



West Shore Sail Club Lighthouse Challenge 2017

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WSSC REGATTA AFTERGLOW

After the race, WSSC invites all skippers, crew, family, and friends to join their fellow friends and competitors for food, drink and camaraderie at Gibraltar Boat Yard for the WSSC Regatta starting at 4 pm.

Each Skipper is provided one meal as part of their race entry. Additional meals and refreshments may be purchased for \$20 per individual in advance or at the event.

Race Results will be posted at NoticeofRace.net.

Sailing Instructions

1.0 MANAGEMENT AND RULES

- 1.1 The races will be under the management of the WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB (WSSC) OFFICERS AND RACE COMMITTEE, which will have full and final authority in establishing the racing articles and in interpreting the rules.
- 1.2 The RACING RULES of SAILING (RRS), and the prescriptions of the UNITED STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION, except as modified by this program, will govern all races.

2.0 SAIL NUMBERS

- 2.1 Sail numbers must be carried on both sides of mainsail, overlapping headsails, and spinnakers, or in compliance with RRS Appendix H. FINISH TIMES MAY NOT BE TAKEN if sails are not numbered as registered.

3.0 RACE CLASSES

- 3.1 Jib and Main (JAM), Spinnaker and Cruising Class.
- 3.2 As per PHRF-LE Class Rules: Yachts may hoist only sails appropriate for their rig. For example, a cutter may fly two headsails but a sloop may not. If a staysail is used then it must be used when sailing both upwind and down. Poles may not be longer than the yachts "J" dimension and shall be attached to the mast when in use.

- 3.3 A boat will be considered in the cruising class only if it fits the formula attached as part Addendum B in this document. Cruising class ratings will be assigned at the discretion of the Race Chairman (in line with PHRF-LE ratings) without penalty. Do this by contacting Dick Synowiec cptsnick@wowway.com 734 674-4008] early. This status must be reviewed by the race committee at least two weeks prior to the actual race and a determination made as to whether the boat and crew are primarily racers or cruisers. The number of crew members will not be a factor. If you are in the cruising class for WNATR you will be eligible for the cruising class in this race.

- 3.4 Each class may be subdivided based on PHRF rating numbers and the number of competitors registered. The Organizing authority will publish a scratch sheet with sub-class assignments on www.noticeofrace.net at prior to the race.

4.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 VHF Channel 71 will be used for communication and courtesy broadcasts, as well as for notification of a race being cancelled due to severe weather conditions.
- 4.2 Any yacht that retires from a race shall contact the committee boat. This may be done on channel 71.

5.0 COURSES AND MARKS

- 5.1 The race course description is provided in Addendum A
- 5.2 Pass all marks as indicated in the race course description.



5.3 WSSC Race Committee may decide to shorten course utilizing one of the marks of the course. The shorten course instructions will be announced on Channel 71. It is the skipper's responsibility to monitor Channel 71 during the duration of the race.

6.0 SIGNALS

6.1 Signals shall be hoisted in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

6.2 In the event a race is abandoned, Code Flag "N" will be hoisted. Code Flag "N" is a blue and white-checked flag. This changes RRS 32.

7.0 RESTRICTED AREA

7.1 The restricted area is an oval whose imaginary boundary is Fifty (50) yards away from both sides and both ends of the start/finish line. Each yacht must KEEP CLEAR of the restricted area, and the first leg of the course until the warning signal, 5 minutes before its class start.

7.2 After starting, a boat shall not cross the start/finish line until she finishes. The line and its ends shall be considered obstructions for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.

8.0 STARTING SEQUENCE

8.1 The starting sequence is provided in Addendum A. Note: Start times are approximate.

8.0 START

8.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26, with classes starting as listed on the starting sequence listed in these instructions.

8.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat (or the mast of the committee boat if no orange flag is displayed) and the course side of C Mark.

8.3 The committee boat may utilize a protection buoy. This buoy is considered to be an extension of the Committee boat. No yacht may properly start between the protection buoy and the committee boat.

8.4 The committee boat will attempt to acknowledge any boats on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at her starting signal by the following: displaying code flag X (white with blue cross) along with a sound signal, and hailing the sail number or boat name. An attempt may also be made to hail the sail numbers of any boats OCS on VHF channel 71. 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.

8.5 CONTACT WITH THE COMMITTEE BOAT MEANS AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION WITHOUT APPEAL!!! This changes RRS 31 and 21.

9.0 FINISH

9.1 The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat (or the mast of the committee boat if no orange flag is displayed) and the course side of C Mark, unless noted by the race committee's and maybe subject to rule 5.6.

9.2 To assure the best possible accuracy in timekeeping, after dark, call out your sail number and illuminate your sail as you approach the finish line. It is the responsibility of each yacht to know the time you finish and the yachts finishing before and after you. KEEP A RECORD AND CONTACT THE RACE COMMITTEE IF YOU FIND A DISCREPANCY.

9.3 The committee boat will try to display a yellow anti-collision strobe light or other identifying light and its anchor light after dark.

9.4 If a yacht starts with the committee boat to the port, the yacht shall finish with the committee boat to the starboard. Similarly, if a yacht starts with the committee boat to starboard, the yacht shall finish with the committee boat to port.

