com before 0900 on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at both Port Huron Yacht Club and the Port Huron Harbormaster office.

4.2 Flag “AP” displayed ashore means “The race is postponed. Boats are advised not to leave the harbor”. This changes race signals AP. Please monitor VHF channel 71 and check the Official Notice Board at www.bycmack.com under the Official Board tab for further instructions.”

5. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the flags designated in Sailing Instruction 8.5. A class flag will be included in the skipper’s packet issued by the Race Committee at registration. Each boat shall display her class flag from the backstay at least six feet above the deck from before the boat first enters the Starting Area or the Staging Area until at least 30 minutes after starting and for at least 30 minutes immediately before and after finishing.

6. STARTING AREA

The starting area will be on the west side of the shipping channel on lower Lake Huron, approximately 4.5 nautical miles (nm) north of the head of the St. Clair River. The Race Committee Signal Boat will be anchored at approximately N 43° 04.00’, W 082° 25.05’.

7. COURSES

From the starting line to the finish line at Mackinac Island leaving Thunder Bay Island and Bois Blanc Island to port.

[NP] The Canadian Border Services Agency states the Government of Canada has introduced border measures to limit the spread of Coronavirus disease in Canada, including the restriction of all discretionary travel into Canada. As a result, boats are prohibited from sailing into Canadian waters. The United States/Canadian border line is clearly delineated by a magenta colored hash line on U.S. Chart 14860. All boats are prohibited from crossing this international border while *racing*. Boats in violation of this restriction are subject to protest by the Race Committee. This provision is not subject to protest by a competitor.

8. THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between an orange rectangular shape or a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and an orange 8-foot cylindrical shape or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat at the port end.
- 8.2 Prior to their warning signal, boats shall keep well clear of the starting line and not interfere with boats that are about to start or who have started.
- 8.3 A yellow inflated buoy (Protection Mark) may be anchored near or tethered to the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the starting line and the Race Committee Boat at the port end. In addition, the Signal Boat and Race Committee Boat may have a yellow buoy attached to the anchor rode. If a boat touches one of the Race Committee boats, a Protection Mark or its tether, or passes between one of the Race Committee boats and its Protection Mark, she shall be considered to have touched a mark. A boat may exonerate herself in accordance with RRS 44.1.
- 8.4 Races will be started using the following starting signals (this changes RRS 26). Times will be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Class Flag and 1 sound	10
Preparatory	Flag P; 1 sound	5
One-minute	Flag P removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class Flag removed; 1 sound	0

The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first class is 1200 on Saturday, July 11, 2020. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal for the preceding class.

- 8.5 The class flag assigned to each class and scheduled starting times are as follows. The scheduled starting times assume that the warning signal for the first class occurs at its scheduled time and that the warning signal for each succeeding class is made with the starting signal for the preceding class.

Time	Division	Class	Description	Flag Color
1210	Division II	H	Double Handed	Hot Pink
1220	Division II	J	Shore Racing 2	Purple
1230	Division II	G	Shore Cruising 2	Yellow
1240	Division II	F	Shore Cruising 1	Grey
1250	Division II	I	Shore Racing 1	Teal
0100	Division I	E	Cove Racing E	Hot Pink
0110	Division I	D	Cove Racing D	Royal

0120	Division IV	L	Sport Boats	Black
0130	Division I	C	Cove Racing C	White
0140	Division I	B	Cove Racing B	Green
0150	Division I	A	Cove Racing A	Grey
0200	Division III	K	Multi-Hull	Yellow

8.6 An observer designated by the Race Committee may broadcast the visual signals displayed by the Race Committee on VHF channel 71. These broadcasts will be provided as a courtesy to competitors and will not relieve competitors from their responsibility to observe the visual signals, which shall govern. The failure to broadcast such information, the timeliness of the broadcast, or the broadcast of incorrect information shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

9. RECALLS

Individual Recalls - The Race Committee, as a courtesy, may attempt to hail the sail number of each boat on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal on VHF channel 71 and/or by loud hailer or voice. The failure of the Race Committee to provide a courtesy hail, the timeliness of such a hail, or the failure of a boat to hear such a hail is not a basis for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10. RADIO WATCH AND IDENTIFICATION

10.1 All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 16 from 1600 on Saturday, July 11, until their finish and any other time that the Person-In-Charge (as defined in the Notice of Race) deems it necessary.

10.2 All boats are required to carry the position transponder supplied by the Race Committee and to ensure that the transponder is installed according to supplied directions as well as the placement of the transponder as detailed below and make every effort to ensure it is functional for the duration of the race.

