

2024 Milwaukee Bay **PURSUIT** SERIES

June 1 – September 7, 2024

South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- a. The Event, the 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series races will be governed by the rules as defined in 2021-2024 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- b. The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for US Nearshore Safety Equipment Personnel 3.1.2, including the following amendment, will apply. "All personnel on deck shall wear floatation while starting and finishing without exception, and at all other times except when the Person in Charge of the boat directs that it may be set aside."
- c. The 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series Fleet reserves the right to adjust and may change the 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series Base Handicap for specific boats.

2. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours on the day one week before it takes effect.
- b. Any changes in marks or race course will be posted no later than 1200 hours on race day.

3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted in the following ways:
 - i. On the official notice board located on the south wall of the Derrick House.
 - ii. On the official on-line notice board at www.SSYC.org
- b. On the water, the 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series Fleet intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 79.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. The 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series is scheduled for June 1, July 13, August 10 and September 7, 2024.
- b. First start time scheduled for 1300 hours.
- c. Individual starting times to be posted no later than 1200 hours on race day by manner described in 3(a).

5. RACING AREA

- a. The racing area will be on Lake Michigan and include the Milwaukee Harbor and East of the Milwaukee Harbor.

6. THE COURSES

- a. The designated course to be posted no later than 1200 hours on race day by manner described in 3(a).
- b. All courses are illustrated in Attachment A.
- c. 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series reserves the right to modify or change the designated courses.

7. MARKS

- a. The marks used on the Racing Area are described as follows:
 - i. SSYC West is an orange cylinders with a horizontal white stripe and a yellow post and light on top used for SS/SSS races
 - ii. SSYC Center is an orange cylinders with a horizontal white stripe and a yellow post and light on top used for SS/SSS races
 - iii. Bell Buoy is a large green navigational bell buoy
 - iv. MAST Buoy is a short orange can with tripod and light on top
 - v. North Gap is the North entrance to the Milwaukee Harbor
 - vi. Main Gap is the Main entrance to the Milwaukee Harbor
- b. 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series reserves the right to substitute other fixed marks.

8. THE START

- a. The starting line will be a line between the north east corner of the South Fair Weather Gap on the port end and the south east corner of the South Fair Weather Gap on the starboard end.
- b. The starting area is defined as a semi-circle extending 200 feet into the inner harbor.
- c. Boats who are not in sequence to start shall avoid the starting area and all other boats who are starting.
- d. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line after 1245 hours and before her assigned starting time, boat shall be disqualified and not scored for that race.

9. THE FINISH

- a. The finishing line will be a line between the southwest corner of the South Fair Weather Gap on the port end and the north west corner of the South Fair Weather Gap on the starboard end.
- b. Any boats that have not finished by 1600 hours will be scored in position.
- c. All boats must submit finishing report no later than 1700 to 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series to be scored.
 - i. Finishing report to be submitted via email to MBPursuitSeries@gmail.com or delivered in person at SSYC to 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series.
 - ii. Finishing report to include name of boat finishing ahead, competitor's time across finish line and name of boat finishing behind.
- d. Any boat that races and then retires from the race and fails to notify the 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series may be disqualified from the remainder of the series. This amends Appendix A.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be the number of places equal to the greater of 3 or 20% (rounding 0.5 upward) of the number of boats starting.

11. TIME LIMIT

- a. The time limit is 1600 hours. Any boats not finished by the time limit will be scored in position. This changes rule 35.

12. PROTESTS

- a. Request for hearing (protest) forms are available at the South Shore Yacht Club race office. Protests shall be delivered to the 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series no later than 1700 on the day of the race.
- b. Requests for redress concerning Series Scoring must be submitted within 1 week of the posting of those results.

