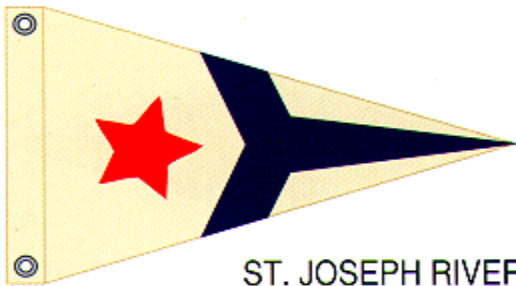


SJRYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



ST. JOSEPH RIVER
YACHT CLUB



2011

RACING RULES

All St. Joseph River Yacht Club Sail Races will be conducted according to the 2009-2012 rules as published by US Sailing (as amended by this manual and instructions provided at skipper's meetings. The current US SAILING rules book will form the basis for race management, starting and finishing procedures, sailing rules, and protests except where otherwise noted in these sailing instructions.

SKIPPERS MEETINGS

Except as noted in the specific race instructions for individual races, skippers meetings will be held at the starting area as shown on the SJRYC Race Courses handout. Race instructions will be posted on a race board on the back of the race committee boat or announced over the radio on channel 69.

Each yacht must check-in with the race committee via radio *and* by passing the stern of the race committee boat prior to the first preparatory signal. It is each boat's responsibility to be sure that the race committee has acknowledged their boat. Failure to both contact the race committee by radio and pass by the stern of the race committee boat for acknowledgement will result in the boat not being scored as a starter. There are no exceptions.

COMMUNICATIONS/SIGNALS

Monitoring VHF radio channel 69 is required from the time you leave your dock until you have returned to your dock. Channel 69 will be used for all race instructions before, during and after the race including but not limited to: racecourse, start sequence, individual and general recalls, shortening of course and any other situation that would require race committee signals.

Flags will be flown to signal start times as noted below. Delays in starting the race will be indicated by a flag from the race committee with two short sounds. A copy of the race schedule is included with these instructions.

On days with inclement weather you may call the SJRYC at 269-983-6393 to see if the race has been cancelled. If time allows we will also try to send out an email.

COURSES

The race committee will select a course based on the wind direction and lake conditions. Each spinnaker course will try to have at least one windward leeward leg when wind conditions allow. JAM sections will try to be triangles.

STARTING and FINISHING TIMES

All starting and finishing times will be based on GPS time corrected to Eastern Time, as applicable in St. Joseph, Michigan.

The starting sequence for all races will be as follows (Gun may be replaced by a horn or radio call by the race committee):

Warning: (Section Flag raised -- gun) 5 minutes to start
Preparatory: (Blue Flag raised -- gun) 4 minutes to start
One Minute: (Blue Flag lowered -- gun) 1 minute to start
Start: (gun and New Section Flag Up) Start of Race
Start of race is Warning for next section 5 minutes to start

Sections will *usually* start in the following order:

1st - Spinnaker
2nd - JAM

The Race Committee may at times change the starting order.

Finish Times: If a committee boat is not at the finish, boats are responsible for recording their own finish times. Times are to be recorded at the Club immediately after the race. Finish times not recorded at the Club can be emailed to the Race Committee at Racecommittee@sjryc.com before 12:00 hours on the day following the race. A listing of the boats in order of finish and their GPS finish times will be posted on the yacht club website as soon as the Race Committee returns from the lake. Any racer who disagrees with the finishing order or GPS time will bring it to the attention of the Fleet Captain who will meet with the Race Committee and resolve any discrepancies. Corrected times will be calculated and the official results will be posted on the SJRYC web page, usually within 24 hours.

TIME LIMITS

For all buoy races, the first boat in the fleet must finish within 2 hours of the start for the race to count. Time limits for all special races will be announced at the skipper's meeting. The absolute time limit for finishers will be 1 hour after the first boat in each section finishes.

