



S2 7.9 Class Championship Regatta

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

September 18 – 22, 2024



Sailing Instructions

The notation **[DP]** in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) or SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification.

The notation **[NP]** in a rule in the NOR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes **RRS 60.1(a)**.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the S2 7.9 Class Rules.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail.
- 1.3. Neither the NOR or SI shall change nor alter any class rules. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC)
- 1.5. Prescription to RRS 63.1 and RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.6. **[NP]** Any boat that has not completed the requirements of the NoR, will be Scored DNC for any races prior to completing the requirements of the NoR.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notice to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Yacht Scoring Event site. <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16539>
- 2.2. Courtesy postings will be located on MBYC patio.

3. Race Committee Radio Communications, Courtesy Broadcasts, and Recalls

- 3.1. All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9 (11)
- 3.2. **[NP]** The Race Committee may make periodic broadcasts by VHF Radio. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress.
- 3.3. **[DP]** While *racing* [RSS Definition], except in an emergency, there shall be no communications [data, electronic, vocal or visual signaling of any kind] between boats



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participating in the regatta or from support individuals, unless the information is available to all boats. This includes radio, mobile phones, Internet devices and any other types of electronics.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.3. Any other change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the front patio at MBYC.
- 5.2. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes.”

6. Schedule of Races

Wednesday September 18:

Registration	09:00 – 17:00
Boat Weighing / Sail Inspection	10:00 – 17:00

Thursday, September 19:

Registration	09:00 – 13:00
Boat Weighing / Sail Inspection	10:00 – 13:00
Practice Race	15:00 Warning Signal

Friday, September 20:

Competitors meeting	09:00
Warning Signal	11:00

Post Race Social on the MBYC Patio

Saturday, September 21:

Warning Signal	10:00
Class Banquet: MBYC Dining Room	18:30

Sunday, September 22:

Warning Signal	10:00
No Warning Signal after	13:00

Post Race Social on the MBYC Patio. Awards @ MBYC as soon as possible after racing



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7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The racing venue will be the waters of Lake Michigan.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The courses will be windward - leeward. The first leg will be a minimum of approximately 1NM and a maximum of approximately 2NM (Per S2 7.9 Rule Part 3A.8).
- 8.2. The remainder of the legs of the course may be adjusted by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.
- 8.3. Course Diagram. See Addendum A

9. Marks

- 9.1. The starting mark will be robotic marks.
- 9.2. See Addendum A for course diagram.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.2. **[NP]** The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the Bow Number of any OCS boats on Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1**.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark(s) (or the finishing line) to a new position and announce the change on VHF 72. Marks may be moving into position after the announcement.
- 11.2. The Race Committee will fly the "C" flag and attempt to broadcast any course changes over Channel 72. The Race Committee will also attempt to visually show the new course heading to the mark.

12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat at the port end of the finish line and the finishing mark on the starboard end of the finishing line.

13. Penalty System

- 13.1. Appendix V1 shall apply. "The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty.'"



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14. Time Limit

- 14.1. **RRS 35:** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes

- 14.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points **one [1]** more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes **RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.**
- 14.4. If no boats finish within the Race Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.5. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a).**

15. Protests

- 15.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 90 minutes after the after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. Race Committee will make a courtesy broadcast to announce PTL. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the event site: Yacht Scoring/General Race Forms
- 15.3. Protest can be submitted electronically to Dale Gort: dgort234@gmail.com or text: 616.403.6158.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. One race sailed will constitute a regatta.
- 16.2. A maximum of 9 races may be sailed.
- 16.3. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score, with the exception of a DSQ. This changes **RRS A2 and complies with S2 7.9 Rule 3.9.2.**

17. Prizes

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice Of Race.



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18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1. Boats shall check-in with the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. Replacement of Crew and Equipment

- 19.1. Changes in crew personnel shall be disclosed to regatta organizers.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged sails shall comply with S2 7.9 rule 3.7.B

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20.1. Any condition required by the S2 7.9 Rules may be inspected or measured at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, or Class Officers.

21. Haul Out Restrictions

- 21.1. Boats shall not be hauled out or laid on shore after 2000 on 09/14/2023 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee.

22. Diving Equipment

- 22.1. Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used after 1300 on 09/19/2023.

23. Radio Communications

- 23.1. All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9 (11)
- 23.2. Channel 72 will be used for communication to racers.
- 23.3. The Race Committee may make period courtesy broadcasts by VHF radio. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies **RRS 62.1 (a)**.
- 23.4. **[DP]** While *racing* [RSS Definition], except in an emergency, there shall be no communications [data, electronic, vocal or visual signaling of any kind] between boats participating in the regatta or from support individuals, unless the information is available to all boats. This includes radio, mobile phones, Internet devices and any other types of electronics.

24. Disclaimer

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, Decision to race). The Organizing Authority 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.
- 24.2. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor



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inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

- 24.3. Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, S2 7.9 Fleet 1, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.
- 24.4. The Person in Charge shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to email proof of insurance when registering on Yacht Scoring.

Contact Information

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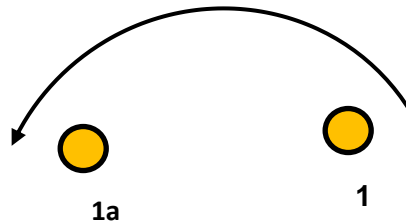
Addendum A

The COURSE

Robotic Bots will be used for Marks of the course.

After the start, the Pin will move to 2S position to serve as the Gate. When all competitors have passed the Gate, 2S will move to the Pin location for the finish.

Course W4: Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-Finish



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