10.0 AWARDS AND RESULTS

10.1 Awards will be given in each class. Awards are presented during the WSSC Regatta Party which starts at 4 pm at Gibraltar Boat Yard, 28731 N Gibraltar Rd, Gibraltar, MI 48173.

10.2 Results will be announced approximately one and a half hours after the last boat to finish. If this is past 10:00 pm then the results will be presented for the classes that have finished.

10.3 Official results will be posted on noticeofrace.net ASAP.

11.0 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 A boat wishing to protest must inform the committee boat of their intention to protest, either by hail or VHF, after finishing, and must file the protest with a member of the WSSC RACE COMMITTEE within two (2) hours of finish (or retiring).

11.3 Protest shall be written on a US Sailing Protest, Regress and Reopening form listed at the end of Appendix T of RRS.

11.4 The protest committee may use pre-hearings whenever possible to expedite the protest processes. If involved in a protest, you will be notified of the pre-hearing procedure.

11.5 Protests will be held as soon as possible after all parties and witnesses can be represented.

11.6 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

12.0 HOMELAND SECURITY

12.1 Racers should be aware that numerous restrictions on maneuvering and navigation may be in place on **International waters** constituting and adjacent to the racing area- mainly in the Detroit River Shipping channel. Failure to honor these and subsequent delays to racing due to that are NOT grounds for redress.

12.2 Racing boats shall not be entitled to redress due to stoppage or other material interference by law enforcement authorities.



2016 LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE STARTING SEQUENCE

(Note: This starting sequence is in compliance with the 2013-2016 Race Rules of Sailing)

Note: Start times are approximate

Time	Sound Signal	Visual Signal	Meaning
10:00	short	White flag UP	Spinnaker Warning
10:01	short	P Flag (blue/white square) UP	Spinnaker Prep
10:04	long	P Flag DOWN	Spinnaker 1 minute
10:05	short	White Flag DOWN / Green Flag UP	Spinnaker Start / JAM & Cruising Warning
10:06	short	P Flag (blue/white square) UP	JAM & Cruising Prep
10:09	long	P Flag DOWN	JAM & Cruising 1 minute
10:10	short	Green Flag DOWN	JAM & Cruising Start

2016 LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE RACE COURSES

"E" COURSE FLAG on Committee Boat - Spinnaker Class / Winds from S,SW,E,NE or NW			
Mark	Approximate Location	Leave to	nm
Start: WSSC N buoy	N 42 02.4 W 083 06.8		
Detroit Light	N 42 00.0 W 083 08.5	Port	
Tower "10" in the Detroit river channel	N 41 57.8 W 083 07.3	Port	
WSSC added Buoy	N 41.59.2 W 083.00.9	Port	
Finish at WSSC N buoy	N 42 02.4 W 083 06.8		15.5 nm

"E" Course Flag on Committee Boat - Jam & Cruising Class / Winds From S, SW, E, NE or NW			
Mark	Approximate Location	Leave to	nm
Start: WSSC N buoy	N 42 02.4 W 083 06.8		
Detroit Light	N 42 00.0 W 083 08.5	Port	
WSSC Added Buoy	N 41.59.2 W 083.00.9	Port	
Finish WSSC N Buoy	N 42 02.4 W 083 06.8		13.8 nm

"W" COURSE FLAG on Committee Boat - Spinnaker Class / Winds from SE, W, NNW or N			
Mark	Approximate Location	Leave to	nm
Start: WSSC N buoy	N 42 02.4 W 083 06.8		
WSSC added Buoy	N 41.59.2 W 083.00.9	Starboard	
Tower "10" in the Detroit river channel	N 41 57.8 W 083 07.3	Starboard	
Detroit Light	N 42 00.0 W 083 08.5	Starboard	
Finish at WSSC N buoy	N 42 02.4 W 083 06.8		15.5 nm

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WSSC CRUISING CLASS FORMULA

The key principle is that the boat's primary purpose must be cruising rather than racing. This is a subjective call by the race committee in their evaluation. If the boat and its primary crew do not race except for long distance races, that does not make it a cruiser—just a long distance racer. Subject to the race committee's decision the following applies.

1. Boats must be true “cruising” boats meaning that they must have useable bunks, a fixed head (or porta potty), a permanently mounted stove and at least [5] of the following:
 - a. Boat more than [15] years old.
 - b. Only Dacron sails.
 - c. No sail newer than [5] years.
 - d. Carries no spinnaker pole or whisker pole.
 - e. Fixed propeller (can be outboard motor with prop in water.)
 - f. Will carry [4] gallons of water per crew member in a fixed tank.
 - g. Will have fuel to travel [50] miles under engine alone.
 - h. Will have a properly sized anchor and rode mounted on or stored on the bow.
 - i. Windlass.
 - j. A Skeg.
 - k. Radar
 - l. Bow thruster
 - m. Shrouds within [5] inches of the rail.
 - n. Generator, wind generator or solar panel(s).

2. Membership in PHRF-LE and an official PHRF rating are encouraged, however non-members will have a provisional rating assigned without the penalty normally associated with provisional ratings.

3. Sails.
 - a. No spinnakers, cruising chutes or bloopers are allowed.
 - b. Only Dacron, Pentax, polyester, or Mylar fabric may be used in sails.
 - c. Staysails are permitted only if rated as part of a cutter rig.
 - d. Boats rated with roller furling must use a sail which can be furled while racing and cannot change head sails during a race.