ABANDONMENT AND POSTPONEMENT

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In making decisions on race abandonment or postponements, the safety of all racers will be considered. However, each skipper or owner must assume full responsibility for his/her yacht's and crew's safety. The decision to abandon or postpone a race will be made by the race committee.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All required safety equipment as defined by Coast Guard regulations, as well as state law is to be carried. As with the decision to race, each skipper or owner must assume full responsibility for the safety of his or her crew. Life jackets must be worn at the start and finish of each race by every crewmember. The Race Committee reserves the right to declare any race a "Lifejacket Mandatory" if the conditions warrant. Failure to comply will result in an immediate DSQ. No appeals. Lifejacket Mandatory races will be signaled by use of the Code Flag "Y".

SECTIONS

Boats will be separated into sections for the spring and summer series races as indicated on the schedule as follows:

- Section I – Spinnaker boats - low handicaps
- Section II – Spinnaker boats – high handicaps
- Section III – JAM - low handicaps
- Section IV – JAM – high handicaps

Section splits if any will be determined after all boats have registered. Sections may be reduced to one each for Spinnaker and JAM if there are not enough boats to make 2 sections.

SCORING

Boats will be scored using a handicap from a current LMPHRF certificate. If an owner chooses not to provide a current certificate one will be assigned using the website [http://www.ussailing.org/phrf/Tool %20HI_LO_AVG%20Report.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/phrf/Tool%20HI_LO_AVG%20Report.pdf) and use the fastest rating for your make, size and model of boat plus a 10% penalty. IE: (Rating of 200 would = 180.)

Measurement, Handicap and Class Rules to be used are as follows: LMPHRF and LMPHRF/JAM

Each LMPHRF and LMPHRF/JAM boat will be ranked by her corrected time within her class. The lowest corrected time wins.

The fleet will be scored using software provided to the SJRYC by The Regatta Network. All spinnaker sections will be scored using Time on Time (TOT). All JAM sections will be scored using PHRF Time on Time rating system. The race committee will determine the B factor by estimating the average wind speed during the race. The A factor will be 650. (See the following definitions) The Race Committee will attempt to have the finish results shortly after the conclusion of the race, however no later than 24 hours from the finish of the race.

Series races will be scored on a low point basis with 1 point being awarded to the first place boats, 2 to 2nd, 3 for 3rd, and so on. If a boat starts but does not finish a race (DNF), its score for that race will be the number of entrants in the race. If a boat is disqualified (DSQ), its score for that race will be the number of entrants in the race plus 1. If a boat does not compete in a race (DNS), its score for that race will be the number of boats in the fleet at the time of the race. Abandoned or cancelled races will not be rescheduled.

Boats will be allowed to drop races from their score sheets as follows:

- Spring Series – 2 drops.
- Summer Series – 2 drops.

Boat of the Year (separately computed for Spinnaker and JAM) will be calculated as follows:

- Total points for each Series after the throw outs will be added, low point total wins.

PROTESTS and REDRESS

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All protests or redress requests will be handled in compliance with Section 60 of the 2009-2012 rules as published by US Sailing. The race committee and Fleet Captain will organize the protest committee. The protest committee shall consist of the Fleet Captain and two skippers from each section -- 1 active member and 1 backup. Protest hearings will be in front of a three-member panel from the protest committee. The representative from the section including the interested parties shall be replaced by one of the back-up representatives from one of the other sections.

The Protesting skipper MUST:

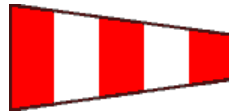
- At the first reasonable opportunity, inform the other yacht by hailing 'protest'.
- Fly the protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity. The protest flag shall be Code "B" or a red rectangular flag.
- Notify the Committee Boat upon finishing or retiring from the race of the nature of the protest and the name of the protested yacht.
- Submit to the protest committee a written protest on or before the commencement of the protest meeting. Protest forms can be obtained from the website or at the Clubhouse. **Protest form at back of Sailing Instructions.**

STARTING SEQUENCES:

- 5 minutes ----Section flag(s) up
- 4 minutes ----Blue flag up
- 1 minute ----Blue flag down
- Start ----Section flag down
New section flag(s) up for
next section start



