

Little Traverse Yacht Club

57th Annual Ugotta Regatta

and

One-Design Series

Friday, Saturday & Sunday July 28-30, 2017
Harbor Springs, Michigan

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS^{v4}

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (the rules), including US Sailing Prescriptions; the rules of the 2017 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF); the 2017 Offshore Racing Rule (ORR); the GL70 Class Rules; and the Class Rules for the eligible One-Design classes, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Each boat shall be equipped with auxiliary power and fuel to allow the boat to power for 6 nautical miles. Each boat shall sail in compliance with equipment regulations of the US COAST GUARD and the STATE OF MICHIGAN, and with the rules of their class or handicapping system.
- 1.3 Each boat will carry an operating VHF radio.
- 1.4 The following rules are changed:
 - Rule A2 – see SI 17.3
 - Rule Race Signals – see SI 4.2
- 1.5 Rule Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board will be electronic and will be located on the regatta page of yachtscoring.com: www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2986

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Little Traverse Yacht Club and broadcast on VHF 79.
- 4.2 At 0930 each day the Race Committee will signal with one sound and announce on VHF 79, a Harbor Start for all Classes. Postponement or abandonment for some classes may be signaled instead of the Harbor Start and announced on VHF 79. If the AP (postponement) Flag is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after the AP Flag is lowered. This modifies rule Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Friday: First signal: 1100 hours
The ORR-A class and other one-design classes will race up to 3 windward/leeward races as conditions permit.

- 5.3** Saturday and Sunday: First signal: 1100 hours
Except for the J/70 Class and Alerion 28 Class, all classes will race one "Tour of the Bay" race. Classes will start in accordance with rule 26 as posted on the race committee signal boat. The warning signal for each subsequent class will be the starting signal for the preceding class, unless there is a postponement or delay in the sequence which will be announced on VHF 79.

The J/70 Class and Alerion 28 Class will race up to 3 W/L type races, followed by a "Tour of the Bay" type race. **Courses will be announced on VHF 74 from a Signal Boat for these classes only.**

6 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND BOW NUMBERS

- 6.1** Classes will be designated on the Scratch Sheet.
- 6.2** Class flags will be solid colors as designated on SI Attachment A, to be posted. Flags will be available at Registration. Competitors are required to fly their class flag from the backstay, or stern pulpit if no backstay. PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class are not required to fly the class flag.
- 6.3** **For the J/70 Class only:** At all times during the regatta, boats shall display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority. The top of the bow number will be within 6" of the deck and the forward edge of the bow number will be within 6" of the bow. Failure to comply with this Instruction, will not be grounds for protest by competitors.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1** Attachment B, to be posted, shows locations of the fixed and set marks for "Tour of the Bay" races.
- 7.2** For Friday's windward/leeward racing, the rendezvous point will be LTYC fixed mark "G".
- 7.3** For Saturday and Sunday's "Tour of the Bay" race, the rendezvous point for all boats will be at fixed mark "G," "I" or "W," as announced on VHF 79.
- 7.4** **CHECK -IN.** Prior to the first scheduled Warning Signal each day, boats are requested to sail, on starboard tack, or motor by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and check-in by announcing their sail number.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** Friday courses will be windward/leeward from 2 to 5 legs. Windward/leeward courses will be sailed with marks left to port. There may be two windward marks, long and short. An offset mark may be set at the windward mark. If no offset is in place, boats shall round the single windward mark. A leeward mark will be set to windward of the starting line. The leeward mark may be a gate. If no gate is in place, the single leeward mark should be rounded to port. A course board will display the number of legs and which windward mark to be rounded. For example, "4L" would indicate 4 legs: long windward, leeward, long windward and finish to leeward at the Race Committee boat. "4S" would indicate 4 legs: short windward, leeward, short windward and finish to leeward at the Race Committee boat.
- 8.2** Saturday and Sunday: Except for the J/70 Class and Alerion 28 Class, the courses are multi-leg "Tour of the Bay" races with several legs – see Attachment C, to be posted. The course for each class will be displayed on a course board on the Signal Boat and announced on VHF 79. The J/70 Class and Alerion 28 Class will race up to 3 W/L type races, finishing at the starting line, followed by the last race of the day which will be a "Tour of the Bay" type race as displayed on the starting signal boat and announced on VHF 74.

