



S2 7.9 Great Lakes
Championship Regatta
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club
Macatawa, MI
September 16-17, 2017



Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the current S2 7.9 Class Rules.
- 1.2. Other RRS and S2 7.9 rules changes may be made in the *Sailing Instructions*
- 1.3. 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.' This changes RRS 44.1.

2. Entry and Eligibility

- 2.1. The Regatta will be open to all S2 7.9 Class boats as defined in the S2 7.9 Rules
- 2.2. Each helmsperson must be a current member of the S2 7.9 Class Association. A membership application is available at <http://www.s279.org/membershipapp.php>.
- 2.3. Participants may enter the regatta by filling out an entry form at www.s279.org.

3. Fees

- 3.1. Entry fee \$125

4. Schedule

Friday

Registration and Measurement (Boat Weighing, Sail & Boat Inspection) – 12:00-16:00
Skipper's Meeting – 17:00

Saturday

Warning Signal (First Race of the Day) – 11:00
Regatta Party @ Kiss' 4686 66th Street, Holland, MI – 18:30

Sunday

Warning Signal (First Race of the Day) – 11:00
Last Race of the Day Warning Signal – No Later than 14:30
Awards Presentation @ MBYC Front Lawn – 17:30

5. Measurement

- 5.1. All boats shall have a current weight certificate. Those who do not have a current weight certificate shall contact the Regatta Chair to schedule a weigh in time. Current weight certificate may be verified by Class Documentation on the class website database.
- 5.2. All sails will be inspected per S2 7.9 Rule 3A.5. Sails not previously measured will be measured.
- 5.3. All boats will be inspected for required items per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of registration.

7. Venue

- 7.1. The regatta venue will be at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club in Macatawa, MI.
- 7.2. The racing venue will be on 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 3A.7.3)

9. Scoring

- 9.1 Rule A2 will be changed so that when fewer than six races are sailed, a boat's score shall 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 race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.2 A DSQ may not be excluded per S2 7.9 Rule 3.9.2 and modifies RRS A2.
- 9.3 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

10. Support Boats

- 10.1 Support boats shall display a prominent yellow flag and shall be restricted to the port side of the race course. Support boats shall not communicate with boats racing.

11. Launching, Berthing & Hauling

- 11.1 Ramp launching will be available at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.
- 11.2 Trailer storage will be available at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.
- 11.3 Berthing is available at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

12. Haul-Out Restriction

Boats shall not be hauled out or laid on shore after 20:00 Friday September 15, 2017 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

13. Diving Equipment

Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used after 20:00 Friday September 15, 2017.

14. Radio Communications, Courtesy Broadcasts, and Recalls

14.1 All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9 (11)

14.2 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. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

14.3 While racing, except in an emergency, there shall be no electronic communications between boats participating in the regatta or from support individuals unless the information is available to all boats. This includes radio, mobile phones, and Internet devices.

15. Prizes

15.1 Competitors will be divided into Gold and Silver fleets.

15.2 Trophies will be awarded for the first five boats in the Gold fleet and first three boats in Silver fleet.

15.3 A trophy will be awarded for the highest placing Amateur as defined in S2 7.9 Rule 3A.5.2.

16. Disclaimer

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 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.

16.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

16.3 Macatawa Bay YC, 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.

16.4 The skipper 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.

17.0 Contact Information

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