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**2008 Grosse Ile Yacht Club  
Day Race  
Saturday, May 24th, 2008**

**Notice of Regatta & Sailing Instructions**

**1. MANAGEMENT AND RULES**

1.1 The races will be under the management of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club Race Committee, which will have full and final authority in establishing the racing articles and in interpreting the rules. The Day Race will be governed by the RACING RULES of SAILING (RRS), and the prescriptions of the UNITED STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION except as modified by these sailing instructions, which shall take precedence if conflicts occur. In addition, yachts shall abide by all rules as prescribed by their rating rule (PHRF, MORC, or JAM).

**2. ENTRIES**

2.1 Entry is open to all monohull sailing auxiliaries that meet the Federal Requirements for Safety and Lighting. The Skipper must ensure that the yacht is well found, thoroughly seaworthy, and that the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used. The minimum size for any yacht wishing to enter shall be 20 feet LOA unless it has a valid PHRF or MORC certificate.

2.2 The safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper. It shall be the complete and unlimited responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to start, continue, or finish a race. Skippers must be a member of a yacht or sail club, or other organization affiliated with a national sailing authority. All yachts shall be manned by a competent crew who are physically fit to face adverse conditions.

2.3 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board outside the front entrance to Grosse Ile Yacht Club before 9am on Saturday, May 24, 2008.

2.4 Personal flotation devices or harnesses are recommended to be used.

**3. SAIL NUMBERS**

3.1 Sail numbers must be carried on both sides of mainsail and overlapping headsails. Spinnakers must have sail numbers on at least one side, in compliance with RRS Appendix H. FINISH TIMES MAY NOT BE TAKEN if sails are not numbered as registered.

**4. RATINGS**

4.1 Yachts racing in PHRF spinnaker classes will be rated based on the handicap indicated by a current, valid LE-PHRF certificate. Entries not having an official rating certificate may be ASSESSED A PENALTY of Seven [7] seconds per mile.

4.2 Yachts racing MORC will be rated according to the most recent certificate on file with the MORC measurer.

4.3 Yachts racing in JAM classes will be rated based on the handicap indicated by a current, valid NON-

SPINNAKER LE-PHRF certificate. The following apply to yachts racing in the JAM Classes:

- a. Whisker poles may be used to extend the jib clew when sailing downwind. The whisker pole may be extended no further than the 'J' dimension, and shall be attached to the mast when in use.
- b. Except for the use of a pole as described above, only sail and rig combinations which the yacht is designed to carry when sailing close-hauled may be employed off the wind.
- c. Off wind staysails or reaching jibs are not permitted. Jibs must be attached to their stay for their entire length of luff when hoisted.
- d. ONLY ONE [1] HEADSAIL IS ALLOWED AT A TIME.

**5. COURSES AND MARKS**

5.1 The course will be between 6.56 and 21.5nm depending on the wind direction and strength.

5.2 All courses will utilize the WSSC WNATR N Buoy for starting and finishing. When starting and finishing, pass between the committee boat and the WSSC WNATR N buoy. The committee Boat will display and broadcast the course to be sailed, once on station and anchored. Course will be selected from the course sheet given out at the skipper's meeting.

**6. Signals**

6.1 Should the Race Committee need to postpone a race, they will hoist the Postponement signal, which is a red and white striped answering pennant. All classes that have not started will be postponed as follows: The Race Committee will sound two (2) horns drop all other flags and raise the answering pennant. When the race committee boat decides to resume the starting sequence they will lower the answering pennant, and will sound one horn blast. The normal warning or preparatory signal will be hoisted one (1) minute after the answering pennant is lowered and the starting sequence is resumed.

**7. START**

7.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26.

7.2 The starting line will be marked by the race committee flag on the committee boat, and the WNATR "N" buoy, located approximately 2NM southeast of GIYC (approx. N 42° 02. 401' W 083° 07.210').

7.3 The committee boat will attempt to acknowledge any boats on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal by one or more of the following:

displaying code flag X (white with blue cross), sounding a horn for each premature starter, and hailing the sail number or boat name. Failure of a boat to observe these signals will not excuse a premature start. It is the responsibility of each yacht to make a proper start.

7.4 The committee boat may utilize a protection buoy when starting all classes. This buoy will be approximately five yards from the committee boat. This buoy is considered an extension of the committee boat. No boat may properly start between the protection buoy and the committee boat.

**8. Finish**

8.1 The finish line will be designated as between the committee flag on the committee boat and the WSSC WNATR "N" Mark.

8.2 There will be an eight (8) hour time limit for each from the time of class start. A class will remain racing as long as one boat finishes within the time allowance.

**9. SCORING**

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Rule A2, applies.

9.2 If sufficient entries are received, classes may be split.

9.3 A boat that does not start (DNS) will be scored a point total of the number of boats registered for the class. A boat that starts but does not finish (DNF) will be scored the number of boats that finish, plus one. A boat that is disqualified (DSQ) is scored the number of boats registered, plus two.

**10. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

10.1 VHF Channel 71 will be used for communication, as well as for notification of a race being canceled due to severe weather conditions.

10.2 Any yacht that retires from a race shall contact the committee boat on channel 71.

**11. PROTESTS**

11.1 Yachts protesting must follow Part 5, Section A of RRS, except there shall be no charge for filing a protest.

11.2 The 720 penalty turn is replaced by a 360 penalty turn as the alternative penalty, and the penalty may be done at anytime before finishing. This Changes the RRS.

11.3 A boat wishing to protest must file their protest with the RACE COMMITTEE within two (2) hours of the last boat to finish.

11.4 Protest shall be written on USSA forms (see p.119 - 122 of the RRS).

**12. STARTING SEQUENCE**

12.1 The first warning gun will be fired at approximately 10:00 a.m. Classes will start in the order displayed by their class flag. This sequence and class flag colors will be announced at the skipper's meeting

**Skipper's Meeting**

There will be a skipper's meeting at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 24, 2008 on the patio above the bar at GIYC. We will have coffee and pastries available.

**Afterglow**

All participants are invited to Grosse Ile Yacht Club after the race to enjoy the afternoon with a free keg of beer on the patio above the bar, and to enjoy sandwiches from the club grille.

**2008 GIYC Day Race Application**  
*(Detach and return with entry fee)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Class (circle one)    MORC    PHRF    JAM

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Rating (enclose valid certificate) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Applications to:**

Gary Dust  
21567 Thorofare  
Grosse Ile, MI 48138  
  
734-675-5075

**Entry Fee:**

\$30.00 fee plus a \$5.00 RC Boat Fuel Surcharge. (U.S. Sailing members may take a \$5.00 discount on their entry fee.)  
  
Entry deadline is Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

In consideration of being permitted to enter this race, and being fully knowledgeable of the risk of sailing as a competitive sport, I and my crew agree to assume the risks of participation and hold harmless all losses and or claims incident thereto, Grosse Ile Yacht Club and the personnel associated with organizing and running this race. I have in effect the proper liability insurance necessary to insure against loss or damage to property and/or life for my own and for the safety of other competitors. The establishment of special regulations and/or instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative to start or participate in this race.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

US Sailing Number \_\_\_\_\_