Section 1

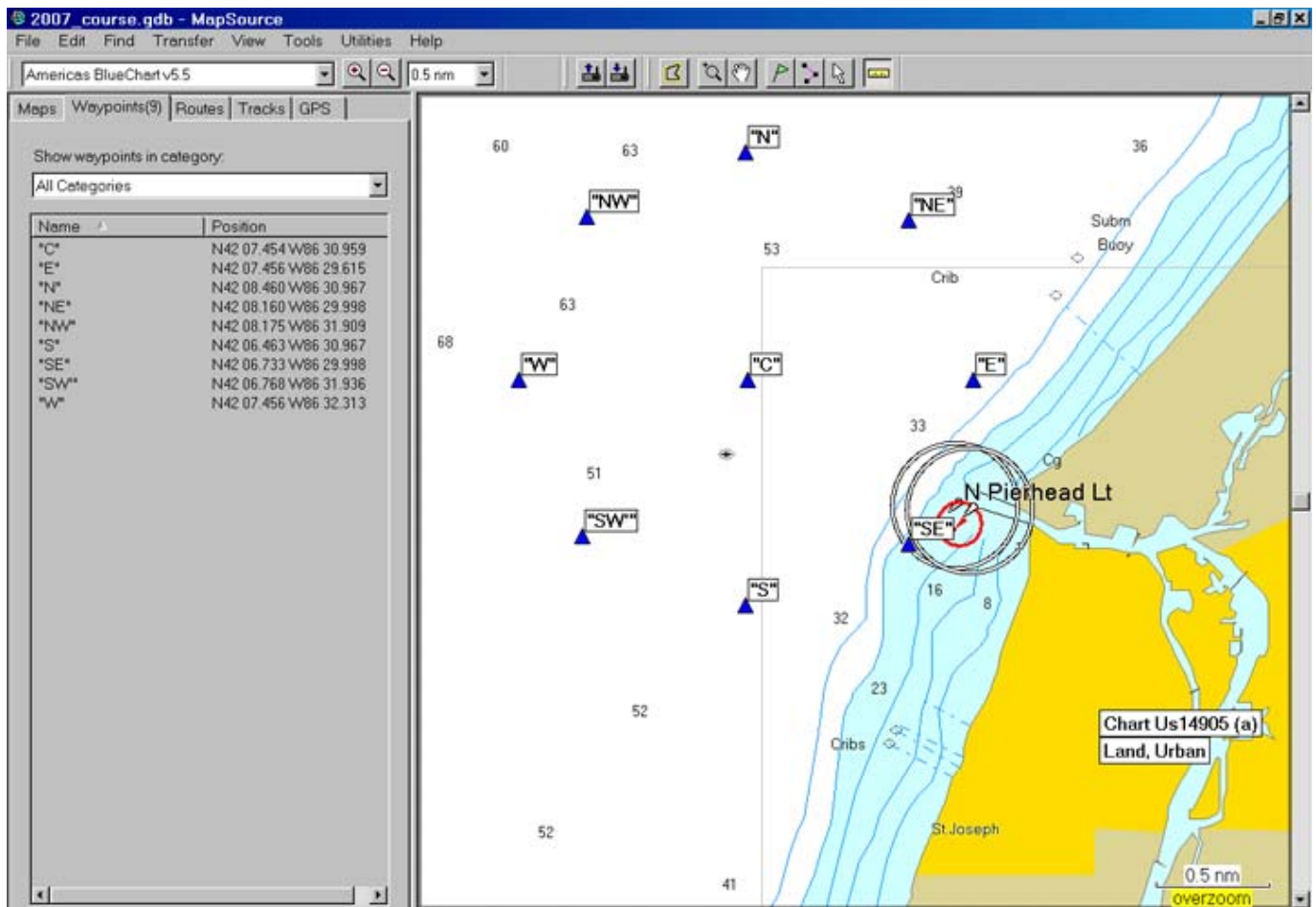


*DELAY -
DOWN 1 MINUTE BEFORE START*



Section 3

APPENDIX B **RACING MARKERS and LOCATIONS**
CHANGE



SJRYC 2011 RACE FLEET SCHEDULE

FLEET MEETING 3/23/2011

MAR			JIB & MAIN	
MAY		SPINNAKER		
WED	11TH	X	X	SHAKEDOWN
WED	18TH	SP1	SP1	BEGIN SPRING SESSION
WED	25TH	SP2	SP2	
JUNE				
WED	1 ST	Sp3	Sp3	
FRI	3RD			
SAT	4TH			RHUMBLINE AREA 3 REGATTA & PARTY
SUN	5TH			ST JOE TO CHICAGO AREA 3 RACE
WED	8TH	Sp4	Sp4	
WED	15TH	sp5	sp5	
FRI	17TH	Sp6	Sp6	Friday Race Spring Series.
SAT	18TH			SOLO MAC
WED	22ND	Sp7	Sp7	
SAT	25TH			William Campbell Dual Handed Race
WED	29TH			TRIPP CUP
JULY				
FRI	1ST			QUEENS CUP
WED	6TH	Sp8	Sp8	
WED	13TH	Sp9	Sp9	
SAT	16TH			CHICAGO MAC STARTS
WED	20TH	Sp10	Sp10	BEGIN SUMMER SESSION
				SOME SPINNAKER BOATS GONE UNTIL AT LEAST JULY 24TH
WED	27th	Su1	Su1	
FRI	29TH			THUR OR FRI DELIVERY TO MC
SAT	30TH			DUNES CUP
SUN	31ST	Su2	Su2	RETURN FROM MC
AUGUST				
WED	3RD	Su3	Su3	
WED	10TH	Su4	Su4	
FRI	12TH			KINGS CUP AND CLIPPER CUP
SAT	13TH			KINGS CUP RETURNS
WED	17TH	Su5	Su5	
SAT	20TH			Lory Schults Memorial Lady Skipper Race
WED	24TH	Su6	Su6	
SEPTEMBER				
FRI	2ND			TRI-STATE
SAT	3RD			TRI-STATE PARTY
SUN	4TH			BOATS LEAVE FOR MC OR CHI

WED	7TH
WED	14TH
SAT	17TH
WED	21TH
WED	28TH
OCTOBER	
SAT	1ST

Su7	Su7
Su8	Su8
Su9	Su9
Su10	Su10

STAGGERED START REGATTA

CHILI REGATTA



St. Joseph River Yacht Club

2011 Race Fleet Application

PLEASE REMIT TO:

St. Joseph River Yacht Club
Attention: Fleet Captain - Sail
P.O. Box 3
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Skipper's Name: _____ Phone(h) _____

Address: Street _____ Phone(w) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Boat Name _____ Marina: _____ Slip # _____

Boat Type _____ Boat LOA _____

PRHF Ratings: Spinnaker _____ Jam _____

***A copy of your PHRF Certificate is optional. Please include with this application or remit to the Vice Commodore of Sail at the first opportunity.

Section Section I (spinnaker)

Section III (JAM)

Would you like to be recommended to crew members looking for a boat to race on?

yes no

