



2026 Championship Series

May 23rd – September 20th, 2026

Wayzata Yacht Club (WYC) - Apostle Islands Station (AIS)
Bayfield Wisconsin, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2026 Championship Series is the Apostle Islands Station / Wayzata Yacht Club, LLC (AIS/WYC).

The notation [NP] in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the SI will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at the relevant www.wyc.org/ais event page by 0900 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect, except as defined in SI 6.2 and SI 6.3.
- 2.2. As a courtesy, the RC will announce changes to the SI that have been posted on the ONB approximately two hours prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day VHF Radio (VHF), SI 3.3.
- 2.3. Changes to a SI may be made on the water by flying Code Flag L, hailing the fleets, and announcing the change on VHF.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB) located at the relevant www.wyc.org/ais event page by 0900 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect, except as defined in SI 6.2 and SI 6.3.
- 3.2. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.3. The following communications may be made by the RC on VHF channel 72.
 - 3.3.1. A courtesy hail will be made each day at 0900. This hail will contain relevant racing information such as the intended location of the Starting Area, as well as any expected Postponement on Shore due to weather.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when notifying the RC of a retirement or withdrawal, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication, that are not available to all boats.
- 3.5. [DP] Any boat using a sail with an alternate sail number shall report the proper sail number to the RC in writing before 0900 at the Bayfield Marina dock office, or via VHF hail no later than 30-minutes prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day.



- 3.6. Failure to hear radio communication required by the RC under SI 3.1 and 3.2; shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat at dock at the Bayfield Marina, 34480 Port Superior Road, Bayfield, WI.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The schedule of races is listed in Appendix A.
- 6.2. The sailing of subsequent races for the Jib-and-Main Fleet (JAM), Open Class (OC), and Multihull Fleets will be announced via VHF during the day's 0900 radio call.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day 1100.
- 6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing for series, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Classes will be defined and posted on the ONB at the relevant www.wyc.org/ais event page prior to the first race of the series.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing may be held anywhere in, near or around the Apostle Islands. Appendix B shows the partial area in which racing may be held.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Appendix B shows the approximate location of the marks that might be used to define the course for the JAM, OC, and Multihull fleets. Appendix C lists the pre-defined Waypoints that may be used.
- 9.2. If conditions warrant Windward/Leward (W/L) courses may be sailed for the JAM, OC, and Multihull Fleets. These W/L courses may also consist of part of a larger course that uses defined Waypoints.
- 9.3. Courses will be posted on the display board on the RC Signal Boat. They will show the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. The RC will also announce the course via VHF.
- 9.4. No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks may be:
 - 10.1.1. Temporary buoys (which may be red, orange, white, yellow, or green and be in the form of cylinders, spheres, tetrahedrons, or robotic marks),
 - 10.1.2. Islands,
 - 10.1.3. Government navigation marks/buoys,



- 10.1.4. Waypoints as defined as a geographic position on the surface of the water defined by WGS 84 latitude and longitude coordinates expressed in degrees decimal minutes. (DDM).
- 10.2. All boats shall obey all government navigation marks/buoys while racing, except if the navigation mark/buoy is a mark of the course, then such navigation mark/buoy shall be rounded pursuant to RC instructions.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Start order: JAM, OC, and Multihull. If there is only one boat entered for a fleet, the RC may combine that fleet with another fleet for its start.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Signal Boat and course side of the starting mark. When using the Fishing Dock for the start, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Fishing Dock and the course side of the nearest mark.
- 11.3. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. Recalls will be signaled as follows:
 - 11.4.1. Along with the requirements of RRS 29.1, the RC will hail each boat that is OCS via VHF, hailing the sail number(s) of boat(s) identified as being OCS. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 11.5. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. MD/JAM/Multihull Fleets:
 - 12.1.1. The Bayfield Fishing Dock (FDF) or Hoops Fishing Dock (HFD) finish line may be used for all OC/JAM/Multihull Fleets. When either the FDF or HFD are used as one mark of the finish line, the other end will be the course side of a mark approximately 200 feet from the end of the pier, and in a line perpendicular to the dock.
 - 12.1.2. Alternatively, OC/JAM/Multihull Fleets may finish between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC Signal Boat and the course side of the mark nearest to the RC Signal Boat.
 - 12.1.3. [DP] At the discretion of the RC, a race may be finished at a waypoint. A waypoint is defined by latitude and longitude coordinates. When finishing at a waypoint, the finish line is a line through the waypoint at a 90-degree angle to the last leg and of the shortest practical length. Boats shall log their GPS finish time. Boats finishing shall also log the sail number of the boat ahead and behind their finish position if available.
- 12.2. [DP] If the RC is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Appendix V Alternative Penalties, a US Sailing prescription, shall apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. OC/JAM/Multihull Fleets:
 - 14.1.1. There will be no time limit for the JAM, OC, or Multihull Fleet courses. RC will be on-station at the finish line (either on-the-water, or ashore) for 4 hours from the fleet's starting signal.



