

2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GPSC Frostbite Race

***Section 1 INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUIRED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD ***

- 1.1 All Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the entire racing area at any time.**
- 1.2** When code flag "F" is displayed by the race committee, on shore or boat, the shipping channel downstream of channel mark "G1" shall become a restricted area. 1.3 then applies
- 1.3** Any boat **inside** the restricted area when code flag "F" is displayed shall exit the restricted area while staying in conformance with the requirements of 1.1. Boats shall not enter the restricted area **except** to expeditiously cross the channel while staying in conformance with the requirements of 1.1.
- 1.4** Any boat not complying with 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 may be subject to protest by the race committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.
- 1.5** Infraction of 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 is not subject to protest by another boat (this changes RRS 60.1)

2.1 RULES

The races will be governed by rules as defined in the current "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) or as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI).

- 2.2** When there is conflict, the "Sailing Instructions" (SI) shall prevail over the Notice of Race (this changes RRS 63.7)

3.1 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE BY RACE COMMITTEE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race committee end of the starting line located at the East corner of Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Pointe Marina.

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| 3.2 <u>Shipping Channel</u> | "F" flag (red diamond on white field) | SIREN (Both when |
| <u>Off Limits</u> | <u>SI section #1 is in effect while flag is up</u> | <u>hoisted and Lowered</u> |
| <u>Shortened Course</u> | "S" flag (blue rectangle on white field) will be displayed before the Preparatory signal of any class that it applies. (this changes RRS 32) | 2 long sounds |
| <u>Recall Signal</u> | "X" flag (blue cross on white field) for individual recall | 1 sound |
| <u>Postponement Signal</u> | "AP" pennant (3 red, 2 white vertical bars on triangular pennant)
Races not started are postponed.
The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal of "AP" | 2 sounds |
| <u>Abandonment Signal</u> | "N" flag (blue and white checkerboard pattern)
All races are abandoned, return to the starting area.
The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal of "N" | 3 sounds |
| | "N over A" flags (vertical blue and white swallowtail)
All races are abandoned, no more racing today. | 3 sounds |

4.1 FORMAT OF RACING

- 2 Classes of competing boats using only a Jib or Genoa, Main and *Mizzen (*if standard for the boat) for JAM A, B
- Race to be run on Sunday, **October 8, 2017**
- The warning signal for the first race and class will be at or about **1255** hours

4.2 Start Class	PHRF	Class Flag	Standard Course	Shortened Course
1 JAM A	to 153 156 and	Code 1	1	2
2 JAM B	over	Code 2	1	2

PHRF Handicapping is applied in scoring using 'Time on Distance' calculations

5.1 RACING AREA

Addendum A '2017 GPSC Sundown Series', chart shows the general location, approximate range, approximate bearings in one direction and the approximate Latitude and Longitude of each mark of the course. The race area is in the South Western portion of Lake St. Clair.

5.2 RACE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

	MARKS TO STARBOARD (Green flag or shape)	MARKS TO PORT (Red flag or shape)
	<p><i>Distance = 6.7</i></p> <p>COURSE 1 NM Start - B - C - A - B - C - Finish</p>	<p><i>Distance = 6.7</i></p> <p>COURSE 1 NM Start - C - B - A - C - B - Finish</p>
	<p><i>Distance = 4.6</i></p> <p>COURSE 2 NM Start - B - C - Finish</p>	<p><i>Distance = 4.6</i></p> <p>COURSE 2 NM Start - C - B - Finish</p>
	<p><i>Distance = 3.8</i></p> <p>COURSE 3 NM Start - B - A - Finish</p>	<p><i>Distance = 3.8</i></p> <p>COURSE 3 NM Start - A - B - Finish</p>

Buoy Descriptions and Approximate Locations

<p>Mark A Lake St. Clair Navigation Buoy 2</p> <p>Approximate Position 42°21.904'N 082°53.872'W</p>	<p>Mark B Lake St. Clair Navigation Buoy 3</p> <p>Approximate Position 42°22.454'N 082°53.306'W</p>
<p>Mark C GPSC Orange Floating Buoy</p> <p>Approximate Position 42°21.865'N 082°52.799'W</p>	<p>Note: Latitude and Longitude are in degrees and decimal minutes not degrees, minutes and seconds</p>

Course Descriptions

5.3 The course will not be shortened for any individual class after that class has started. This changes rule 32.1

5.4 Legs of the courses will not be changed from the Course Tables. This changes rule 33

6.1 THE START When it is 1 minute to 1st class: Warning (or a subsequent warning if a class starting sequence was stopped by the Race Committee), No flag raised, A few short horn sounds

5 minutes to start	Warning	Class flag raised,	1 sound
4 minutes to Start	Preparatory	"P" flag <u>raised</u> ,	1 sound
1 minute to Start	1 Minute	"P" flag <u>lowered</u> ,	1 long sound
		Starting class flag	
Class Start	Start	lowered & next remaining class flag raised	1 sound

The first warning signal will be at or about **1255 hours** unless committee delays start

6.2 NUMERAL PENNANTS corresponding to the start number will be used as CLASS FLAGS

6.3 Races will be started with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

6.4 Start times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence or error of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

6.5 The starting line will be between the flagpole displaying the RC flag near the upstream corner of the Grosse Pointe Park marina seawall and a floating orange inflatable or rigid buoy near the channel.

7 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the flagpole on the upstream corner of the Grosse Pointe Park marina seawall and a floating inflatable or rigid orange buoy near the channel.

8.1 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for all classes to complete their course, as required by rule 28.1, is 2 hours.

8.2 Boats failing to finish within one (1) hour after the first boat in their class finishes, as required by rule 28.1, shall be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF). (This changes rules 35, A4 and A5)

9.1 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available on line at www.gpsc.org or the U.S. Sailing website

9.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the dockside Race Committee staff or the Grosse Pointe Park Windmill Point guardhouse within the appropriate time limit.

9.3 For each class the time limit for delivery of the written protest to either collection location is 2 hours after finishing or the time limit has expired (reference RRS 61.3).

9.4 The time and place of protest hearings, if any, will be posted on www.gpsc.org. The intention is to get them up within 48 hours of the completion of each race.

10 SCORING

10.1 Placements will be determined by the 'QuickScore' Race Scoring Program 10.2 For each class first, second, and third place flags will be awarded.

11 RETIRING FROM THE RACE

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee operates on **channel 68** and can be contacted on this channel when able to do so, pending performance of other tasks.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee communicates with the Mark Set and Patrol boat on **Channel 68**. The start sequence countdown may be broadcast on this channel. GPSC Sundown Series SI 6.4 still applies in all cases.

13 CHANGES, ERRORS, OMISSIONS

Monitor WWW.GPSC.ORG/Racing/Frostbite for changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) to correct errors or omissions in the original SI document. Changes to class splits may occur up until the week of the first race **but not thereafter** due to late registrations. Report errors and omissions, or direct questions, to: gpsc.racechair@gmail.com.

14 WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Refer to RRS Appendix K, paragraph 20 and Appendix L, instruction 29. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

- 15 CANADIAN WATERS - This is our understanding of current (August 2017) Canadian/US border rules. Weaving in and out of Canadian/US waters does not require reporting to the respective authorities, unless a boat anchors or meets up with/rafts off of another boat. Skippers are advised to encourage their crew to carry proper identification documentation in case of questioning by Canadian/US authorities.

GPSC 2017 Frostbite Race Addendum A

The Marks are in U.S. Waters

