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Rebel Rabble



2017 Rebel Nationals Sailing Instructions

July 14-16, 2017

Clark Lake Yacht Club Clark Lake, MI

Sailing Instructions



Happy Spring to everyone in 2017! Only a few more page flips of the calendar before it is sailing season! Hard to believe it is only 4 more months to the Rebel Nationals at Clark Lake. Start thinking “warm” and prepare the boats for another season. Hoping this spring issue of the Rabble gets everyone fired up and ready to go!

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, including US Sailing Prescriptions, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions.
2. **Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board labeled and located on the north window of the east porch of the clubhouse.
3. **Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be made from the Race Committee Raft while moored.
4. **Schedule of Races:**

5 Junior Races are scheduled as follows:

- 7/14 Friday – Junior skippers meeting (immediately following Senior races)
- Jr Race 1 Friday – 30 minutes after skippers meeting
- Jr Race 2 Friday – Back to back
- 7/15 Jr Race 3 – Saturday - After Senior Races
- Jr Race 4 – Saturday - Back to back
- Jr Race 5 – Saturday – Back to back

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9 Senior races are scheduled as follows:

- 7/14 Sr Race 1 Friday – 1300
 Sr Race 2 Friday – Back to back
 Break
 Sr Race 3 Friday – If Practical
- 7/15 Sr Race 4 Saturday – 1100
 Sr Race 5 Saturday – Back to back
 Lunch
 Sr Race 6 Saturday – 1330
 Sr Race 7 Saturday – Back to back
- 7/16 Sr Race 8 – Sunday – 1000
 Sr Race 9 Sunday – Back to back

The first race of each day will have a race call (half-hour horn) prior to the start.

On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1200.

5. **Racing Area:** The racing will be on Clark Lake.
6. **Course:** The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the port side of the Race Committee Raft prior to the warning signal of each race.
7. **Marks:** Inflatable yellow tetrahedrons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be the marks and their general location on the lake will be as indicated on the chart of Clark Lake below. The Background color of the Mark number placard will indicate (red) leave mark to port or (green) leave mark to starboard.
- The starting/finishing mark will be an orange or yellow inflatable sphere. The Start-Finish lines will be between the mast flying the “RC-flag” on the Race Committee Raft and the Start or Finish mark.

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8. **Check-In:** Prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day, each yacht must sail past the stern of the Race Committee Raft, on Starboard tack, and hail her sail number. Such a hail will be acknowledged.
9. The **Start:** Races shall be started by using a modified Rule 26 sequence as follows:
- | Signal | Flag and sound | Minutes before starting | |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Warning | Class flag raised | 1 sound | 3 |
| Preparatory | Flag P or I raised | 1 sound | 2 |
| One minute | Prep flag lowered | 1 short | 1 |
| Starting | Class flag lowered | 1 sound | 0 |
- ***3 short horns will sounded before the starting sequence of the **second** race of back to back races.
10. **Retirement:** a yacht which retires from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee or RC Support Craft either before leaving the course area or, if that is impossible, as soon as possible after arriving at the Club.
11. **Finishing Boats on the Course:** The Primary Race Officer may finish boats on the course to expedite the race’s completion. Such boats will receive the same score they would have received if they had

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12. **Protests:** “A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee;” this changes 61.1. Protests shall be lodged with the Primary Race Officer within one hour of the Committee Raft’s docking; this changes rule 61.3. A schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the official bulletin board.
13. **Scoring:** Low-point scoring will be used as per Appendix A4.1 of the RRS: each yacht starting & finishing a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified shall score points equal to her finishing position. Lowest score wins. There will be no throw outs; this changes Appendix A2 of the RRS. Disqualified yachts shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the number of yachts entered in the series; this changes A4.2.

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Issues	1	2	3	4
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Full Page	\$100.00	190.	270.	340.
Half Page	50.00	90.	135.	170.
1/4 Page	25.00	47.	67.5	85.
1/8 Page	15.00	28.	40.5	51.

Business Cards Ads for NRCA members will be placed in four issues at a cost of \$25.00. All Rebel boat owners may advertise to sell their boats, boat parts, and sails at no cost. Other items for sale by NRCA members is \$0.15 per word.

