

*7th Annual 2011 West Shore Sail Club
Peg Spriggs Memorial Ladies Day Race
August 28th, 2011
Jam class only
Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions*

1. MANAGEMENT AND RULES

1.1 The race will be under the management of the West Shore Sail Club Race Committee, which will have full and final authority in establishing the racing articles and in interpreting the rules. The RACING RULES of SAILING (RRS), and the prescriptions of the UNITED STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION will govern all races, 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-LE 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 with a competent crew, which is physically fit to face adverse conditions.

2.3 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the bulletin board outside the front entrance to Grosse Ile Yacht Club and the front door Ford Yacht Club by 1800hrs, August 27th, 2011.

2.4 Personal flotation devices or harnesses are mandatory!

3. SAIL NUMBERS

3.1 Sail numbers must be carried on both sides of mainsail and overlapping headsails 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 JAM classes will be rated based on the handicap indicated by a current, valid NON-SPINNAKER LE-PHRF-LE certificate. The following apply to yachts racing in the JAM Classes:

4.2.1 A pole may be used to extend the jib clew when sailing downwind. The pole may be extended no further than the 'J' dimension, and shall be attached to the mast when in use.

4.2.2 Except for the use of a pole as described above, only sail and rig combinations that the yacht is designed to carry when sailing close hauled may be employed off the wind.

4.2.3 Off wind staysails or reaching jibs are not permitted. Jibs must be attached to their stay for their entire length of luff when hoisted.

4.2.4 ONLY ONE [1] HEADSAIL IS ALLOWED AT A TIME.

5. COURSES AND MARKS

5.1 The single JAM class will proceed from the start as follows:

Course will be a regular 2011 WNATR course to be determined at time of start; a course flag will be posted on the committee boat. The course will be announced on channel 71 for those who do not have course cards.

6. START

6.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26, System 2, with classes starting at five-minute intervals.

6.2 The starting line will be marked by the mast of the committee boat, or a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, and the WNATR "N" buoy, approximately 1.5 NM SE of Red Nun #2.

6.3 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.

6.4 Any yacht that comes in contact with the committee boat, or passes between the protection mark and the committee boat is subject to immediate disqualification.

7. SCORING

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

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

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

8.2 Any yacht that retires from a race shall contact the committee boat by any means including VHF contact on channel 71.

9. PROTESTS

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

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

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

9.4 The RRS 720 rule is modified, so that only a 360 turn including on tack and one jibe, is acceptable to exonerate oneself from a violation of the RRS part II rules.

10. STARTING SEQUENCE

10.1 All Yachts will start in the following sequence:

11:55 am	Warning	1 sound signal	Class flag raised
11:56 am	Preparatory	1 sound signal	P flag raised
11:59am	One-minute	1 sound signal	P flag removed
12:00 pm	JAM Start (all boats)	1 sound signal	Class flag removed

Afterglow at Peg Spriggs Pavilion at Ford Yacht Club (near the travel lift) immediately following the race.

**2009 WSSC (fill this in) Application
(Detach and return with entry fee)**

Name _____ Boat Name _____
Address _____ Boat Type _____
City _____ State _____ Sail Number _____
Zip _____ Rating _____
Phone Number _____ (enclose valid rating certificate)
Class (circle one) **Spinnaker JAM**

Mail Applications to:

Entry Fee:

**Susan Ashley
8415 Island Blvd
Grosse Ile, MI 48138
Phone 734-675-9307
Email pacifiher@yahoo.com**

**Entry fee is \$20.00 US (US Sailing members
may take a \$2.00 discount on their entry fee).
Entry deadline is: August 29th, 2009 @ 1800 hrs
Late entries may be subject to a \$5.00 late fee.**

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, West Shore Sail 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 of participate in this race.

Signed _____ Date _____
US Sailing Number _____