It shall be the responsibility of the Person-In-Charge to ensure that the transponder is attached to the aft most portion of the stern pulpit at all times while the boat is *Racing*. If the boat does not have a stern pulpit, the transponder must not be positioned farther forward than the aft most life-line stanchion. If either of these transponder locations is not available, the competitor must apply to the Bayview Mackinac Race Technical Chair for approval with photographs of the proposed alternate position. Failure to receive approval for an alternate transponder location prior to the Race may result in the boat being protested. according to supplied directions and must make every effort to ensure it is functional for the duration of the Race.

Failure to turn in the position transponder shall result in your credit card being charged \$1,000.00 for the cost of the transponder and for additional postage/shipping costs incurred by the Race Committee in returning the transponder, in accordance with your electronic submission of the Race Tracker Application.

10.3 Tracking of the race as well as downloadable text files of position reports will be available during the race from the YB Tracking site – accessible from the Bayview Mackinac Race website www.bycmack.com.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be a virtual GPS finish line. The finishing line will be between the Southeast corner of the Round Island Lighthouse located on the westerly tip of Round Island whose coordinates are 45°50.234 N and 084°37.018 W and a point on Mackinac Island whose coordinates are 45°50.779 N and 084°37.131 W. The Round Island Light House will bear 179° magnetic upon finishing. Its recommended that boats cross the finishing line completely and should sail several boat lengths beyond the line to be certain they have done so.

A boat's YB Tracker will record the boat's position at a high frequency in real time The YB Tracker will also transmit a lat/lon and DST time upon finishing. This data will be used to determine the boat's finish time. [NP].

- 11.2 AFTER FINISHING, each boat shall keep clear of boats that are approaching the finish line.
- 11.3 Each boat shall take their own finishing time along with the sail numbers of the boats ahead and astern (if known) and record them in the boat's log book in the event of any scoring inquiries. In addition, each boat shall take a picture of the boat's GPS page/screen that shows the boat's lat/lon position and time of day at the time of finish – this picture shall be saved for thirty (30) days after the finish to assist the Race Committee in any scoring inquiries. For those coming ashore on Mackinac Island, the Race Committee Skipper Check-In Desk will be located on the Coal Docks. A representative from each boat can turn in their position transponder to the Check-in Desk. **After the Race Committee Skipper Check-In is closed transponders must be returned to Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe Street, Detroit, MI 48215 by 1700 on July 17, 2020.**

Skipper Check-In Desk hours of operation are:

Sunday, July 12th from 1600 to 2200

Monday, July 13th from 0900 to 1200 and 1600 to 2200

Tuesday, July 14th from 0900 to 1200

The Skipper Check-in Desk may be open at other times than posted above depending on availability of personnel, so please check back occasionally.

The Skipper Check-In Desk will cease to be open two hours after the last boat is finished.

After finishing please make a courtesy call to the Bayview Mackinac Race Coal Dock Harbor Master on VHF channel 68 letting them know if you intend to come to the coal docks for touch and go or if you will be sailing directly to another harbor. The Bayview Mackinac Race Coal Dock Harbor Master will NOT acknowledge finishes. The purpose of this call is just to help with traffic management at the coal docks.

12. DOCKAGE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

- 12.1 There will be no dockage on Mackinac Island. The Person-In-Charge is responsible for its own dockage at alternative harbors like St. Ignace or Mackinaw City.
- 12.2 Touch-n-go tie-up at the coal docks will be available on a limited basis to drop crew off or for quick provisioning. Tie-ups will be limited to one-hour per boat in order to accommodate as many boats as possible.

- 12.3 Failure to comply with the above or instructions from the Race Committee may result in the Race Committee requesting that the Jury act under RRS 69.1 and/or that the competitor be denied an invitation to participate in future Bayview Mackinac Races.

13. INSPECTION

[NP] Boats may be selected at random or for any reason for inspection after finishing. Upon finishing, boats selected for inspection will be notified by the Race Committee on VHF channel 78 and be directed to dockage at a location given by the Race Committee. Boats that refuse to follow such instructions or hinders the inspection process are subject to protest by the Race Committee only. Boats found not in compliance with the Mackinac Safety Equipment Requirements are subject to protest by the Technical Committee only.

14. SAFETY AT SEA

Bayview Yacht Club supports the US SAILING Safety at Sea Reporting Program, requiring that boats failing to finish the race report the reasons and circumstances to Bayview Yacht Club in writing. In addition, a report must be filed with the Race Committee on any significant accident, or boat or equipment failure, even if the boat finishes. The Bayview Mackinac Race Withdrawal Form can be found on the Official Notice Board in the Registration area (click on 'Register/Owner Login').

15. RETIREMENT FROM THE RACE

A boat that retires from the Race for any reason **MUST SPEAK** with the Race Committee on Mackinac Island by telephone at 269-806-4088 as soon as possible. The boat may also notify the United States Coast Guard via VHF channel 16. If the boat cannot establish radio contact with the United States Coast Guard, she shall notify a United States Coast Guard station nearest the port of refuge.

