

River Challenge 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SCHEDULE OF RACE – The Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Edison Boat Club, and Grosse Pointe Sail Club (“RC”), jointly, will conduct a sail boat race starting off the Windmill Point Pier (start area for the Tuesday GPSC Sunset Series) and finish off the Bayview Yacht Club (BYC) on **SUNDAY** afternoon, **May 17, 2009**.

RULES AND AUTHORITY – This race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2009-2012(RRS), the prescriptions of USSA, the rules of each class and these Sailing Instructions. The regatta is designated Category A. The RC shall have the authority to establish the racing conditions and to assign each boat to the appropriate class (Sailing Instruction 5). **Please note "date revised", at the bottom of these pages, for latest information.**

ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION – This race is open to (a) any Club-owned Flying Scot skippered by a member in good standing of the Club who has the required rating assigned by the Club Flying Scot Committee, (b) any monohull sailing boat that (i) has an overall length (LOA) of 19 feet or more, (ii) is owned and skippered by a member in good standing of the sponsoring Club/s and (iii) has registered for the race with the RC and (c) any other boat invited by the Commodore of the sponsoring Club/s and/or the RC's of the sponsoring Club/s. Registration forms are available from each of the sponsoring Club's RC Chairpersons and on the following internet websites: HYPERLINK "<http://www.gpsc.org>" <http://www.gpsc.org>, HYPERLINK "<http://www.byc.com>" <http://www.byc.com>, HYPERLINK "<http://www.dyc.com>" <http://www.dyc.com>, HYPERLINK "<http://edisonboatclub.org/>" <http://edisonboatclub.org/>

SAIL & POLE LIMITATIONS – A boat, except those in Class E, shall carry only those sails that the boat's rig is designed to carry when sailing close-hauled. A boat designed to carry two headsails on different stays when sailing close-hauled may do so. A ketch or a yawl may carry sails on both masts as well as appropriate headsails. All sails, except storm sails and (Class E only) spinnakers, shall be attached to a mast or a stay for the full length of the luff except when changing sails. Except as provided in the last sentence of this paragraph, spinnakers, bloopers or staysails shall not be used. Whisker poles (including spinnaker poles used as whisker poles) may be used. Class E may use spinnakers in accordance with class rules.

CLASSES, STARTING TIMES & SIGNALS – A boat shall start only in the class to which it is assigned. One-Design boats may request, to the race committee, an individual class start. If approved, a One-Design class would sail in their appropriate rating band, the first year, and have their own start the next year. Races will be started using RRS 26 (five minute sequence) except that start number flags will be used in lieu of class flags. The warning signal for the first start will be made at 1300 hours. A series of short sounds will be made one minute before the warning signal and before resuming a sequence for any delayed start. The classes and signals are as follows:

Class split	Start Number	Code Pennant
Class E Crescents, Flying Scots	One	1 Red oval on white
Class D PHRF 180 and higher	Two	2 White oval on blue
Class C PHRF 144 thru 177	Three	3 Red, white, blue vertical stripes
Class B PHRF 105 thru 141	Four	4 White cross on red
Class A PHRF 102 and lower	Five	5 Yellow and blue vertical stripes

STARTING LINE –The starting line shall be between the flagpole, on the corner of Windmill Point Pier and the water's edge of an orange inflatable buoy lying off the Pier, in a southerly direction. NOTE: The start is **heading upstream** towards the lake.

FINISHING LINE – The finishing line shall be between the water’s edge of Channel Buoy R2 and the RC flag on the BYC judges balcony.

Courses except Class E shall finish heading upstream! Shortened Course and Class E shall finish heading downstream!

PHRF RATINGS – The RC will assign ratings to each boat in Class A, B, C, D, or E using the current DRYA PHRF Valid List (where applicable) and other information available to the RC.

RADIO MONITORING – Boats with VHF radios are requested to monitor channel 68 from before their preparatory signal until after finishing.

