

Little Traverse Yacht Club

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Friday, Saturday & Sunday NM, Alerion 28 & J-70

1. Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 Class Rules will apply unless waived by the Fleet Captain and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3 All boats competing in any LTYC sponsored series shall carry safety gear conforming to USCG regulations, MDNR and the US Sailing RRS.
- 1.4 Changes to the Rules in compliance with Rule 85.1: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 These races are open to sailing yachts whose owners or charterers are members of the LTYC.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the LTYC registration forms on www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required entry fee prior to start of each series.

3. Courses:

- 3.1 The course will be displayed on the port side of the Committee Boat before the warning signal.
- 3.2 The course may be indicated as a sequence of letters designating permanent LTYC marks (as shown on the LTYC race buoy location chart). The background color indicates direction of "rounding," — red for port roundings, green for starboard roundings. If the course includes a temporary mark, it will be indicated by the letter "X".
- 3.3 The course may be windward/leeward with from two to seven legs. Such course will be designated by a "W" followed by the number of legs. For example, "W4" indicates four legs: windward, leeward, windward, and leeward finishing downwind. Windward/leeward courses will use temporary marks as the weather mark, and the starting pin as the leeward

mark. A windward/leeward course will be sailed with marks (other than the finish mark on a downwind finish) left to port. The finish line shall be between the RC boat and a mark.

- 3.4 When the course is a windward/leeward, there may be two windward marks of different distances from the starting line, "long" and "short". In this case a "L" or "S" will appear after the number of legs on the course board. For example, "W4L" would indicate 4 legs: long windward, leeward, long windward, finish to leeward at RC. "W4S" would indicate 4 legs, short windward, leeward, short windward, finish to leeward at RC. Short windward and leeward marks will be temporary orange marks. Long windward marks will be temporary yellow marks.
- 3.5 Race Committee may designate different courses for different fleets. Courses may be displayed on the port side of the Race Committee boat listed in the fleet starting order. The course for the first start will be displayed on the top of the course board, with following starts displayed in descending order. Race Committee will attempt to include the Fleet Designation to the left of the course.

4. Notification of Amendment to Sailing Instructions:

The Official Notice Board is located inside the Yacht Club. Notices may also be posted on the Irish Boat Shop bulletin board and distributed by email to registered competitors. Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted and noticed at least two (2) hours before a scheduled start.

5. Radio Communications:

All racing yachts shall monitor the official LTYC Race Channel, VHF 73. Radio communications may be transmitted as early as 1200 hrs.

6. Starting Times and Sequence:

- 6.1 For Fri. Sat. and Sun. the Warning Signal for the J/70 start will be at 12:55. The Warning signal for the NM's shall be the starting signal of the J/70 class and the Warning signal for the Alerion 28's shall be the starting signal for the NM's. See Rule 26.
The Warning signal for following races will be announced on the radio by the RC.

Class Flags

J-70 – Green
NM - Hot Pink
Alerion 28 – Blue

- 6.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 6.3 If there is a general recall of a class, the class recalled shall start following the start of all other classes.
- 6.4 The Race Committee may shorten the Course by radio notification. This

changes rules 32 and 33.

7. Individual Recalls:

In addition to the display of code flag X and one sound signal, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the yacht's sail number by loud hailer and/or radio, but is under no obligation to hail or to be heard.

8. Time Limit:

The time limit is: Two hours to finish. If one or more boats of a class finish within the time limit, the race counts for all boats in that class.

9. Scoring:

The low point scoring system found in Appendix A of the RRS will apply except that each boat's total series score will be the sum of her scores for all races within each series.

9.1 Two (2) throw-outs will be allowed in the NM Saturday Series and J/70 Saturday Series.

9.2 Individual class series scoring shall be posted on the Official Notice Board by the Fleet Captains.

10. Protests:

A yacht intending to protest shall (unless circumstances make it impossible) inform the Race Committee aboard the Committee Boat of her intent at the time of her finish.

All protests should be submitted on the U. S. Sailing Protest Form available at the LTYC Clubhouse. Protests must be submitted to the Race Committee at LTYC within one (1) hour of the docking of the Race Committee boat. If possible, the protest will be heard very shortly after the protest is filed.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.

12. Code of Conduct

Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his crew, before, during and after racing, afloat and ashore. Any questions, concerns or feedback in regard to the Race Committee or other race related issues should be directed solely to the Sailing Committee Chairman. Conduct deemed unbecoming to a yachtsperson may result in disciplinary action and possible disqualification.