



## Race Fleet Intro/Guidelines for New Skippers and Crew- 2023

If you're looking for a great venue in which to race your sailboat, look no further, the Boyne City Yacht Club offers a fun filled program! Our Club offers a spring, summer and fall race series for Jib and Main (JAM), Spinnaker. In all, we have three (3) race series, Spring series with 6 races, and summer and fall with seven races each for a total of twenty (20) nights of racing on Tuesday evenings. You can choose to participate in one series or all three as most of our racers do. Additionally, there are some other sailing regatta opportunities held on beautiful Lake Charlevoix throughout the boating season. We'd love for you to join us!

### **New Skippers:**

The following guidelines contain the "must do's" for you to race your boat in the BCYC spring, summer or fall Tuesday night series. Since all boat **owners/captains** have to be BCYC members, the first thing you need to do is become a member of the Boyne City Yacht Club. Simply go to our club website ([boynecityyachtclub.com](http://boynecityyachtclub.com)) click on the "**Membership**" menu on the website. Fill in the ONLINE application and click on "Submit", select Membership type for ONLINE payment of the Membership fee. The "next step" in this process is to contact our Race Fleet Captain via email. Simply send a quick introductory email to [whoward962@aol.com](mailto:whoward962@aol.com). **William Howard, our Race Fleet Captain** will contact you and help guide you through the steps that we have outlined below.

1. Determine which race fleet you want to race in (JAM or Spinnaker).
2. Determine your handicap (PHRF rating for JAM and Spinnaker) for entry in *Yacht Scoring*. Our Race Fleet Co-Captain can guide you if you don't have a current rating.
3. Register your boat on *Yacht Scoring*, at [https://www.yachtscoring.com/select\\_event.cfm](https://www.yachtscoring.com/select_event.cfm), for the BCYC events in which you wish to participate. When the website opens, type **BCYC** in the "Search Current Events by Text" box and click "Enter" on your keyboard. A list of BCYC racing events for you to choose from will appear.
4. Once you have entered your choice of racing events (series), you will be directed to a **payment menu located in *Yacht Scoring*** where you can make the appropriate payment using PayPal. If you do not have a PayPal account, you can set-up a PayPal account ahead of this step or send a check (payable to BCYC), along with your completed BCYC Racing Form, directly to: William Howard, 5107 Henry Hwy, Lewiston, MI 49756
5. Review the Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) located in *Yacht Scoring* under the BCYC Events. These documents include all applicable information pertaining to our races.
6. Understand the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* as found on the following site: <https://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/> If needed, the Race Captain can assign a designated person to sail with you on your initial races to provide you and your crew a better understanding of our race procedures and to help ensure the safety of everyone on board.
7. For further help, email William Howard, our Race Fleet Captain at [whoward962@aol.com](mailto:whoward962@aol.com)

### **New Crew Members:**

Looking for a boat to crew on? Please contact William Howard via email

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