Do you visit the club's website at www.sjryc.com for information and results?

yes no

***please note, results and information will be posted on the website. If you would like alternate means of communication, please make arrangements with the Vice Commodore and Race Committee.

The fee for this year's race fleet is \$150 and should accompany this application. Racers must be members of the SJRYC or they must be on the waiting list to become a member and accept the offer when available.

Check enclosed

VISA MASTERCARD Acct. No: _____

Expires: _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____ Date: _____

THIS SIDE FOR PROTEST COMMITTEE USE

Fill in and check as appropriate

Class _____ Race# _____ Filing# _____

Heard together with numbers _____

Withdrawal requested; signature _____ Withdrawal permitted

Protest time limit _____ Protest, or request for redress or reopening, received within time limit Time limit extended

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by _____

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by _____

Names of witnesses _____

Interpreters _____

Remarks

No objection about interested party _____

Written protest or request identifies incident..... _____

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity _____

No hail needed; protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity ... _____

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity _____

Protest or request valid; hearing will continue

Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed

FACTS FOUND

Diagram of boat _____ is endorsed by committee.

Committee's diagram is attached.

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

DECISION

Protest: dismissed Boat(s) _____ is (are) disqualified from race(s) _____

penalized as follows _____

Redress: not given given as follows _____

Request to reopen a hearing: denied granted

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Members _____

Chairman's signature _____ Date & time _____

Written decision requested

When _____

By whom _____

Date provided _____