- 15.1 Failure to comply with the Sailing Instructions may result in a protest by the Race Committee and/or denial of an invitation to participate in future Bayview Mackinac Races.

- 15.2 Boats retiring from the Race, having a personal injury requiring medical attention, or sustaining damage to the boat(s) exceeding \$5,000 to repair shall complete the Bayview Mackinac Race Withdrawal Form within two (2) weeks of the boat's Start but no later than August 3rd, 2020. The Withdrawal Form can be found on www.bycmack.com under the Official Notice Board tab in the Registration area (click on 'Register/Owner Login'). **Failure to complete the form in that time period may result in the Invited Competitor not being invited to compete in future races.**

16.

PROTESTS AND ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 16.1 Protests (including Requests for Redress) shall be decided by the Bayview Mackinac Protest Committee. All boats intending to file protests shall inform the Race Committee of their intent and the nature of the filing at the time of finishing or withdrawal. Protests and request for redress shall be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the finish, or withdrawal, of the filing boat. The protest committee may extend the deadline if, in their opinion, there is good reason to do so. Protests may be filed online; **the Person-In-Charge should go to www.bycmack.com and click on the “Official Board” section and login under the “Register/Owner Login” link and select the “File Protest” link and complete the protest form.** Protests may also be submitted on a US SAILING Protest Form (available at the Race Committee Skipper Check-In Desk on the Coal Docks) and shall be filed at the Race Committee Skipper Check-In Desk on the Coal Docks. In addition, please provide a monitored cell phone number and email on the protest form in the event the Bayview Mackinac Protest Committee or the Race Committee needs to contact the protestor.
- 16.2 Failure to comply with the Bayview Mackinac Safety Requirements or a breach of Sailing Instruction 8.2, 10, 11.2, 12, 13 or 14 will not be grounds for protest by a boat [NP]. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.3 Posting of notices of a protests and the date and time of the hearing on the Protest Report on the Bayview Mackinac Race website www.bycmack.com under the Official Notice Board tab will constitute the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- 16.4 Protests shall be heard at Bayview Yacht Club beginning at 1800 EDT on Monday July 20th. Other times and methods of hearing (phone and Zoom) may be arranged as needed at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 16.5 Two-Turns Penalty shall apply during daylight hours. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 16.6 RRS 44.3 shall not apply.
- 16.7 RRS G4 is changed to read: When a Protest Committee finds that a boat has broken a rule of this appendix it may warn the boat but shall not penalize it.
- 16.8 The penalties that the Protest Committee may impose include disqualification, or in lieu thereof, the Protest Committee may penalize a boat by (a) increasing her elapsed and/or corrected time by an amount the Protest Committee deems appropriate or (b) assigning a penalty score equal to the place worse than her finishing position by the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) not to exceed 40% of the number of boats in its class. After penalties are applied, the scores of all boats shall be adjusted to reflect any changes in positions.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Division I: Each boat’s corrected time shall be calculated using the single number time-on-time rating factor custom designed for the Bayview Mackinac Race as shown on the boat’s ORR Certificate.

- 17.2 Division II and Division IV: Each boat's corrected time shall be calculated using the single number time-on-time rating factor custom designed for the Bayview Mackinac Race as shown on the boat's ORR E-Z Certificate.
- 17.3 Division III - Multihull Cove Island: Time allowances shall be based on time-on-time scoring.
- 17.4 Doyle Sails Bayview Mackinac Yacht Club Challenge: Teams will be scored based on overall finishes.
- 17.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to correct at any time, errors in ratings, time allowances and scoring.

18. AWARDS

Awards will be presented at Bayview Yacht Club at a future date to be determined

Flags will be awarded as follows:

- a) Class flags will be awarded to the first place finish in classes having fewer than four boats, the first and second finishes in classes having between four and seven boats, and to the first, second and third place finishes in classes having eight or more boats, less at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- b) Division flags will be awarded to the first, second and third place boats in Divisions I, II and III, provided that there is more than one class in the Division.
- c) First to Finish flags will be awarded in Divisions I, II, III and IV.
- d) The J.L. Hudson Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best corrected time in Division I.
- e) The Canadian Club Classic Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best corrected time in Division II.
- f) A flag will be awarded to the 1st place team in the Doyle Sails Bayview Mackinac Yacht Club Challenge as established by Doyle Sails Detroit and published by the Race Committee at www.bycmack.com.
- g) The Main Sheet Trophy will be awarded to the boat in Division I and Division II with the best corrected time per mile sailing the 204 nautical mile course with a crew composed of entirely IS-AF Category 1 (Amateur) sailors per the ISAF Sailor Classification Code.

The Board of Governors of Bayview Yacht Club, Mackinac Race Authority and Race Committee wish you a safe and fast passage.