

Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association Cruising Class Start and Rules. Member Club Regattas

If you are interested in joining this class, please sign up under Cruising (PHRF CRUISE) on the DRYA annual renewal form.

The Class has a start on DRYA/ Club Courses.

The race pennant for the class will be Class Flag E.

Currently Com. David Spiers (spiersdjam@aol.com) is the spokesman for the Class in future matters.

Cruising Class Rules:

This Class will be open to all boats that possess a valid MWPHRF certificate.

Boats will be subject to the following limitations;

Cruising Handicap: This handicap is for a boat that does not use symmetrical spinnakers or spinnaker poles used with a spinnaker. This is the boats Racing handicap modified by her credit for no symmetrical spinnakers or pole used with a spinnaker. There are specific additional restrictions on this handicap as follows: ·

A maximum of two (2) jibs greater than 110% LP may be carried. The number of headsails carried will be shown on the yacht's PHRF certificate. (1 or 2) ·

A maximum of two (2) asymmetrical spinnakers may be carried (includes Code Zeros) without penalty. Additional asymmetrical spinnakers may be carried if declared and a 3 sec/mi penalty will be assessed for each additional asymmetrical spinnaker on board. The number of asymmetrical spinnakers carried will be shown on the yacht's PHRF certificate. ·

No whisker or spinnaker poles may be used to fly the asymmetrical spinnaker. ·

The asymmetrical spinnaker tack must be attached to a tack point (or is attached to a tack line that is led to a tack point) that is no more than 12 inches forward of the head-stay on, or as near as possible to, the centerline of the hull. ·

There is no restriction on the length of the tack line, but it is strictly prohibited to divert the tack-line by any means such as, but not limited to, through or around an after-guy, pulpit, cleats, Turks head, bow chock or other outrigger before it reaches the spinnaker tack block. ·

Whisker or spinnaker poles limited in length to J may be used for poling out jibs or genoas. ·

A boat may only fly one sail forward of the mast at any time, except while actively engaged in the process of changing sails forward of the mast. This prohibits the use of staysails, and partially or completely unfurled headsails while an asymmetrical spinnaker is flying. ·

However, in severe wind conditions, the use of a Storm Jib is allowed (area of the storm jib cannot exceed 5% of "I" squared) as the only sail being flown forward of the mast.

· A boat receiving the Roller Furling (RFG) Credit shall keep her headsail fully furled all times when not in use, except while actively changing headsails. This specifically prohibits dropping a headsail to the deck at any time except while actively changing headsails.

A boat with this handicap may or may not have a roller furling genoa (RFG). If a RFG is used, it must comply with the requirements in MWPHRF

These rules will be reviewed/revised in the winter to conform with the rules specified on the MWPHRF.org website.