

South Haven Yacht Club 2026 Commodore's Cup

September 12, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Link to Club Spot:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/E7WkgmgYj0>

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2025-2028.
- 1.2. Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) and the class rules of those classes sailing.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority is the South Haven Yacht Club.
- 1.4. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. Appendix V will apply."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the dining room of the SHYC. Or on club spot Web site link listed above.
- 2.2. The boat must have raced throughout the summer series

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 EDT September 12 2026
- 3.2. Changes to the sailing Instructions may be made on the water by the Race committee displaying code flag L with the section flag is appropriate. Changes will be announced on VHF Channel 69. This changes RRS 90.2 and race signals.

4. COURTESY BROADCASTS

- 4.1. VHF channel 69 will be the designated hailing channel for all courtesy broadcasts.
- 4.2. A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts.
This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.3. All boats shall monitor the designated hailing channel at all times, from 30 minutes before the warning signal until 30 minutes after finishing.
- 4.4. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat. If a postponement is signaled ashore; the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration must be completed by 1800 pm Thursday, September 10, 2026. On Club Spot link listed above.
- 6.2. Check in is on Saturday September 12, 2026 at 0900 EDT in SHYC Dining room.
- 6.3. Skippers Meeting is on Saturday starting at 0930 EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
- 6.4. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1055 EDT.
- 6.5. It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct a 3-race regatta. The number of races is subject to weather conditions.
- 6.6. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 6.7. No Initial Warning Signal will be made after 1530 EDT.

7. SECTION FLAGS AND BREAKS

7.1. MWPHRF section breaks will be available at the skippers meeting. Handicaps will be scored using the "Time on Time" adjustments.

7.2. Section flags shall be as follows: spinnaker class flag will be Pink; jib-and-main class flag will be Yellow.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting areas offshore from the South Haven pier head. Multiple race courses may be established by the Organizing Authority to suit individual fleet requirements.

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses for spinnaker classes will be Windward / Leeward: 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. See Addendum A.

9.2. The courses for jib-and-main classes will be triangular: 3 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. See Addendum A.

10 MARKS

10.1. Course marks may include the following: autonomous marks and or inflatable marks.

10.2. If robotic marks are used, routine movement of these marks on the course will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with marks that do no cause damage. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 61.4 (a). RRS 31 still applies.

10.3. The starting and finishing mark will be an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started by using RRS26. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal of the preceding class.

11.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side with an orange starting mark.

11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4. If any part of a boats hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF 69. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.5. General recall: when at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made after the last normally scheduled class and proceed as prescribed above. This changes RRS 29.2.

11.6. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A5.1 and A5.2.

11.7. For any boat deemed OCS at the start, Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 69. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.6 Change of First Mark Between Starts - When signal flag C is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat, before the warning signal, mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 10.1 and revised bearing and distances will be broadcast. When is a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.7 rule 30.1 will be in effect at all times and will be applied for every start.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. To change the next leg of the course approximately 15 degrees or less, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. No signal of such change shall be required. This changes rule 33.

12.2. The race committee may shorten the course by decreasing the spin class to 2 legs and Jam class to a windward/leeward course. The S flag will be displayed with 2 sounds and RRS 32.2 is in effect.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finish line will be between a Blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange inflatable finishing mark.

13.2. Upon finishing a competitor should announce on their radio on Channel 69 with the name of

the boat that they are finishing.

- 13.3. If there are several boats finishing at the same time or very close to each other, after finishing announce the order in which boats finished on the radio channel 69.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be one- and one-half hours (90 minutes) for the first boat
14.2. to finish in its section.
14.3. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in their section will be scored "Did not finish (DNF)."

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Committee within one hour after the Race Committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing at the SHYC.
15.2. Blank protest paperwork is located in the SHYC dining room by the notice board. It is in a Yellow folder labeled Protest paperwork.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall come within hail of the Race Committee signal boat, acknowledge prior to the first race and check in, race committee will acknowledge check in via VHF radio channel 69.
16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
16.3. Boats should download safety protocols from the link on club Spot in the documents section.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other mobile data devices.

18. AWARDS

- 18.1. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all sections. The commodore's cup trophy will be given to the Spin Winner, and a trophy for JAM.

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- 19.1. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all sections. The Commodore's Cup Trophy will be given to the overall winner.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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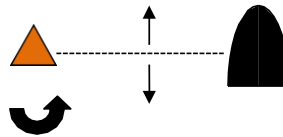
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ADDENDUM A

SPINNAKER CLASSES
Windward-Leeward Course
4 Legs
Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish



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JIB-AND-MAIN CLASSES
Triangular Course
Start – 1 – O - Finish

