



M&M Yacht Club
MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN - MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

JOEY SHEPRO/John Swanson MEMORIAL Doublehanded Race

August 15, 2026

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the following rules:

- 1.1 All yachts shall be raced with only a skipper and a mate (i.e. scurvy dog, greasy rat, etc.).
- 1.2 Yachts wishing to race with more than two aboard shall declare this intention to race management in advance. These yachts will not be eligible for placement in the race standings; however, for all other purposes, they shall be considered "racing" per RRS.
- 1.3 All handicapping under PHRF shall be done locally. If a yacht has a valid PHRF certificate, race management may assign the NSHCP rating from that certificate. In absence of a valid PHRF certificate, race management will assign that yacht a handicap to the best of its ability. Handicaps are not subject to protest or redress, and race management reserves the right to adjust a yacht's handicap regardless of the presence of a valid PHRF certificate.
- 1.4 Yachts shall sail with no more than one mainsail and one headsail.
- 1.5 Only one headsail may be in the foretriangle at any time, no matter if fully hoisted or partially hoisted.
- 1.6 No headsails with LP greater than 155% of a yacht's "J" measurement may be used.
- 1.7 Engine use shall be allowed until 5 minutes prior to a boat's assigned starting time.
- 1.8 Any collision between yachts will be grounds for immediate disqualification of all involved.
- 1.9 If a yacht is sailed singlehanded, mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted, and movable hull appendages may be operated by other than mechanical means. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.9 No protests will be accepted. Participants are expected to race in good faith. Any bad faith racing or misconduct, as viewed solely by race management, shall be grounds for immediate disqualification with no redress or refund of race fees.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Registration can be done by downloading forms from MMYC Website - at <https://mmyc.org/joey-shepro-memorial/> and submitting forms to **ATTN: VC of Sail, MMYC, PO Box 232, Menominee.**
- 2.2 In- person registrations will be taken from 0830 to 1000 on race day at M&M Yacht Club.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the MMYC Webpage <https://mmyc.org/joey-shepro-memorial/> and will be detailed at the skippers meeting.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at M&M Yacht Club. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than one hour after flag



AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP. Signals displayed from the Menominee Marina breakwall shall not be considered to be made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Registration closes at 1000 sharp on race day. No late registrations will be accepted - RC must perform handicapping before the skippers' meeting.

5.2 Skippers' Meeting: at 1100 on race day, off the south deck of the MMYC clubhouse.

5.3 Starting Times for each boat will be distributed at the skippers meeting.

5.4 First Warning: 1155

5.5 Class Flag will be the numerical #1 signal flag

6. START/FINISH LINE, COURSE, AND MARKS

6.1 The start and finish line will lie between the northeast corner of the Menominee Marina breakwall and the MMYC buoy located at approximately 45° 06.036'N, 87° 34.686'W. Start: North to South, leaving M&M Yacht Club buoy to port.

6.2 Leave Menominee Shoal Buoy R "2A" to starboard.

6.3 Round Green Island and its two buoys G "1" and R N "2" in either direction, leaving both the island and buoys to either port or starboard.

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6.5 Finish: South to North, leaving M&M Yacht Club buoy to starboard. Total length: 13.62 nm

7. THE START

7.1 The race will be started using the PHRF "Pursuit" Time on Distance staggered start system. Race committee will deliver a five-horn courtesy warning at 1154, followed by the warning for a RRS 26 sequence at 1155, with first yacht starting at 1200. Each yacht shall subsequently start at its assigned starting time. RC will deliver a courtesy sound signal at each boat's starting time.

7.2 Individual recalls may be performed by displaying flag "X" with two sounds. This changes Race Signals.

7.3 The absence of any or all sound signals shall be disregarded. Times shall be taken from visual signals. The lack of or improper timing of any signals - sound or visual - is not grounds for redress.

7.4 Due to check ins and other pre-start work, RC will not repeat start times by radio or from the breakwall.

8. STARTING AREA RESTRICTION

8.1 Yachts shall keep clear of the starting area after the warning, except for 5 minutes prior to their start. Violations of this rule will be considered "bad faith" racing at race committee's discretion.

9. CHECK IN

9.1 All boats, once on the water, shall check in, in one of two ways: 1, by hailing race committee members in the approximate center of the Menominee Marina breakwall. The check-in station will display code flag "C". 2, If there is no check-in station as described, boats shall check in with RC on the Northeast corner of the breakwall. 3, by contacting race committee on VHF 68. Boats failing to check in



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may not be scored, at the discretion of race management. If you check in by hailing RC in person, please head immediately offshore of the breakwall, avoiding the start/finish line, particularly after 1150.

10. TIME LIMIT AND WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE

10.1 There is no time limit. However, any yacht finishing when RC is not present on the corner of the Menominee Marina breakwall shall record her own time, as well as the names of the yachts finishing directly ahead of and behind her, and deliver this information to Race Committee by phone or text at (715) 938-7245.

10.2 Boats withdrawing from the race shall notify M&M Yacht Club immediately. If unable to make contact with race committee via VHF, a withdrawing boat shall call or text Race Committee (715) 938-7245 as soon as possible.

11. COMMUNICATION

11.1 Race committee will monitor VHF 68. Competitors are strongly encouraged to do the same.

11.2 Boats are encouraged to communicate amongst themselves; however, RC must be given priority use of VHF 68.

11.3 Rule 41(c) is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all yachts and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis is allowable. Allowable services must provide the same information to all competitors and not provide boat-specific weather or routing information. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of Rule 41.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact: Rob Valentine VC-Sail (715) 938-7245;
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