- 14.1.2. Any boat finishing after 4 hours shall self-report their GPS finishing time to RC or JAM/OC/Multihull Liaison within 1 hour of finishing. This changes RRS 35.
- 14.2. All boats continuing to race after sunset will use every reasonable effort to report (via VHF Channel 72) their GPS position on an hourly basis to other JAM/OC/Multihull boats continuing to race and the JAM/OC/Multihull liaison.
- 14.3. All Fleets: There is no time limit for the Dobson Cup, Hulings Around Madeline, and Silver Bay Scramble.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day of each sailing event or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.2. Protests shall be delivered to RC Principal Race Officer (PRO) or Chief Judge within the protest time limit.
- 15.3. For the requirements stated in RRS 60.3, a protest or request for redress by a boat may be met by electronically submitting their protest to the protest committee within the time limit stated in the SI. Information required by RRS 60.3 may be delivered using electronic mail delivery to WYCAISPROTEST@gmail.com. Instructions on how to file a protest form may be found on the relevant event page on www.wyc.org/ais. The party submitting a protest electronically should travel to the regatta venue as quickly as possible to participate in an arbitration meeting or protest hearing.
- 15.4. Hearing request forms will be available at the Official Notice Board, and from the PRO or Chief Judge. Forms may also be downloaded at the relevant page on www.wyc.org/ais.
- 15.5. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes on the Official Notice Board after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. receiving the protest/request for redress to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Where reasonably possible, hearings will be scheduled for the day the protests were received and in the order the protests were received. In unusual circumstances and with sufficient notice, the Protest Committee (PC) may schedule a hearing for a different day, time or order.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Corrected time will be determined using the PHRF Time on Distance calculation.
- 16.2. A boats series score is the total of her races scores.
- 16.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. [NP][DP] Each boat shall comply with the following:
 - 17.1.1. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)
 - 17.1.1.1. At the Start and Finish of each race, each person on board each boat is required to wear a USCG or ISO approved personal flotation device (PFD). The use of an ISO approved PFD does not negate the USCG requirement that each vessel must have at least one (1) USCG approved Type III or V life jacket for each person on board. Belt pack style PFD's are not allowed.
 - 17.1.1.2. For any boat with only two (2) individuals on board, both individuals shall wear a life jacket at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 17.2. Abandonment Due to Weather
 - 17.2.1. Races for individual fleets may be abandoned or postponed when the 5-minute mean wind speed exceeds 24 knots or wind gusts exceed 30 knots, as determined by PRO. If



these conditions exist 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal, signals will be made ashore. If these conditions develop less than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal start, signals may be made by RC Signal Boat.

- 17.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall inform RC at the first reasonable opportunity. Boats that retire shall be scored RET.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Trophy prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each fleet. Additional trophy prizes or awards may be awarded at the discretion of the Trophy Chairperson.

19. RISK STATEMENT, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against AIS/WYC and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. Organizing Authority (OA) and host club is the AIS/WYC Station, LLC, a Wisconsin nonprofit corporation. For further information, contact AIS Fleet Captain, Andy Spence-Parsons, by emailing andy.spence-parsons@wyc.org or calling (763) 360-8587.



Appendix A – Racing Schedule

2026 Dates	Warning	Series	Scheduled Races		Comments
			OC and JAM*	Multihull*	
May 23	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
May 24	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
May 25	1100	Spring Series	1	2	
June 13	1100	Single/Double Handed	1	1	Note C
June 14	1100	Single/Double Handed	1	1	Note C
June 27	1000	Summer Series	1	1	Around the Islands Note C
June 29	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
June 30	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
July 1	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
July 2	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
July 3	Note A	Summer Series	Note A	Note A	Bayfield Race Week
August 15	1000	Silver Bay Scramble	1	1	Note C
September 5	1030	Fall Series Regatta	1	1	Bill Hulings Around Madeline Race
September 6	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
September 7	1100	Fall Series Regatta	1	2	
September 19	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	
September 20	1100	Dobson Regatta	1	1	

* While OC and JAM Fleets are scheduled to sail one race per day, a second race is allowed at the discretion of the RC and/or OA.

