



4th of July Family Race
Saturday July 4th, 2026 - M&M Yacht Club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- a. The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- b. Only one head sail shall be hoist forward of the mast at any time. No spinnakers, asymmetrical spinnakers are allowed.

2. ENTRIES

- a. Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form, paying the appropriate entry fee, and delivering their MWPHRF certificate (or a rating will be assigned) as well as proof of liability insurance to M&M Yacht Club during the registration period.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north wall of the MMYC clubhouse.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals displayed from the Menominee Marina break-wall are not considered to be made ashore
- b. Race management may postpone the start of a race for up to 60 minutes due to weather at skippers meeting

5. SCHEDULE

- a. Registration will be from 8-9:00am July 4th, 2026 at the MMYC Club House
- b. A skippers' meeting will be held at the MMYC clubhouse at 9:00am on race day. The first warning will be at 9:55am, with first start at 10:00am
- c. Lunch will be provided to skippers and crew as part of your registration after the race.

6. RACING AREA

- a. The racing area will be the waters of the bay of Green Bay

7. THE START and DIVISION FLAGS

- a. The start will be a PHRF "Pursuit" staggered start. Race committee will deliver a Rule 26 starting sequence according to the following schedule:
- b. Courtesy warning (4 short horns) 9:54am
Warning 9:55am
First Start 10:00am
- c. Boats shall start at their assigned times, to be distributed at the skippers' meeting. Race committee may deliver courtesy sound signals at each boat's starting time. Each boat is responsible to start at her assigned time.
- d. Boats will be notified of individual recalls by RC displaying flag "X" with two sounds and/or may hail on VHF 68. This changes Race Signals.
- e. The failure of RC to deliver, or the failure of any boat to hear any sound signals is not grounds for protest or redress.

8. START/FINISH LINE, COURSE, and MARKS

- a. The start and finish line will lie between the northeast corner of the Menominee Marina break-wall orange limit marker/barging buoy and the M&M Yacht Club buoy. Boats shall not go between the limit marker off the break-wall and the break-wall.



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b. **COURSE:**

- i. Start **North to South**, leaving the MMYC Race Buoy to **port**.
- ii. Proceed in an east-southeasterly direction to Menominee Shoal Buoy **R2A** and leaving mark to **Port**.
- iii. Proceed 1nm due north to **Midway Pin** taking mark to **Port**
- iv. Proceed to **Start/finish north to south**, leaving the MMYC Race Buoy to **Port**
- v. Proceed in an east-southeasterly direction to Menominee Shoal Buoy **R2A** and leaving mark to **Port**.
- vi. Proceed 1nm due north to **Midway Pin** taking mark to **Port**
- vii. Proceed to **Start/finish North to South**, leaving MMYC Race Buoy to **Port**

c. Total length: 7.6 nm

9. **CHECK IN**

All boats, once on the water, shall check in by hailing race committee members on the northeast corner of the Menominee Marina breakwall. Boats failing to check in may not be scored, at the discretion of race officials. Race committee may waive this requirement at the skippers meeting.

10. **TIME LIMIT and WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE**

- a. Yachts withdrawing from the race are asked to notify RC by VHF radio channel 68, phone or text at the contact number below.
- b. If a yacht finishes at any time when race committee is not present on the northeast corner of the Menominee Marina breakwall, she shall take her own time, note boat ahead and behind, and report boat's name together with her finish time to the contact number below - by phone or text.

11. **COMMUNICATION**

Race Committee will monitor VHF 68. Boats should also monitor VHF 68 for informational announcements from RC.

12. **PROTESTS**

- a. Protests shall be personally delivered to an officer of M&M Yacht Club within 45 minutes after a boat has finished. A list of protests received will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing.
- b. Protest forms and Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 are available at the club upon request to the RC.
- c. Competitors are notified and agree by their participation in this event, that any protest committee may consist of "interested parties" as defined by RRS.

13. **CONTACT:** Robert Valentine, Vice Commodore of Sail; 715-938-7245; robmvalentine@hotmail.com



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