13. SCORING

- a. The Low-Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.
- b. The time of a boat's start will be based on the course distance and the boat's handicap. The finishing place will be determined by the finishing order of all boats competing. This changes Appendix A3.
- c. The following course distances will be used for scoring:
 - i. Course 'A' 5.51 NM
 - ii. Course 'B' 8.67 NM
 - iii. Course 'C' 5.8 NM
 - iv. Course 'D' 7.74 NM
 - v. Course 'E' 4.51 NM
 - vi. Course 'F' 6.1 NM
 - vii. Course 'G' 4.64 NM
 - viii. Course 'H' 6.73 NM
- d. The Low-Point System of Appendix A2 will apply to the series standings. The boat's score will be the total of all races scored. If more than three races are completed, one exclusion will be allowed.
- e. Any request for a scoring correction must be made to the 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series before the Monday following the race in question.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- b. The 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series and racing boats will monitor VHF channel 79. The 2024 Milwaukee Bay PURSUIT Series will provide pertinent race information on this channel.

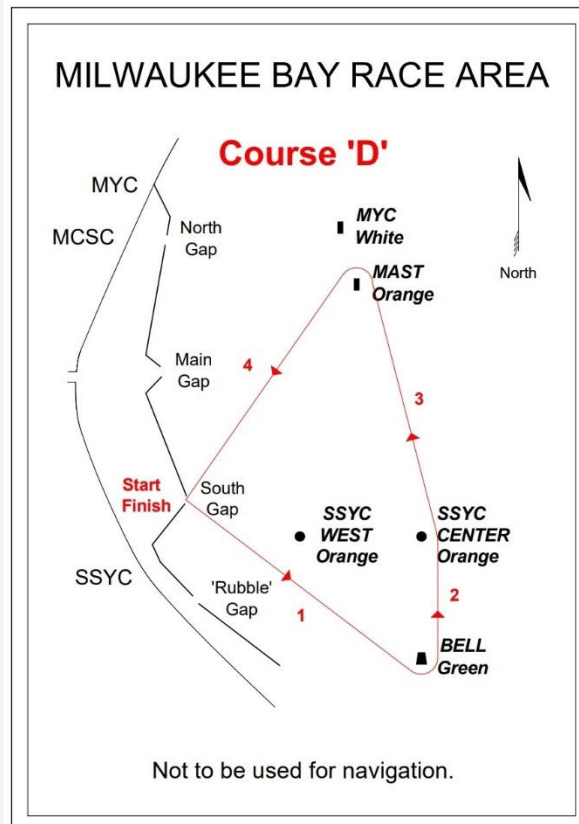
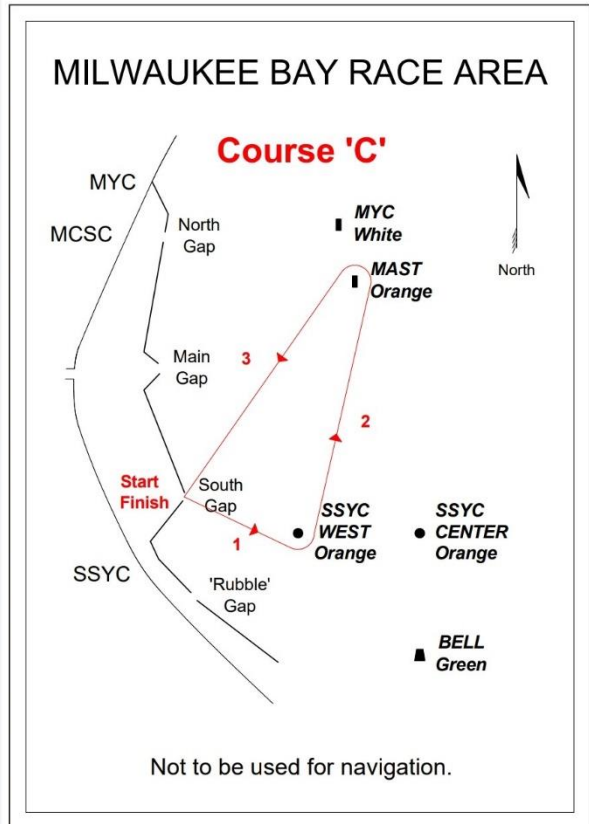
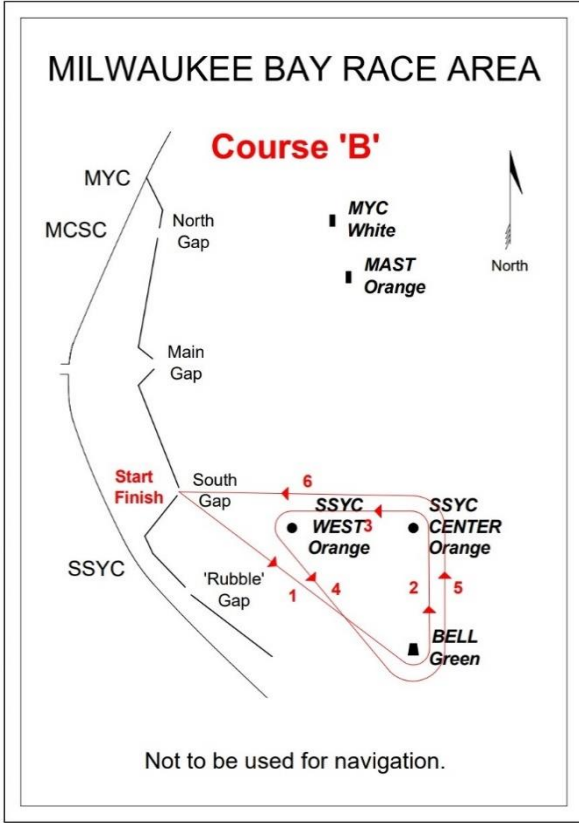
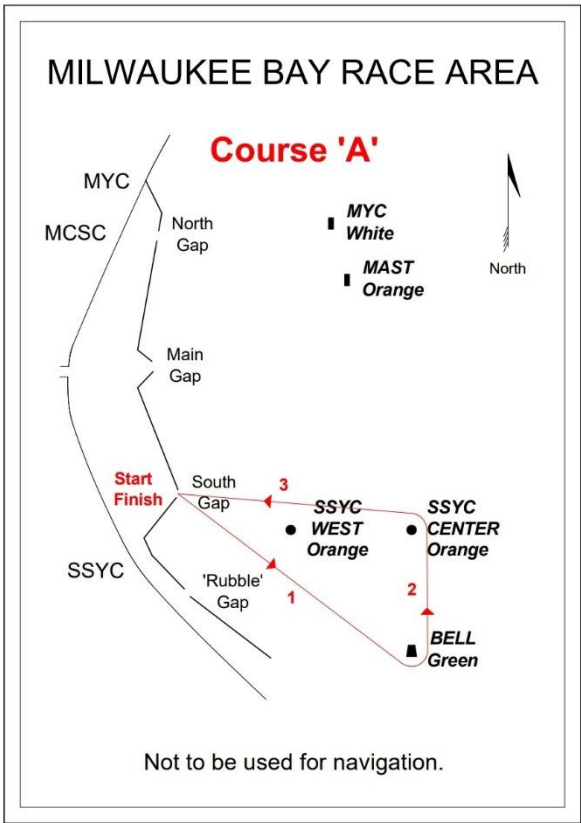
15. PRIZES

- a. Race Prizes to be awarded at SSYC as soon as the day of the race.
 - i. Race winner to receive a bottle of Rum.
- b. Series Prizes to be awarded in Fall of 2024.
 - i. Flags to be awarded to boats placing 1st through 3rd on the season.
- c. Intrepid Award to be awarded in Fall of 2024.
 - i. Flag to be awarded to boat with next lowest series score that completed all four races.