Advertisements are solicited for placement according to the rates published in the Rabble. Ads for boats, parts, and sails will be text only in the Rabble but photos are welcome on the internet.

Advertisements will be run and placed on the internet when payment and copy is received.



Southport Gives Thanks -



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Can I Advertise My Boat?

There have been several questions sent to the class in recent months about advertising *boats for sale*.

The short answer - members of the NRCA (and non-members owning a boat) are allowed to advertise their boats for sale both in the Rabble and on the website *at no charge*. The primary difference between the two options is that the Rabble ads are more limited, pictures are only allowed on the website (no pictures in the Rabble).

The logic behind this is electrons on the monitor are "free" (relatively speaking) as opposed to space conservation (number of pages to print) in the rabble being a concern for printing costs. So *words (text) only* in the Rabble.... Pictures can be added on the website... but both options are available and free of charge to current NRCA members or non-members wishing to sell a boat. Hoping this information clarifies the available options.




NEW ADDRESS: 2457 E. Judd St. Burton, MI 48529
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Window(s) – No not Microsoft

An interesting discussion about window(s), *jib windows* to be more specific, ensued December of 2016 just prior to Christmas and the holiday season. A request was received from a sailmaker to add a second window to the jib for visibility, noting that other sailing classes have adopted additional jib windows in attempts to further prevent collisions. The sailmaker request also noted that the current Rebel Class rules allowed for "a window" (singular) but that a picture in the November 2016 Rabble had a sail (jib) with two windows from another maker.

Long story short, no one seemed to be aware of the existence of the jib with two windows, it had basically gone unnoticed. Likewise, no one seemed aware that the Rebel sail rules currently precludes *multiple* windows. The consensus of the Rebel class officers is that there seems to be no reason at this time to preclude an additional window in the jib, so in 2017 the rules will be modified to accommodate the current request and will make the existing jib legal (grandfathered). At this time the additional jib window has been pre-approved for 2017 by the NRCA Board of Directors.

In conclusion, no malice or purposeful evasion of the rules was found regarding as to how the existing jib came to be. In fact, the research concluded that the original change *was approved* by the NRCA Board of Directors in 2009, however the rules were not subsequently updated. And today it appears other sailing classes have added additional windows in jibs attempting to increase visibility of crossing boats. Therefore, the Rebel Class officers agree that we should follow suit (pun intended). The existing rule may have been enforced at one time due to sail windows often cracked or came apart, so it may have been a durability issue at one time. As materials and processes have improved over the years this does not seem to be the case today. And the cost impact of an additional window is minimal at best according to the sail maker(s). Therefore, this rule change will be officially brought to vote at the 2017 Nationals summer membership meeting at Clark Lake. (*see the Spring directors meeting minutes page 11 for additional details*)

Regards,
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Feb 25, 2017

Minutes of Spring meeting via teleconference.

Commodore Mary Reif called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Members present. Bill Selick, Kevin Nickels, Rick Vorel, George McCarger, Dave Nickels, Bruce Nickels, Mary Reif and Rowan O'Dougherty.

Minutes of the last meeting (Membership meeting at 2016 Nationals) were approved.

The 2016 Treasures report and the 2017 budget were approved.

The slate of officers nominated for 2018:

Commodore –	Kevin Nickels
Vice Commodore –	Need candidate – preferably from Greenwood Lake
Rear Commodore –	George McCarger
Two year directors -	Rick Vorel, Mary Reif, Dave Nickels
One year directors-	Bill Selick, Jason Vanderground, Nick Tanis
Rabble Editor -	Bruce Nowak will take over after the next Rabble
Secretary/Treasurer -	Neil Robb

Technical committee. After discussion and history (thanks Bruce and Neil) about the windows in the sails, the Board approved sending the following change to the Constitution and Bi-Laws to the membership for approval.

It is permissible to have multiple plastic windows in the mainsail and the jib as an aid to avoiding collisions. Total window area per sail is not to exceed 6 square ft.

There was no old business or new business. Next meeting July 14, 2017 at 10:30 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by Neil Robb - Secretary/Treasurer



— Race, Relax in a Rebel —



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