Note A: Race schedule (e.g. start times and number of races) during Bayfield Race Week will be specified in Bayfield Race Week Sailing Instructions

Note B: Championship Series. AIS Championship Series is open to all yachts that have paid their WYC and AIS fleet dues for the season. The Championship is a summation of the series points awarded for the Spring, Summer and Fall series plus the Dobson regatta. The Championship Series scoring excludes the Silver Bay Scramble and the Single/Double handed races for all fleets. See https://www.wyc.org/ais_results for cumulative Championship Series results and calculation method.

Note C: There will be a Single/Double Hand Series (SDHS). The SDHS shall consist of 4 races held June 14, June 15, and Single/Double Hand Fleet entrants for ATI & Silver Bay Scramble. The series results will be awarded based on the 3 best finishes in those 4 races.

BAZOOKA PROJECTILES
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual water reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

CAUTION
Limitations on the use of radars signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard's Light List and National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radar detection and bearing to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown that:
○ Accurate location; ▲ Approximate location

CAUTION
Impaired vision caused by darkness may be subject to sighting, particularly at the edges.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

CAUTION
POTENTIAL HAZARDS
Vessels operating in fresh water lakes or rivers shall not discharge high or low water or other water such as sewage to the waterway or as designated by the Commissioner of Food and Drug (CFR 170.005). Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

LAKE SUPERIOR
A table of tide and current data for Lake Superior is provided on the opposite page of this chart.

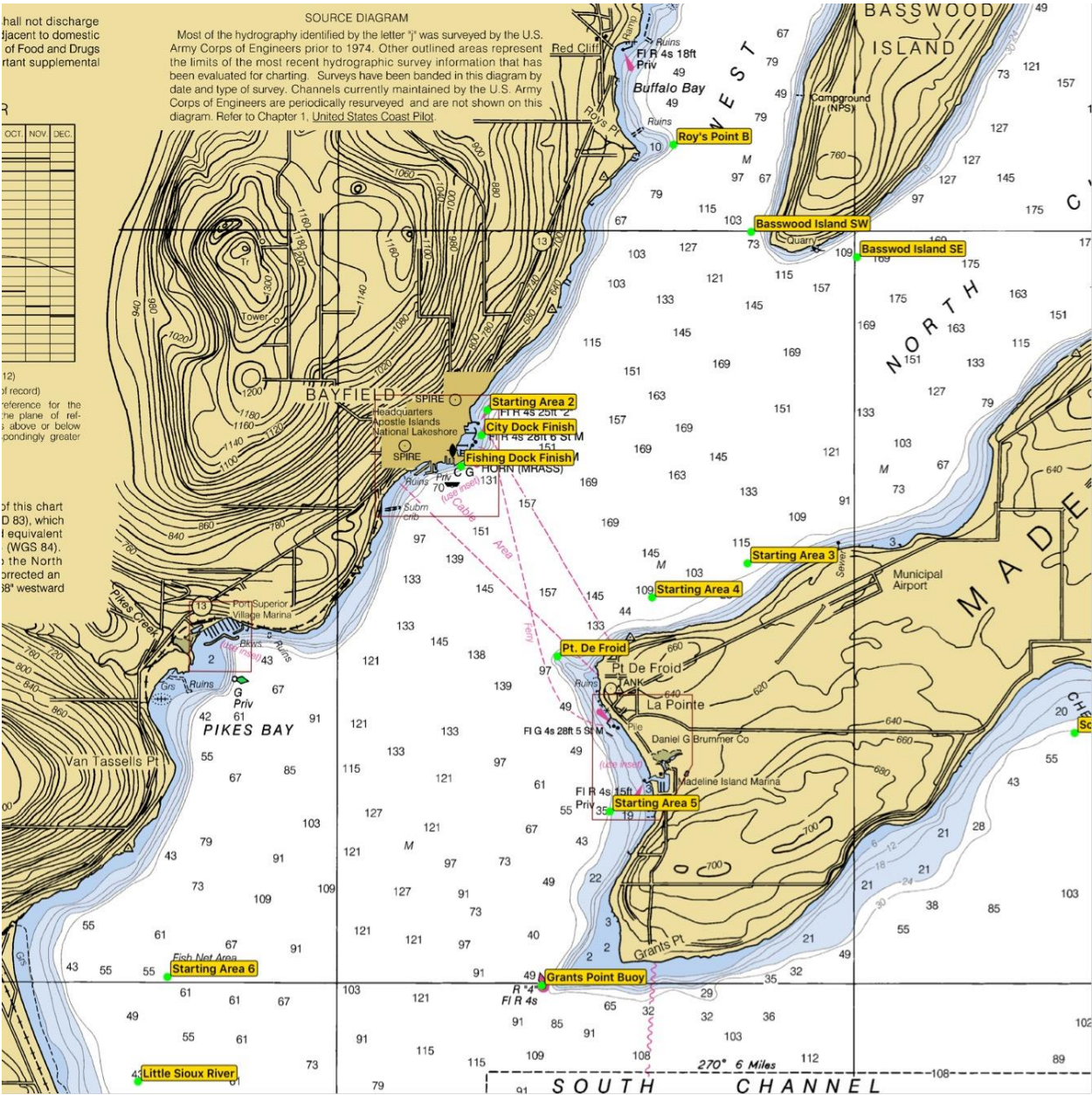
VERTICAL DATUM
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System (WGS 84) datum. Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1983 must be corrected as appropriate for datum differences in order to agree with this chart.

