

2023 Bayview Mackinac Race

Special Rules Applicable to Boats Racing in Cruising Classes in Divisions I and II

General

1. These special rules (hereinafter referred to as “Cruising Class Rules” or “CC Rules”) apply to any boat that is assigned to race in a class designated by the Race Committee as a Cruising Class.
2. For boats racing in a Cruising Class, to the extent these CC Rules are inconsistent with one of more provisions of the ORC Rule, the provisions of these CC Rules modify and supersede the ORC Rule. In all other respects, the same Rules applicable to boats racing in non-cruising classes in each Division shall apply to boats racing in a Cruising Class in such Division.

Prohibited Equipment and Actions While Racing:

3. No symmetrical spinnaker shall be used or carried onboard.
4. Any provision in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions that allows a boat to carry one additional spinnaker beyond that normally allowed under ORC 206.1 does not apply to a boat racing in a Cruising Class.
5. If a boat’s ORC certificate shows the boat is rated to carry an asymmetrical spinnaker, then no more than two (2) asymmetrical spinnakers of a size for which the boat is properly rated may be on board during the race. This changes ORC Rule 206.1. Only one can be flown at a time, except briefly while actively changing from one spinnaker to the other. If a boat’s ORC certificate does not show that the boat is rated to carry an asymmetrical spinnaker, then no spinnakers of any type may be on board during the race.
6. A “code zero” sail that measures as a spinnaker counts toward the two (2) spinnaker limit.
7. Only one sail may be flown forward of the mast except while actively engaged in the process of changing sails forward of the mast. This changes ORC Rule 208.3. The use of staysails or partially or completely unfurled headsails while a spinnaker is flying is prohibited. Exception: Non-sloop rigged boats (Ketches, Cutters, Yawls, etc.) are allowed to use the type of sails that the boat was designed to normally carry and is properly rated for under the ORC Rule.
8. Spinnaker or whisker poles shall not be attached to a spinnaker in any way.
9. A spinnaker pole or whisker pole may be attached to the clew of a headsail (as defined by RRS 50.4) provided such pole does not exceed the length of the “J” measurement.

10. A headsail or spinnaker may be flown and sheeted on the side opposite the boom (commonly known as “wing-on-wing”.) This changes the second sentence of ORC Rule 209.4.
11. An asymmetrical spinnaker shall only be tacked to a single tack line that is led to a spinnaker tackpoint or block mounted on, or as near as possible, to the centerline of the boat. Any attempt to divert the tack line, or the spinnaker itself, through or around an afterguy, pulpit, cleat, Turks head, bow chock, or other outrigger, before it reaches the tackpoint, other than a block allowed by this rule, is not permitted. A boat with a retractable sprit may use the normal tackpoint on that sprit, provided the sprit is fully retracted at all times.
12. A boat may set the tack of the spinnaker to tackpoint located on a normal part of the boat (i.e., anchor roller, bowsprit, etc.) that is forward of the forestay, but may not set the tack forward of the measurement point of the TPS listed on the boat’s ORC rating certificate. However, on a boat with a retractable sprit pole, the pole shall be fully retracted at all times during the race even if the TPS dimension recorded on the certificate is longer than the location of the tack point with the pole retracted.
13. A maximum of two (2) jibs greater than 110% LP may be carried. This changes ORC Rule 206.1. However, if there is a headsail used with a headsail furler as recorded in accordance with IMS F9.8 and credited in accordance with ORC Rule 111.4(d), then only one headsail shall be aboard while racing. That headsail shall be of area not less than 95% of the largest headsail set on the forestay recorded in the certificate.
14. Jibs less than 110% LP must be made of materials designed for use in strong winds. No “windseekers” or other sails made of lightweight materials or designed for use in light wind conditions may be used.