



## 2009 J/35 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sanctioned by The J/35 CLASS ASSOCIATION (J35CA)

Hosted by — Muskegon Yacht Club (MYC)

August 20 - 23, 2009 — Lake Michigan — Muskegon, Michigan

### NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES** — The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The regatta is designated Category A.

2. **ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY** —

2.1 - The regatta is open to current members of the J35CA.

2.2 - The entry fee is \$500, payable to Muskegon Yacht Club, and includes entry, and inspection fees. (Social event info and cost is after the end of this NOR)

2.3 - Bow #s will be issued at registration and will be required to be shown while racing.

3. **Schedule-**

Event	Day	Time	Notes
Registration, Inspection, Sail Measurement	Thursday	0900-1800hrs	All boats <u>must</u> be inspected and measured by the measurement committee
Crew Weigh-In	Thursday/Friday	0900-1800hrs Thurs./ 0800-0900hrs Fri	Mandatory, clothing optional
Competitors Meeting	Thursday	1800 hrs	Social Activity to Follow
Race #1 Warning	Friday	1030 hr	Subsequent races to follow**
First Warning	Saturday	1030 hrs	Subsequent races to follow**

First Warning	Sunday	1030 hrs	Subsequent races to follow**
Awards Ceremony	Sunday	ASAP following racing, scoring and protests.	

\*\* Up to 4 Races per day may be sailed. \*\*\*no race will start after 1400 hrs on Sunday.

3.1 - Eleven (11) races are scheduled and three (3) races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

**4 ALTERATIONS TO THE RRS** — (this list may not be complete)

4.1 - Race Signal AP will be changed so that, when made ashore, it means; "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than sixty (60) minutes after AP is lowered."

4.2 - Appendix A 4.1 will be changed so that a boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

4.3 - RRS 35 and Appendix A4.1 will be changed so that —

a) The time limit will be two and one-half (2 1/2) hours. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

b) When the first boat has not completed the first leg within forty-five (45) minutes after the start, the race will be abandoned.

4.5 - Appendix A will be changed so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** — will be available at registration.

**6. COURSES** — will be Windward/Leeward. The # of legs and compass bearing to the 1<sup>st</sup> mark will be posted prior to the warning of each race. Windward Offset Marks and Leeward Gates may be used.

**7. SCORING** — The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Eleven (11) races are scheduled, of which three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

**8. PRIZES** — will be awarded to the Skipper and Crew of the top five (5) finishers in the regatta. Daily prizes will also be awarded.

**9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the host yacht club and fleet will not accept any liability for material damage

or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**10. CONTACT —**

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**End of NOTICE OF RACE**

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Dockage (which may include rafting) will be included and available at the Muskegon Yacht Club during the regatta only. Arrivals prior to Wed. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> should make arrangements with Muskegon Yacht Club, Torresen Marine, Harbor Town Marina, or Great Lakes Marina to arrange slips or moorings ( see attached contact information). Torresen Marine, a full service yard, will be offering a complete in/out service and is located approximately 300 yards from the Muskegon Yacht Club. All yachts must be inspected.

Social Fees - wrist bands will be available @ \$30 per person and will include 4 cocktail parties (Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun) & 3 dinners (Fri, Sat, Sun). Box lunches will be available, as well as a provisioning service. Cash bar will be available for visiting yachtsmen.

Accommodations: There are several quality hotels in the area available very economically. (see Conv & Visitors Bureau website) Several rental properties are also available in this summer resort area. Please contact Larry Taunt to receive information concerning rental properties.