

Little Traverse Yacht Club
55th Annual Ugotta Regatta
and
One-Design Series
July 23-26, 2015
Harbor Springs, Michigan

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS^{v3}

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including US Sailing Prescriptions; the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet; the GL70 Class Rules; the rules of Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls; 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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the first floor of the Little Traverse Yacht Club and posted on the yachtscoring.com event website.

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. During any postponement ashore, the Race Committee will broadcast status messages on the hour and half hour. 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 Thursday, July 23 First signal: 1100 hours
GL-70 Class will race up to 4 windward/leeward races as conditions permit.
- 5.2 Friday, July 24 First signal: 1100 hours
The GL 70s and other one-design classes will race up to 4 windward/leeward races as conditions permit.

- 5.3** Saturday and Sunday July 25 & 26 first signal: 1100 hours
Except for the J-70 Class and Alerion 28 Class, all other 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. Following the above starting sequence, the J/70 Class and Alerion 28 Class will race one W/L race, followed by a second "Tour of the Bay" type race.

6 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS, PENNANTS, AND BOW STICKERS

- 6.1** Classes will be designated on the Scratch Sheets provided after registration.
6.2 Class flags will be solid colors as designated on Attachment A, available at Registration and to be posted. Competitors are required to fly their class flag from the backstay, or stern pulpit if no backstay. PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class is not required to fly a class flag.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1** Attachment B, available at Registration and to be posted, shows locations of the fixed and set marks for "Tour of the Bay" races.
7.2 For Thursday and Friday's windward/leeward racing, the rendezvous points 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 or motor by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and check-in by announcing their sail number.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** Thursday and Friday courses will be windward/leeward from 2 to 6 legs. Windward/leeward courses will be sailed with marks left to port. There may be two windward marks, long and short. A leeward mark may 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. The course for each class will be displayed on a course board on the Signal Boat and announced on VHF 79. The "Tour of the Bay" courses are shown in Attachment C, available at Registration and to be posted. The J-70 Class and Alerion 28 Class will race one W/L race, finishing at the starting line, followed by a second "Tour of the Bay" type race as displayed on the starting signal boat and announced on VHF 79.

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 shows the approximate coordinates of the LTYC fixed marks and approximate compass headings and distances between them.

10 THE START

- 10.1** The starting line will be between a LTYC fixed mark 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 sequences will be posted with the Class assignments 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 **Thursday** and **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 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 For windward/leeward racing on **Thursday** the finish line will be the starting line. 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.

13.2 For **Saturday and Sunday** 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 one two leg race and finish at the starting line and then will race a second race finishing at "H" per the above.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 A boat that may have broken Part 2 while racing may take either a Two Turns Penalty (rule 44.2) or may take a Scoring Penalty (rule 44.3). The Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered in her class, but not less than 2 places. This changes rule 44.3.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Desk within the protest time limit.

14.3 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 Thursday and 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," 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.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available 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 as soon as possible thereafter.

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 One-Design Series will consist of all races sailed on Thursday and Friday only.
- 17.5** The J/70 Class 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 Tour of The Bay races sailed on Saturday and Sunday.
- 17.7** The best overall performance in the Ugotta Regatta will be determined by the best corrected speed of all the Class winners, based on LMPHRF ratings.

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.

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.

21 AWARDS

- 21.1** Awards for the Annual Regatta and the One-Design Series will be presented on Sunday at the Little Traverse Yacht Club, following racing.
- 21.2** A permanent trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the Annual Ugotta Regatta. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place flags presented for each Class in the Annual Ugotta Regatta.
- 21.3** There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place flags presented for each Class in the One-Design Series.

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.

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