



# MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

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## **MBYC Ladies Offshore Race**

Sunday, July 5, 2009

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Holland, Michigan

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **Organizing Authority: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1\* The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed as follows: Except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark of finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 Boats must be crewed entirely by females. **EXCEPTION:** For the Jib and Main Division, one male may be on board for the purpose of assisting with docking and initial boat setup, but he may not participate verbally or physically in the race itself except for providing food and beverage to the crew.
- 1.4 No coach or chase boats are permitted to be in contact with race boats.

#### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with an overall length of 20 feet or more that are properly equipped for offshore sailing.
- 2.2 Separate divisions will be established for Spinnaker and Jib/Main fleets
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Macatawa Bay Yacht Club by 6:00 P.M., Friday July 3, 2009.

#### **3 SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 July 3 1800: Deadline for entries  
July 5 900-915 Registration in Commodores Room  
July 5 930: Skippers briefing under the tent
- 3.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1030 hours
- 3.3 It is the intent of the race committee to conduct 3 races to provide 2 to 3 hours of competition.

## **4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration

## **5 THE COURSES AND RACING AREA**

The course area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting areas intended to be approximately 2.0 nm from the Holland Pier Head. The courses will be windward/leeward. If sailing conditions on Lake Michigan are deemed unsuitable for competition, the Race Committee may attempt to establish an alternative race course on Lake Macatawa.

## **6 PENALTY SYSTEM**

6.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as described in NOR 1.2.

## **7 SCORING**

7.1 All boats will be scored using PHRF corrected time on distance. Boats without a current Lake Michigan PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee.

## **8 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **9 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for first through third place for each section.

## **10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: ***“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”***

## **11 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Linda Knoblauch at 616-878-0753 or [lkknobby@comcast.net](mailto:lkknobby@comcast.net)

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**Ladies Offshore Race 2009**  
**July 5, 2009**  
**Official Entry Form**

Owner/Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Current LMPHRF Rating\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Fleet: Spinnaker \_\_\_\_\_ Jib & Main \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to be bound by the racing rules of the I.Y.R.U., by the prescriptions of US Sailing and LM-PHRF, and by the sailing instructions. I acknowledge the conditions as expressed in the notice of race, and agree to them. Please enter my yacht in the MBYC Ladies Offshore Race.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the following with this form:

1. Check or Money Order for the entry fee of \$30 payable to Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.
2. A copy of your current LMPHRF certificate.\*

\*If you do not have a current certificate, the race committee will assign a handicap number

Mail to: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club  
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