16. RISK STATEMENT

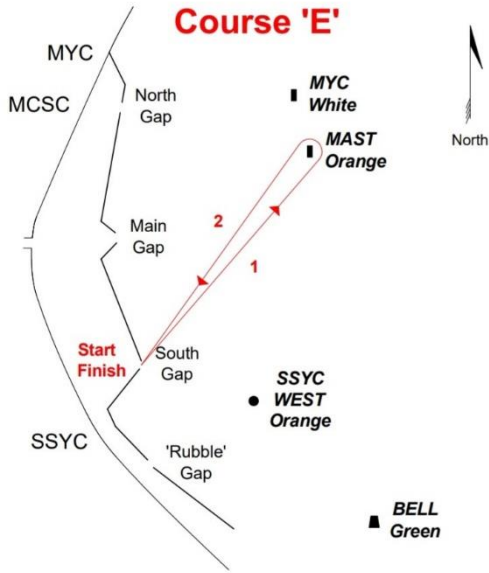
- a. RRS 3 states: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and high seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
- b. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Attachment A



MILWAUKEE BAY RACE AREA

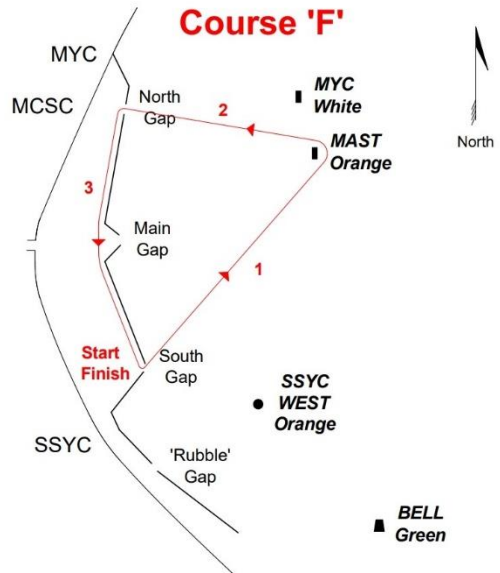
Course 'E'



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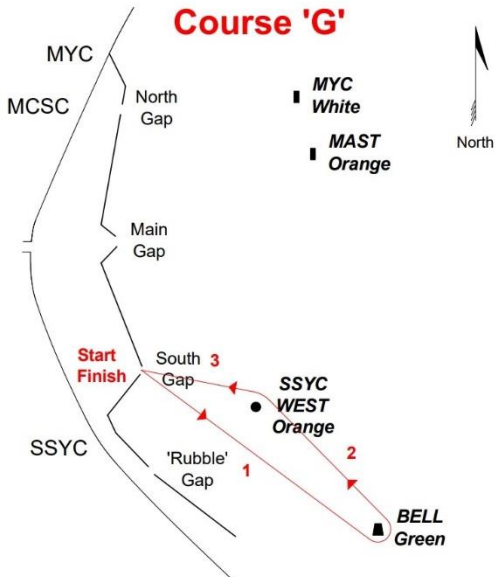
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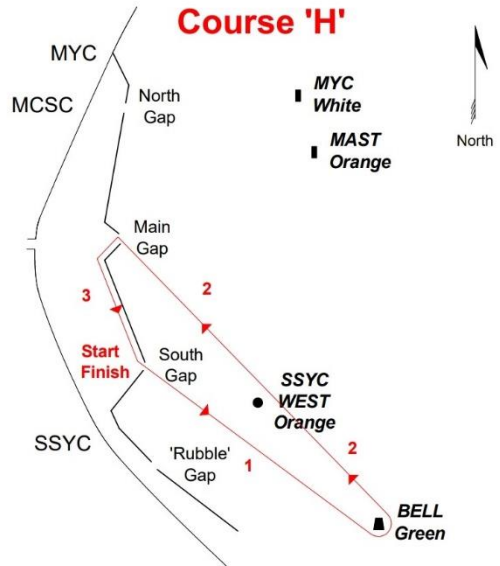
Course 'G'



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Course 'H'



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