For more detail see Chart No. 14974

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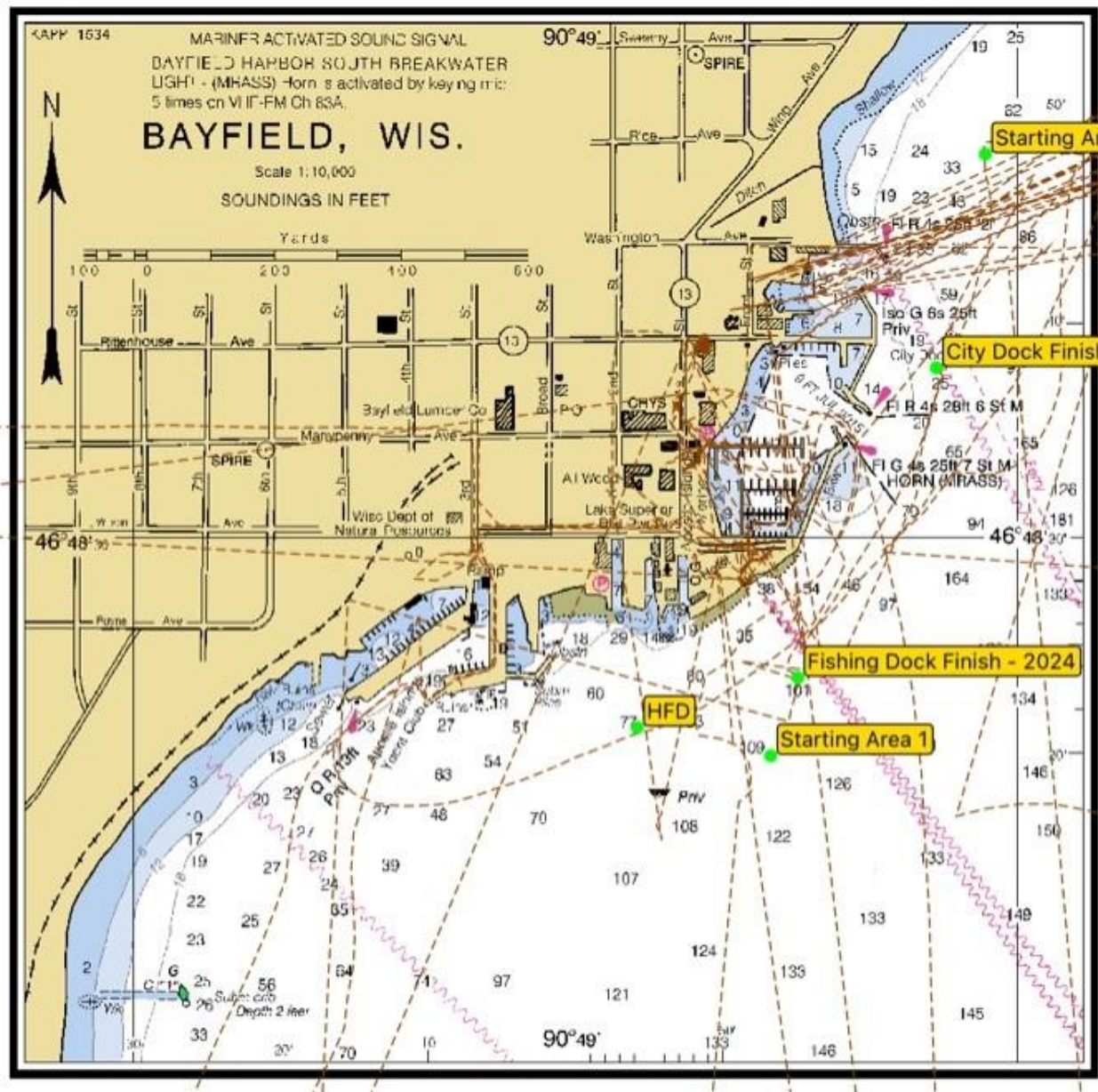
Appendix B – Racing Area



Note: All Mark locations are approximate.



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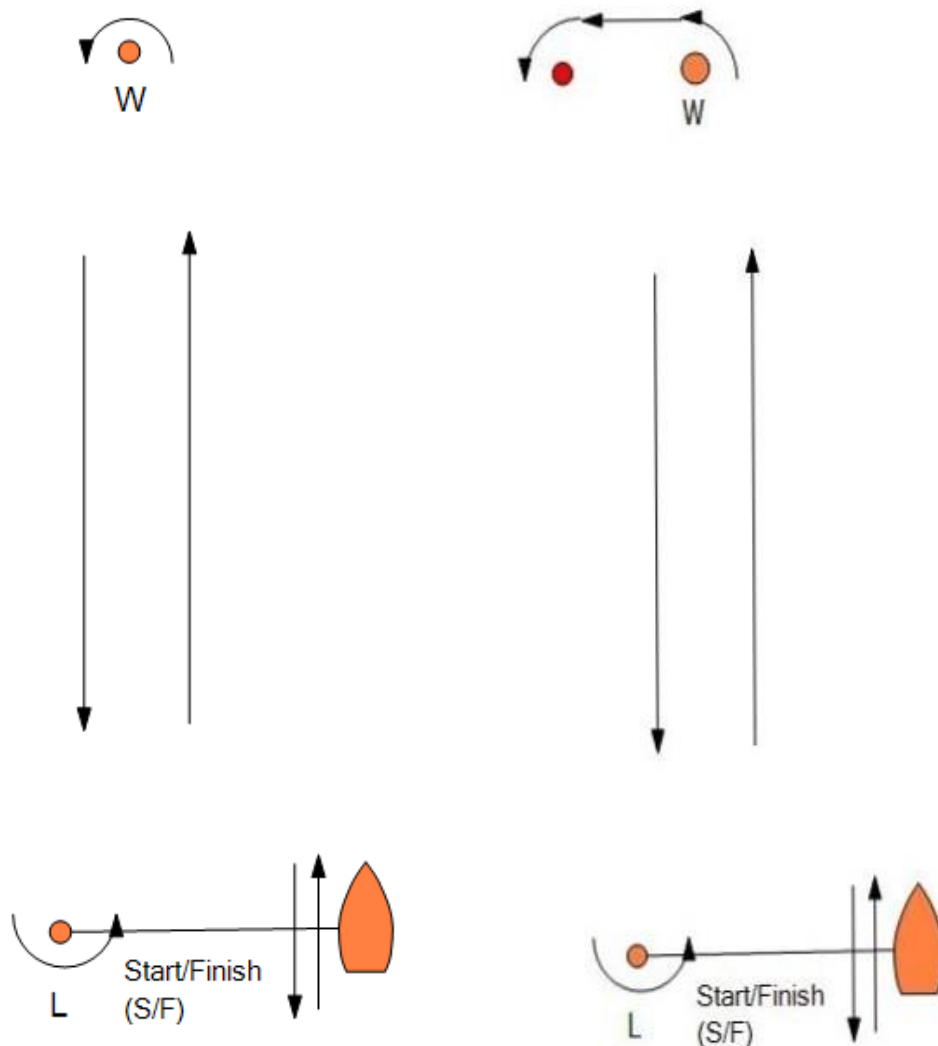
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Appendix C – Waypoint Coordinates

Starting Areas		DMS		DMM	
Waypoint	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
SA1	Starting Area 1 off USCG Station	46°48'19.8"N	90°48'46.7"W	46°48.330'N	90°48.778'W
SA2	Starting Area 2 - N of Bayfield Ferry Dock	46°48'47.9"N	90°48'32.1"W	46°48.798'N	90°48.535'W
SA3	Starting Area 3 off Madeline Island Airport	46°47'46.9"N	90°46'00.9"W	46°47.782'N	90°46.014'W
SA4	Starting Area 4 off Pt. De Froid	46°47'33.3"N	90°46'56.2"W	46°47.555'N	90°46.936'W
SA5	Starting Area 5 off of La Pointe	46°46'08.0"N	90°47'20.7"W	46°46.133'N	90°47.344'W
SA6	Starting Area 6 - South of Pikes Bay	46°45'01.7"N	90°51'37.1"W	46°45.029'N	90°51.618'W
SA7	Starting Area 7 - Sunset Bay	46°48'29.2"N	90°43'54.5"W	46°48.486'N	90°44.909'W
SA8	Starting Area 8 - Pike's Bay (Circle 2)	46°46'28.8"N	90°50'06.2"W	46°46.480'N	90°50.104'W
Finish Areas		DMS		DMM	
Waypoint	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
CDF	City Dock Finish	46°48'37.9"N	90°48'35.4"W	46°48.632'N	90°48.590'W
FDF	Fishing Dock Finish - 2022	46°48'23.5"N	90°48'44.8"W	46°48.409'N	90°48.721'W
HFD	Hoops Fishing Dock Finish - 2024	46°48'21.1"N	90°48'55.7"W	46°48.352'N	90°48.929'W
Fixed Government Marks		DMS		DMM	
Waypoint	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
GP	Grants Point Buoy	46°44'58.0"N	90°48'01.0"W	46°44.967'N	90°48.017'W
GB1	Green Bouy 1 - South of Houghton Point	46°39'54.9"N	90°51'33.5"W	46°39.915'N	90°51.558'W
HPB	Houghton Point Buoy	46°41'48.4"N	90°50'45.2"W	46°41.807'N	90°50.754'W
RCB	Red Cliff Buoy	46°53'40.5"N	90°44'47.5"W	46°53.675'N	90°44.791'W
Drop Marks		DMS		DMM	
Waypoint	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
BSE	Basswood Island SE	46°49'49.0"N	90°44'57.3"W	46°49.816'N	90°44.954'W
BS	Basswood Island South Tip	46°49'47.0"N	90°45'41.0"W	46°49.784'N	90°45.683'W
BSW	Basswood Island SW	46°49'59.0"N	90°45'58.8"W	46°49.983'N	90°45.980'W
BNNW	Basswood Island NNW	46°52'22.2"N	90°44'20.7"W	46°52.370'N	90°44.344'W
BN	Basswood Island N	46°52'29.6"N	90°43'53.1"W	46°52.494'N	90°43.886'W
BNNE	Basswood Island NNE	46°52'20.4"N	90°43'18.1"W	46°52.340'N	90°43.301'W
BNE	Basswood Island NE	46°51'53.9"N	90°43'02.0"W	46°51.898'N	90°43.033'W
HSE	Hermit Island SE	46°52'40.0"N	90°41'03.2"W	46°52.666'N	90°41.054'W
LSR	Little Sioux River	46°44'20.1"N	90°51'54.0"W	46°44.335'N	90°51.900'W
NCA	North Channel A	46°51'30.0"N	90°41'28.4"W	46°51.500'N	90°41.474'W
PDF	Point De Froid	46°47'09.8"N	90°47'51.2"W	46°47.163'N	90°47.853'W
RPB	Roy's Point B	46°50'33.7"N	90°46'43.9"W	46°50.562'N	90°46.732'W
SC1	South Channel 1 - Chebomnicon Bay	46°46'39.3"N	90°42'50.9"W	46°46.656'N	90°42.848'W
SC2	South Channel 2 - N of Chequamegon Pt.	46°42'24.9"N	90°43'08.0"W	46°42.415'N	90°43.133'W
SC3	South Channel 3 - 5 nm east of Grants Pt.	46°44'09.1"N	90°40'46.9"W	46°44.152'N	90°40.782'W
Virtual Marks		DMS		DMM	
Waypoint	Description	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
NOMAD	Bill Hulings Around Madeline Race	46°51'00.0"N	90°33'00.0"W	46°51.000'N	90°33.000'W

Appendix D – Windward/Leeward



Course Examples:

- **W/L 2** = S-W-F
- **W/L 4** = S-W-L-W-F
- **W/L 6** = S-W-L-W-L-W-F

Course Examples:

- **W/L 2 O** = S-W-O-F (with Offset)
- **W/L 4 O** = S-W-L-W-F (with Offset)
- **W/L 6 O** = S-W-L-W-L-W-F (with Offset)

Any course listed above may be changed to *finish* at the Bayfield Fishing Dock.