

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB

RICK JOHNSON MEMORIAL DOUBLEHANDED SERIES

SPRING SERIES: JUNE 4, 11, 18 & 25 SUMMER SERIES: JULY 30, AUGUST 6, 13 & 20

OFFICIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2018

1. RULES AND MANAGEMENT

The sailing and management of this race series will be governed by the current Racing Rules of the U. S. Sailing Association (USSA), except as modified by these sailing instructions. The race shall be under the management of the Race Committee, which shall have full and final authority in interpreting the rules and conditions of the races.

2. ENTRY

This regatta is open to all sail yachts.

3. CREW

Two adequate and capable people shall crew all competing yachts. Single-handed sailing is not permitted. Guest spectators are permitted aboard (*See Rule 27*).

4. AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISK

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event and others aboard the boats are participating entirely at their own risk. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor or any other person aboard the boat, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor and other person aboard the boat agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be emailed at least 24 hours before the start of the race if possible. It is the responsibility of each participant to check for updates. Last minute changes may be made at any time prior to the warning signal for each class and will be broadcast on VHF channel 72.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in sailing instructions will be emailed 48 hours in advance.

7. IDENTIFICATION

Yachts shall carry proper sail numbers on mainsails and headsails that overlap the mainsail. Any yacht that does not have proper sail numbers on its mainsail and overlapping headsails must display them on a white background with black numbers at least 18" in height or make other arrangements with the Race Committee. The Race Committee must be notified **before each race** if a different sail number is displayed than is listed on the latest scratch sheet.

8. MEASUREMENT AND RATING

Yachts will be classed and rated in accordance with the latest measurements and rating accepted by and on file with the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association (DRYA) or upon assignment by the Race Committee.

9. RADIO MONITORING

Radio monitoring is not required but is encouraged. The Race Committee will be on VHF channel 72.

10. **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

An entrant is required to carry the following equipment:

- A. U.S. Coast Guard required equipment.
- B. Navigation lights with at least 2NM visibility.
- C. USCG approved flotation device for each person on board and a safety harness for each of the two racers.

11. **PERSONAL SAFETY**

Skipper and crew from the time a yacht starts the race until the yacht finishes **MUST** wear a USCG or SOLAS approved life vest with whistle attached. A safety harness is recommended to be worn and attached at all times.

12. **AIDS**

The use of self-steering devices, and electronic navigation aids (i.e. GPS) is permissible without penalty. However, navigational aids shall not be attached to the yacht's self-steering system.

The following is specifically prohibited:

- A. Using any prearranged transmission for advantage of individual competitors.
- B. Communications with non-competitors for the purpose of a position fix, wind conditions, or any information pertinent to the race.

13. **START AND FINISH**

All classes start between the orange flag on the CSYC harbor wall and the orange and or green flag, buoy or inflatable off the CSYC harbor wall. (Note: the mark may be moved after the last start in order to shorten or realign the finish line to the last leg).

In inclement weather the land side of the finish line may be relocated to the Gazebo or to the clubhouse.

After a boat has finished it shall not pass through the finishing line again. All boats shall go around the outside of the finish mark after finishing.

14. **COURSE**

The course is as shown on the attached diagram. The marks of the course are triangular inflatable orange or yellow buoys, orange or green flags, or orange buoys. All distances and courses are approximate. The course length for handicapping purposes is 6.0 nautical miles for the Spring Series and 5.0 nautical miles for the Summer Series. Courses are magnetic. The course diagram is not for navigation. Course direction flag will be displayed at the RC stand.

15. **THE STARTING SEQUENCE**

The starting sequence will be based on the current Rule 26 of the U.S. Sailing Association (USSA) The first signal is intended to be at 18:55 hours.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag Condition</u>	<u>Minutes before Start</u>
Warning	Class pennant raised (sound)	5
Preparatory	“P” flag raised (Blue with White Square) (1 sound)	4
One-minute	“P” flag lowered	1 <u>Next Start</u>
Start	Starting Class pennant lowered (1 sound) and Next Starting Class pennant raised	0 5

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

The tentative starting sequence is:

Spring Series: JAM A (#1 Pennant); JAM B (#2 Pennant); JAM C (#3 Pennant); JAM D (#4 Pennant); JAM E (#5 Pennant); JAM F (#6 Pennant)

Summer Series: JAM F (#6 Pennant); JAM E (#5 Pennant); JAM D (#4 Pennant); JAM C (#3 Pennant); JAM B (#2 Pennant); JAM A (#1 Pennant)

16. RESTRICTED AREA

Yachts may not start from inside the CSYC harbor or its entrance channel. Yachts not starting shall avoid the area of the starting line. Yachts that have finished shall avoid yachts that are still racing.

17. INTERFERING WITH SHIPPING

Federal Law 89-764 prohibits interference with major shipping; the Race Committee shall protest any yacht interfering with major shipping.

18. RECALL

An "X" Flag (White with Blue Cross) will be displayed if any yacht is over early. It will fly until all yachts are clear or until one minute prior to the next start, whichever comes first. A sound signal shall be given if any yacht is over early. Sail numbers may be broadcast over VHF channel 72. Yachts over early who fail to properly restart will be assessed a 15-minute penalty plus elapsed time between the time started and their proper starting time.

19. POSTPONEMENT & INTERRUPTED RACES

Signals and flags for postponement and abandonment shall follow *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020*. A guide to the flags will be included separately.

"AP" *Cylindrical shape with vertical red and white panel stripes or Code Answering Pennant.*

Following a postponement, upon the Warning signal for each class the appropriate number pennant will be displayed on the Race Committee stand to designate the next start. ("1" Pennant for JAM A, "2" Pennant for JAM B and so forth) The class pennant will remain in place until the starting signal for that class at which time it will be replaced by the number pennant of the class to follow.

"N" over "A" (*small blue and white squares over white vertical bar and blue tail*)

All races are abandoned. No more racing today

"AP" over "A" (*red and white vertical striped pennant over white vertical bar and blue tail*)

All races not started are postponed. No more racing today

20. COURSE (See also the attached Guide to Flags)

Red Flag: Marks to Port: B, C, A, Finish.

Green Flag: Marks to Starboard: A, C, B, Finish.

Code Flag "A": (*White Vertical Bar and Blue Tail*) The course shall be from the start, to the "A" mark that shall be left to starboard, and return to the start/finish line, finishing downstream leaving the start/finish flag to port.

Code Flag "C" (*Blue White Red White Blue Horizontal Bars*): The course shall be from the start, to the "C" mark which shall be left to port, and return to the start/finish line, finishing downstream leaving the start/finish mark to port.

Code Flag "D" (*Yellow and Blue Horizontal Bar*): The course shall be to the "B" mark to port and then return to the finish line with the start/finish mark to starboard.

Code Flag "A" and "C": The course shall be from the start, to the "A" mark which shall be left to starboard, then to the "C" mark which shall be left to starboard and return to the start/finish line, finishing downstream leaving the start/finish mark to port.

Code Flag “D” and “C”: The course shall be to the B mark which shall be left to port, then to the “C” mark which shall be left to port and then returning to the start/finish line, finishing downstream leaving the start/finish flag to port.

AFTER THE START

After the start, the race committee may elect to shorten the racecourse by displaying the Code Flag “S” on a committee boat stationed at any mark. Under this circumstance, all yachts will round that mark and proceed directly to the finish line, finishing downstream leaving the start/finish flag to port if the last mark is C or A or if the last mark is B then the finish will be upstream leaving the start/finish flag to starboard. (Note: This modifies rule 32.2)

21. TIME LIMIT

There will be no time limit in which to finish this race. However, the Race Committee may not be on station after 2100 hours and skippers finishing after that time are to record their own finishing time and report it to the Race Committee.

22. WITHDRAWALS

Participants withdrawing from any race are requested to notify the Race Committee via VHF radio at the earliest opportunity. Failure to notify the Race Committee may preclude participation in subsequent races.

