

54th Annual Harvest Moon Regatta



RC Instructions

Saturday
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Regatta Organizer

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SI2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

Changes to sailing instructions will be posted no later than **0800** on race day.

SI3. Signals made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the SPSC lawn.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with **'not less than 1 hour'** in the race signal AP.

SI4. Radio Communications

The RC will broadcast and endeavour to monitor **VHF channel 69**. Broadcast the PHRF A/B/C splits before the first warning signal.

SI5. First Warning Signal

The first warning signal will be at **1530**.

SI6. Class Flags / Order of Starts

| Class to Race | Class Flag |
|---------------|------------|
| JOG | White |
| Shark | A shark |
| PHRF C | Blue |
| PHRF B | Green |
| PHRF A | Yellow |

Start races at 5 minute intervals. Prepare to use the automated starting box for horns and timing. Use the standard starting rule 26 with the "P" preparatory signal (even after a general recall).

SI7. Start and Finish Area

The start and finish shall be at mark 4.

SI8. The Courses

No later than the warning signal, the RC vessel will display a number placard to indicate the course. This course will have chosen for you by the organizers at the Skippers' Meeting.

Course 1: 4 → BR → WB → 4

From the starting line, sail 5.6nm 109°mag to BR leaving it to port, sail 7.3nm 19°mag to WB leaving it to port, sail 9.2nm 236°mag to the finishing line.

Total distance: 22.1nm.

Course 2: 4 → WB → BR → 4

From the starting line, sail 9.2nm 56°mag to WB leaving it to starboard, sail 7.3nm 199°mag to the BR leaving it to starboard, sail 5.6nm 289°mag to the finishing line.

Total distance: 22.1nm.

Course 3: 4 → WB → 4

From the starting line, sail 9.2nm 56°mag to the WB leaving it to starboard, sail 9.2nm 236°mag to the finishing line.

Total distance: 18.4nm.

Course 4: 4 → BR → 4

From the starting line, sail 5.6nm 109°mag to the BR leaving it to port, sail 5.6nm 289°mag to the finishing line.

Total distance: 11.2nm.

SI9. Marks

4: SPSC Mark 4 (Start/Finish Pin)

N42°19.662' W82°50.096'
white can buoy

BR: Belle River Mark

N42°18.598' W82°42.665'
large yellow inflatable buoy

WB: Lake St. Clair Weather Buoy

N42°25.800' W82°40.800'

SI10. The Start

The starting line will be between the **orange flag** on the RC vessel and mark 4.

If the first leg is a beat, set the line perpendicular to the wind with the pin at the port end.

If the first leg is not a beat, set the line perpendicular to the first leg. You may, at your own discretion, set the pin to port for courses 1 and 4 and with the pin to starboard for courses 2 and 3.

Not an SI. Shortening or Changing the Course after the Start

Don't do it.

SI11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the **blue flag** on the RC vessel and mark 4.

Set the finishing line perpendicular to the last leg of the course. Set the line so boats crossing will leave the pin to port for courses 1 and 4 and with the pin to starboard for courses 2 and 3.

As this race may conclude after sunset competitors you may need to illuminate sail numbers.

SI12. Late Finishers

The RC vessel will endeavour to remain on station until **2200**.

SI13. Boats Retiring

Boats retiring must notify the RC prior to leaving the racing area.

SI14. Hearings

Hearing forms should be available in the clubhouse office **20 minutes** after the RC vessel docks. Open the office and ensure it is manned to accept hearing forms. Accepted forms should indicate the time and whether it is before the protest time limit.

Protest time limit is 1 hour after the RC vessel docks.

Notices should be posted no later than **20 minutes** after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.