COURSES – The courses to be sailed are described below. **Note: All boats shall start going upstream.**

All Classes Except Class E

Start at GPSC, heading into Lake St. Clair to a **mark set** approximately .25nm north of Channel Buoy G1 (leave to starboard) head downriver past the start area (see Note below), on to **G113** above the head of Belle Isle (leave to starboard) then to **R6** (leaving to starboard), then to **R2** (leave to starboard), then to **GC "1"**, in front of the Roostertail (leave to starboard). Continue upstream to the finish line between a **RC Flag** on the BYC judges balcony and Channel Buoy **R2**.

Shortened – If at the warning signal for each class the Race Committee displays an “S” shape (white with blue square) the course will as above except **GC1** is omitted and the finish will be **down stream** between **Channel Buoy R2 and the RC Flag on the BYC judges balcony.**

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Note: Please observe all Right of Way Rules.
Any boat sailing through the starting line in either direction, after starting, while “out” on course, shall be subject to protest and disqualification (DSQ) from this race.

INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING – When crossing a shipping channel, boats shall not interfere with major ships (Federal Law 89-764). Participants at all times shall abide by USCG Rule 18, which reads in part: “9b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver.” Any boat that violates these provisions shall be subject to protest and disqualification from this race.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS – Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. In addition, the Race Committee may (but is not required to) attempt to (a) hail the sail number of each boat subject to the recall and (b) inform a boat when it has cleared the starting line to start.

ABANDONMENT – Flag “N” or a cylindrical shape with blue and white checks, accompanied by *three* guns or other sound signals, means: “*All races are abandoned, no more racing today*”.

TIME LIMITS – If no boat in a given class finishes its course within 120 minutes, the race shall be deemed abandoned for that class. If one boat in a class finishes within the applicable time limit, the race shall stand for all other boats in its class, except that any boat that fails to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in its class finishes, will be scored “Did Not Finish (DNF)”.

PROTESTS – The time limit for submitting a written protest to the Race Committee shall be 30 minutes after the protesting boat finishes. Protest forms are available from the BYC finish committee and must be filed with the committee (suggestion: make sure time of filing is recorded). Please hail the Finish Line Committee of your intentions to protest, upon finishing. ***We recommend you stay out of trouble!!***

PICNIC AND AWARDS – Following racing, **a picnic will be held and awards for individual classes will be made at the BYC.** Regatta awards will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers. The first place winner in each class will be added to the River Challenge Trophy Plaque and the overall winner will be added to the Cutty Sark Trophy. Dockage will be available at BYC.

SCORING – The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A2.2) will apply. The boats in all classes will be scored according to the corrected times, calculated on a time-on-time basis.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK – By participating in this race, each person aboard a competing boat as skipper, crew or otherwise (a) acknowledges that racing sailboats has certain inherent risks and can be a dangerous activity and (b) nevertheless voluntarily assumes all such risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and waives any and all claim that he or she may have for damages of any kind against the sponsoring Club/s, their race committees and/or any officer, director, member, employee or agent of the sponsoring Club/s or their race committees, arising out of or related to his or her participation in any such race. The skipper and crew shall be responsible for deciding whether to start or to continue this race.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT – Any boat participating in this race shall be seaworthy in hull, rigging and gear and sailed by a crew of three or more persons (two or more persons in a Flying Scot) who are competent to sail in an event of this kind in the waters in which it will be sailed. The skipper of a participating boat acknowledges that he or she is aware of the safety equipment required by the United States and Canadian Coast Guard to be carried aboard the boat and accepts full responsibility for deciding what additional safety equipment is necessary for the safety of the boat and crew under the circumstances. During the race in which a boat participates, all such required and additional equipment will be aboard, in accessible locations and in good working order, and the skipper shall assure that each member of the crew and any others aboard during this race know the location and proper use of all such equipment.

DISPOSAL OF TRASH & ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – **Trash:** Any crew observed discharging trash overboard shall be subject to protest and disqualification from this race. **Alcohol:** Open alcoholic beverages are prohibited while sailing and/or motoring in Canadian waters. Open alcoholic beverages are permitted in Marinas and/or docks, while tied-up. Please observe all appropriate rules and laws while in Canada.

Good luck, good sailing and have fun,

Detroit River Challenge Race Committee

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