23. PROTEST

A yacht to protest another yacht shall do so under Part 5 of the USSA/IYRU Yacht Racing Rules:

- A. Display at the first reasonable opportunity and keep flying in her rigging Code Flag "B" (solid red swallowtail).
- B. Immediately inform the yacht to be protested by hailing 'Protest' or words to that effect.
- C. At the earliest opportunity after finishing, a protesting yacht will notify the Race Committee of her intent to protest.
- D. Submit written protest in accordance with IYRU/USSA rules to the Race Committee at CSYC within two hours of finishing. If the protesting boat does not finish the written protest must be submitted within 2 hours of the last boat that finishes in their class.
- E. Protest hearings will be scheduled later.
- F. Anyone involved in a protest who does not appear at the protest hearing will have the protest heard without him/her.

24. ALTERNATE PENALTIES

Yachts violating the Sailing Instructions or the USSA Racing Rules and where it is reasonable to do so, the Race Committee may use alternate (time allowance) penalties, as outlined below, rather than DSQ. Yachts who wish to acknowledge their fault shall so inform the Race Committee at the finish line or in a signed statement submitted to the Race Committee at CSYC within two hours after finishing or retiring from the race. It is hoped that "acknowledgment of fault" will reduce the number of protests to be heard by the committee, but it shall be the sole decision of the Committee as to whether or not they shall hear a particular protest.

If the Race Committee assesses alternative time allowance penalties, they shall be on the following terms:

- A. Four (4) minutes will be added to the finish time for rule infractions not involving contact between yachts.
- B. Six (6) minutes will be added to finish time for rule infractions involving incidental contact between hull, rigging, or sails of yachts that result in NO damage.

Where the Race Committee determines that contact between yachts has resulted in damage, the Committee may not use an alternate penalty.

25. SCORING

Each series will be scored using Time on Distance and the Low Point system. Results will be E-mailed as soon as available after each race.

26. JAM
Participants in any class may use a main and any one foresail for which their yacht is rated. Foresails must be attached the entire length of the luff. No spinnakers or cruising chutes are allowed. Sails may be changed. During a sail change the new sail may be set just prior to dropping the sail being replaced. A yacht rigged as a cutter may fly two foresails at once (e.g. a yankee and a staysail).

27. PRESS BOATS (GUESTS)
Non-participating guests are permitted. The race committee can remove the privilege of the press boat rule to any competitor at any time during the series.

If a skipper wishes to have guests on board during a race he must affix a sign on each side of the yacht bearing the word "PRESS". The guests may not aid the racers in any way, excepting only the serving of refreshments. They may perform no function with respect to the movement of the vessel. Guests are not permitted to give advice or to coach.

The weight placement of the guests may not be used in such a way as to aid the racers. It is the skipper's responsibility to have guests sit in such a way that they do not reduce or add to the heel of the boat. Their weight cannot be used to assist in tacking or gybing the boat. Guests may not be used as movable ballast. It is the skipper's responsibility to limit the number of guests based on the size of the boat. The effect that a second or third guest has on a small boat is much greater than on a larger boat. If there is no appropriate locations for the guest to sit than they should not be brought along. Guests shall remain in the cockpit, companionway or down below.

Note: the purpose of this rule is to permit racers to have others accompany them to observe the race. If the privilege is not abused it can provide an opportunity to introduce others to our races. If we are to continue to enjoy this privilege, it is obviously important that each of us faithfully observe the spirit of the rule.

28 Use of Engine

Use of an engine for propulsion is prohibited within 5 minutes of the start with the following exception:

A boat leaving the harbor may use their engine for propulsion to clear the harbor provided it does not gain an advantage in the race.

29. AWARDS

Series Award

Seven (7) or more yachts registered in a class - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Five or six boats registered in a class - 1st and 2nd.

One race will be thrown out per series provided four races are held. If there are three races or less, there will be no throwout for the series.

In order to qualify you must participate in at least one race.

Best Overall Boat Flag (JAM boats)

The intent of these awards is to promote 100 % participation

In order to qualify you must participate in at least all but one race. Races cancelled by the race committee are not counted.

There is one throwout race.

A missed race is a throw out.

A DSQ cannot be thrown out.

Ties for both series and overall are decided by the winner of the last race of the series. (Modifies Rule A8 of the Racing Rules)