

Woman Skippers Invitational Regatta 2024

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024

Location: Genesee Yacht Club, Rochester, New York

Organizing Authority: Genesee Yacht Club

1. RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*
- b) All boats must have a female at the helm from the start to the finish of each race

2. SKIPPERS MEETING

- a) The Skippers Meeting will be held at 9am at the Genesee Yacht Club.

3. DIVISION SPLITS

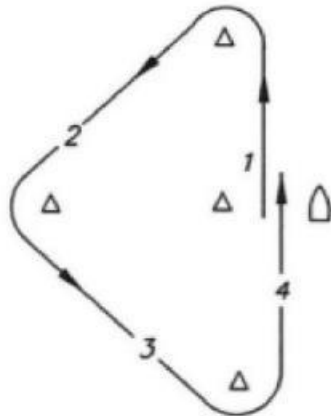
- a) Division splits will be determined by the Race Committee (RC) prior to the Skippers Meeting, copies of which we be distributed at that time

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a) There are 3 races scheduled, and the series may be shortened to 1 or 2 as determined by the Race Committee (RC) and will then constitute the series.
- b) The scheduled time for the first race is approximately 10:00 AM

5. THE COURSE

- a) The course to be sailed will be as follows:



6. DIVISIONS AND ORDER OF STARTS

- a) Division 1 – International Code Flag 1 – Fun Fleet
- b) Division 2 – International Code Flag 2 – Genoa Only Fleet
- c) Division 3 – International Code Flag 3 – Spinnaker Fleet

7. STARTING

- a) The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a mark.
- b) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- c) The starting sequence will follow the current USSA RSSA Rule
- d) The Warning signal for each start will be the division flag with one loud sound. It will be given 5 minutes before the starting signal
- e) The Preparatory signal for each start will be the code flag “P” with one sound. It will be given 4 minutes before the starting signal
- f) At the One-Minute signal, code flag “P” will be lowered with one long sound. It will be given 1 minute before the start signal
- g) The Starting signal is the lowering of the division flag for the division that is starting, accompanied by one loud sound.
- h) The warning signal for each succeeding division is the Starting signal for the preceding division.
- i) As a courtesy to the fleet an Attention signal (sound) may be given approximately six minutes before the first start.
- j) The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a mark

8. SAFETY/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

- a) The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper and owner of the boat, who must do her/his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and fit to face any condition that can reasonably be expected.
- b) A boat retiring from a race is required to notify the RC before leaving the course area, or if that is not possible then as soon as reaching safety.

9. PROTESTS

- a) Notice of intention to protest shall be given to RC immediately by VHF radio Channel 71 or by hail
- b) Notification of Protest against a Boat: a protest flag must be displayed promptly and protested boat must be verbally hailed with the word “Protest” clearly indicating intent. A US Sailing Protest Form must be submitted within one hour after the conclusion of the last race to the Regatta Chairwoman.
- c) Protests will be heard following the end of the Regatta

10. SCORING

- a) Scoring for all divisions will be on a corrected time basis (time-on-time) using PHRF-LO time-on-time correction factors.

11. PRIZES

- a) Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place boats in the Genoa Only Fleet and the Spinnaker Fleet.
- b) The following Perpetual trophies will be awarded, with each winner receiving a keeper trophy.
 - I. The Mighty Mary Award – Best corrected time for an all female boat
 - II. The Lindsley Trophy – Best corrected time for a GYC Spinnaker Boat
 - III. The Elaine Carter Trophy - Best corrected time for a GYC Genoa Only Boat
 - IV. Guest Trophy –Best corrected time for a non-GYC boat in any fleet.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 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.

13. INSURANCE

- a) Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident.