

# EARL SMITH NIGHT RACE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2003

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2003 PHYC - SYC Race Program shall govern except as modified by these sailing instructions.

### MEANS OF PROPULSION

Every effort MUST be made to avoid interference with Great Lakes shipping. If a yacht is in the seaway channel and is in danger, propulsion other than sail may be used without penalty to move the yacht out of the seaway, provided that the yacht's position in the race is in no way improved by doing so. Such propulsion shall be reported to the Race Committee.

### START

The starting line shall be between the course "F" mark at the **port** end, and the RC flag on the Race Committee boat at the **starboard** end. The following starting method will replace RRS rule 26 starting system. Starting signals will be made in five minute intervals. Each signal will be removed one minute before the next is raised. Warning: Yellow flag, one sound. Preparatory: Blue flag, one sound. Start: Red flag, one sound. Times will be taken from visual signals; absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

### COURSE

"F" mark 342°T to red channel buoy #12, rounded to port, west to green channel buoy #11, rounded to port, then south to the Finish line in the St. Clair River.

Flag "S", when displayed indicates a shortened course. "F" mark 322°T to red channel buoy #8, rounded to port, west to channel buoy (horn) #7, rounded to port, then south to the Finish line in the St. Clair River.

### FINISH

#### **ILLUMINATE SAIL NUMBERS AT NIGHT**

The Finish line will be in the St. Clair River between the red channel marker to port and the Race Committee on shore, north of the entrance to the Black River. Boats shall try to cross the Finish Line approximately 500 feet or less from shore and MUST illuminate their sails at night, so that the sail numbers can be read from shore.

Finishing yachts shall take their own finish time and log the sail numbers of the boats finishing immediately ahead and behind them. This is to be reported to the Race Committee, on request.

### **COURSE LENGTH**

10.6 NM; distance and course bearings are approximate.

6.6 NM short course; distance and course bearings are approximate.

### **TIME LIMIT**

There shall be no time limit.

### **RETIREMENT**

Boats retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee at the Finish line or phone Port Huron Yacht Club (810) 985-9424.

### **STARTING SEQUENCE**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>FLEET</b>	<b>START #</b>	<b>SHAPE</b>
1750		Warning	YELLOW
1755		Preparatory	BLUE
1800	Handicap	1	RED
1805	Cruising 2a & 2b	2	RED
1810	CAL 25	3	RED
1815	Cruising 1a, 1b, & 1c	4	RED
1820	MORC (all classes)	5	RED
1825	PHRF C, D	6	RED
1830	PHRF B	7	RED
1835	6 M & 30 SQ	8	RED
1840	PHRF A2	9	RED
1845	PHRF A1	10	RED
1850	*OTHER	11	RED

### **\*OTHER**

Boats starting in this class shall register with the S.Y.C. or P.H.Y.C. Race Chairperson 72 hours prior to the race date. These yachts must be S.Y.C. or P.H.Y.C. members or be invited by the Race Chairperson to participate. Boats racing as "OTHER" do not qualify for awards.

### **NOTE:**

Rafting will be available at P.H.Y.C. for boats attending the meal following the race - this is **not** overnight dockage without the approval of the Mooring Chairperson, Scott Jones