9 MARKS

Marks will be a combination of LTYC fixed marks and inflatable marks. LTYC fixed marks are orange cylinders with the buoy identification letter printed in black on the cylinder. Skippers please note: Bay View Sail Club marks are of similar character, but without the identification letter, and are located near the LTYC "T" mark. Attachment B, to be posted, shows the approximate coordinates of the LTYC fixed marks and approximate compass headings and distances between them.

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10 THE START

- 10.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat or an inflatable mark; and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 10.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is a rectangle 100 yards deep immediately behind the starting line.
- 10.3** Starting sequence for the first race of the day, will be posted and announced over VHF 79.

11 RECALLS

Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to hail and/or broadcast, on VHF 79, the recalled boat's sail number, but is under no obligation to do so. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress.

12 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 12.1** On **Friday** a signal board with the letters for the classes for which the change of course applies will be used. The new marks will be a different color inflatable for the first change. When subsequent changes of course are signaled in the same race, the original marks will be used for the second change and so on. If a minus sign only is displayed at the leeward mark or gate for classes sailing to the long weather mark, the next leg will be to the short weather mark.
- 12.2** Although the course may be shortened on Saturday and Sunday, the position of the marks will not be changed during the "Tour of the Bay" race.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1** On **Friday**, the leeward finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from the starting line. A windward finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the long windward mark.
- 13.2** For **Saturday and Sunday** Tour of the Bay racing, except for the J/70 Class and Alerion 28 Class, unless the course is shortened in accordance with rule 32, the finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and LTYC fixed mark "H". The Race Committee may shorten the course for some, but not necessarily all, classes. The J/70 Class and Alerion 28 Class, will race up to 3 W/L type races finishing at the starting line. The last race of the day will be a Tour type race finishing at "H" per the above.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.
- 14.2** A lesser penalty than DSQ (which includes no penalty) may be given for an infringement of rules other than those for Part 2, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1** For windward/leeward racing on Friday, the first boat in each class must finish within 2 hours of her start. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below.
- 15.2** For Saturday and Sunday's "Tour of the Bay," except for the J/70 and Alerion 28 Classes, the first boat in each class must finish within 5 hours of her start. Boats failing to finish within 2 hours, corrected time, of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below. For the J/70 and Alerion 28 Classes, SI 15.1 will apply.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available online or at the Regatta Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking time of the Signal Boat. The Protest Committee may extend this time limit under extenuating circumstances.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room on the second floor of the LTYC Clubhouse.

16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply with the following changes: boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (time limit expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in the race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters.

17.2 One completed race is required to constitute a series.

17.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.

17.4 The ORR-A, C&C30, Beneteau 36.7, J/105, J/70 and Alerion 28 Class series will consist of all races sailed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

17.6 The Annual Ugotta Regatta will consist of the two Tour of The Bay races sailed on Saturday and Sunday.

18 RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

Each boat owner or skipper is responsible for the conduct of his crew before, during, and after the event, both afloat and ashore. Crew member misbehavior may result in the boat being penalized, up to and including expulsion from the regatta.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones. Boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 79 for Race Committee announcements. J/70 and Alerion 28 classes should monitor VHF 74 after their first start on Saturday and Sunday.

21 AWARDS

Awards for the Annual Ugotta Regatta and the ORR-A and One-Design Series will be presented on Sunday at the Little Traverse Yacht Club, following racing.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Each boat owner or skipper is responsible for the safety of his boat, crew, and guests. By participating in the event he warrants and represents for the benefit of his crew, guests, LTYC, other participants, and spectators of the event that his boat is seaworthy, and that his crew is experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in all weather conditions. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4: 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.

23. IMPORTANT NOTES

2017 LTYC Annual Regatta is registered as a Clean Regatta and will apply for certification at the conclusion of the event. Please visit: <http://sailorsforthesea.org/programs/clean-regattas> for further information.

We would like to call your attention to the importance of all yachtspersons abiding by all rules and regulations designed to protect the quality of the water in our bay.

Michigan law prohibits the discharge of sewage from yachts. Yachts participating in this Regatta are subject to inspection for compliance with the law.

Provisions will be made to provide adequate facilities on shore for trash and litter. We will certainly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Parking within the City is limited and your cooperation and respect of parking regulations is appreciated. Please refer to www.ltyc.org for the City parking diagram of available parking spaces for crew vans, buses and trailers.

Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his yacht's crew, before, during and after the event, afloat and ashore. Conduct deemed unbecoming to a yachtsperson may result in disciplinary action and disqualification.

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