



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



Sailing Instructions

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 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat has broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding or finishing mark, the penalty that must be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

2. Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notice to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the MBYC Dock Master's Office in the MBJA Junior Sailing Building.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.3 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.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the MBYC.

4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal.

4.4 Code Flag "N" over "A" and 3 sounds when signaled ashore means that all racing is abandoned for the day.

5. Schedule of Races

Saturday September 16	09:30 - Skipper's Meeting
	11:00 - First Race of the Day Warning Signal
Sunday September 17	11:00 - First Race of the Day Warning Signal
	14:30 - No Races will be Started after this Time

6. Racing Area

6.1 Racing will take place on Lake Michigan approximately 1.5 miles SW of the Holland Harbor entrance.

7. Courses

7.1 Courses will be windward/leeward. The RC will display the number of legs and approximate distance to the first mark.

7.2 The first leg will be a minimum of approximately 1 NM and a maximum of approximately 2 NM.

7.3 Course diagram see Attachment A.

8. Marks

8.1 The starting mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

8.2 Marks of the course will be an orange inflatable tetrahedrons.

8.3 The offset mark will be a small orange inflatable.

8.4 A course change mark will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. In the event of a course change, an offset mark may not be used.

8.5 The finishing mark will be a white inflatable tetrahedron.

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 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.

9.3 The Race Committee shall attempt to broadcast the Bow Number or Sail 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.

10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

10.1 If the change is for a windward leg, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron,

10.2 If the change is for a leeward leg, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable, unless the first change is for the final leg of the course, which in that case, the finish line will be in the new position.

10.3 The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes over the Race Committee VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11. The Finish

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

12. Time Limit

12.1 The first boat shall round the first windward mark in 45 minutes or less. The first boat shall complete the course in 2 hours and 30 minutes or less. Any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF. This changes A3 and A5.

13. Protests

13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Secretary outside the MBYC Dockmaster's Office within 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.

13.2 The protest time limit and a list of protests will received will be posted on the Notice Board.

13.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

14. Scoring

14.1 A minimum of 3 races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

14.2 A maximum of 6 races may be sailed.

14.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) 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.

15. Prizes

15.1 Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 Boats shall check-in with the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17. Replacement of Crew and Equipment

17.1 Changes in crew personnel shall be disclosed to regatta organizers.

17.2 Substitution of damaged sails shall comply with S2 7.9 rule 3.7.B

18. Equipment and Measurement Checks

18.1 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.

19. Haul Out Restrictions

19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out or laid on shore after 10:00 on September 16, 2017 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

20. Diving Equipment

20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used after 10:00 on September 16, 2017.

21. Radio Communications

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

21.2 Channel 72 will be used for communication to racers.

21.3 The Race Committee may make periodic 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).

22. Disclaimer

22.1 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.

22.2 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.

22.3 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.

22.4 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 or other penalties allowed under the RRS.

23. Insurance

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A

Course Diagram

Course 1: Windward/Leeward with Leeward Mark - 4 legs

Start-1-2-1-Finish

