



# 32nd Annual Nite Race



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## NOTICE OF RACE

The Ford Yacht Club Annual Nite Race is part of the AYC Championship Series. Don't miss this opportunity to put your offshore sailing skills to the test. Afterwards, your crew will be amply rewarded with our famous pancake and sausage breakfast at the Ford Yacht Club clubhouse. This is an off shore course sailed in the waters of western Lake Erie.

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**RULES.** Except as modified by the sailing instructions, the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, and the rules of the PHRF-LE or MORC class will govern the sailing and management of this race. In addition, note the following special rules for this race:

1. Navigation and Safety Equipment Each boat must carry charts of the racecourse, harbors in the vicinity, and navigation equipment including a depth sounder (or lead line). The boat must also carry a suitable anchor and rode, fire extinguisher, fog horn, bilge pump, and other equipment as prescribed by US SAILING, at least one Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device for each person on board, and a ring buoy or horseshoe buoy with water-activated safety light, or a M.O.B. A flashlight, ready to show, must be kept available after sunset. Boats failing to burn running lights at night will be disqualified; "dead batteries" is not an acceptable excuse. First aid equipment (including a first aid manual) must be on board.
2. Radio. A working VHF radio should be on board.
3. Sail Numbers. Sail numbers must be carried on both sides of the mainsail, spinnaker, and overlapping headsails or in compliance with RRS. Appendix G. Finish times will not be recorded if sails are not so numbered.
4. The wearing of a Personal Floatation Device or Harnesses, by all persons on board, throughout the race, is recommended.
5. Backstay pennants are not necessary.

**ENTRY.** This race is open to all monohull boats whose skippers are members of an affiliated boat club or by invitation of Ford Yacht Club. All boats must have a valid PHRF-LE or MORC rating certificate. The entry fee is \$30.00; members of US SAILING will receive a \$5.00 discount. A completed entry form, entry fee, and a current rating certificate must be received at Ford Yacht Club no later than Thursday, August 13 at 9:00 P.M.

If the race is cancelled by the race committee prior to the start of the last class, entry fees will be refunded.

**START.** The race will be started using RRS Rule 26, with classes starting in five-minute intervals and using this sequence:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
19:55	PHRF- WARNING SIGNAL	1 SOUND SIGNAL	WHI TE FLAG (PHRF-A) RAI SED
20:00	PHRF START & JAM WARNI NG	1 SOUND SIGNAL	WHI TE FLAG LOWERED - BLUE FLAG RAI SED
20:05	JAM START & MORC WARNI NG	1 SOUND SIGNAL	BLUE FLAG LOWERED - YELLOW FLAG RAI SED
20:10	MORC START	1 SOUND SIGNAL	YELLOW FLAG LOWERED

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If sufficient entries are received to warrant multiple classes, classes may be split for scoring purposes even though they start together at the indicated times.

**START AND FINISH.** The start & finish will be between the Race Committee boat & the WSSC "N" Buoy (Located at 42° 02.07' N 83° 06.63' W or approximately 1.15 miles east of the Channel Splitter Tower Light Fl G 10 s 46 ft in the area

near Bar Point Canada). If a protection mark is present, it must be honored. Note that for the finish, to aid in night identification, the Race Committee boat will be marked by a strobe light and stationed to the East of Buoy "N".

**SPINNAKER COURSE (PHRF/MORC)** This race is a fixed mark course, to be sailed as follows:

***If Red Shape is displayed: (to Port)***

From the Start line, proceed south keeping the Detroit River Light and all channel navigation buoys north of the light to starboard to the Detroit River East Channel Tower 1E (**FL G 5s 44ft 12 St M Horn**) & then east to the Colchester Light, leaving both to port. Then proceed to the finish line at WSSC "N" buoy.

***If Green Shape is displayed: (to Starboard)***

From the Start line, proceed to the Colchester Light & then to Detroit River East Channel Tower 1E (**FL G 5s 44ft 12 St M Horn**), leaving both to starboard. Proceed north keeping east of the Detroit River Light and all channel navigation buoys north of the light to the finish line at WSSC "N" buoy.

**NON-SPINNAKER COURSE.** This is a fixed mark course, to be sailed as follows:

***If Red Shape is displayed: (to Port)***

From the Start line proceed southwest keeping the Detroit River Light and all channel navigation buoys north of the light to starboard to the Detroit River East Channel Tower #10 (**Fl R 2.5s 44 ft 5 St M**) & then east to the Colchester Light, leaving both to port. Then proceed to the finish line at WSSC "N" buoy.

***If Green Shape is displayed: (to Starboard)***

From the Start line, proceed east to the Colchester Light & then to Detroit River East Channel Tower #10 (**Fl R 2.5s 44 ft 5 St M**) leaving both to starboard. Proceed north keeping the Detroit River Light, and all channel navigation buoys north of the light to port to the finish line at WSSC "N" buoy.

**RADIO COMMUNICATION.** The Race Committee on station will monitor VHF Channel 71. Any boat that withdraws from the race shall contact the Race Committee boat by any means including VHF Channel 71. FYC Harbor Master monitors channel 69 for anyone needing to dock.

**NON-SPINNAKER BOATS.** Only one headsail may be carried at any time. Whisker poles may not be longer the boat's "J" dimension.

**CREW.** Class requirements must be met.

**PROTESTS.** Protests must be filed in writing on an official protest form and submitted to the Race Committee within one hour of the Race Committee boat returning to FYC, or the return of the protesting boat to the dock, whichever is longer. Protesting boats shall notify the Race Committee upon finishing of their intent to protest. Include the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested.

The Two Turn rule RRS #44.2 is modified so that a 360° Turn Penalty is acceptable to exonerate oneself from a violation of RRS Part 2 rules.

**SCORING.** The Low Point scoring system, Rule A4, will apply.

**AWARDS.** Flags and trophies will be awarded based on the number of starters. Awards will be presented at the FYC Awards Night November 7, 2009.