



S2 7.9 Class Championship Regatta



S2 7.9 Class, Fleet #1, & Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Macatawa, MI September 16-19, 2021

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 as updated 1-1-2020.
- 1.2. Other RRS and S2 7.9 rules changes may be made in the *Sailing Instructions*
- 1.3. 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 may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is 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. To ensure proper planning for social events all entries should be received prior to September 15, 2021. Entries received after September 1 will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee.
- 2.4. Participants may enter the regatta by filling out an entry form at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14629>

3. Fees

- 3.1. Entry fee \$260 USD. Entry fee includes 5 Banquet tickets.
- 3.2. Additional social fee \$35.00
- 3.3. Regatta Apparel instructions will be published in an NOR addendum.

4. Schedule

Thursday, September 16:

Registration and Measurement (Boat Weighing, Sail, & Boat Inspection) 9:00-17:00
Late arrivals may be accommodated with prior notification. Please call Tom Bryant
Practice Race 18:00

Friday, September 17:

Final Registration - 8:00 – 9:30
Skipper's Meeting - 9:30
Warning Signal (First Race of the Day) – 11:00
Annual Class Meeting @ MBYC – After Racing

Friday Night – Annual Class Banquet @ MBYC – Cocktails 18:30; Dinner 19:30

Saturday, September 18:

Warning Signal – 11:00

Open evening.

Sunday, September 19:

Warning Signal – 11:00

Last Race of the Day Warning Signal – 14:00

Awards Presentation @ MBYC Front Lawn – Shortly after Racing is complete

MBYC will be open each day. Club Hours, directions are at mbyc.com.

Box Lunches will be available for pre-order at registration Thursday Sept 16.

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 A2.1 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 A2.1.
- 9.3 A minimum of one (1) race 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 Thursday, September 16, 2021 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 Thursday, September 16, 2021.

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 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with S2 7.9 Rule 3A.5.

15.2 The S2 7.9 Class Perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the regatta, who will maintain possession until the 2022 Class Championship Regatta.

15.3 The competitors may be divided into Gold, Silver, and Shorthanded Divisions for awards purposes. Competitors may select a division at registration. Such division shall not supersede "Overall" awards. The suggested criterion for such divisions is:

15.3.1 Gold Fleet: Competitors who have:

1. Placed in the top 50% (Overall) in previous Class Championships;
2. raced often in local and / or class sanctioned events;
3. Have non family crew and / or who reasonably expect to finish the regatta in the top 50% of the fleet.

15.3.2 Silver Fleet: Competitors who:

1. are new owners and /or have modest racing experience
2. Have not raced in previous class sanctioned events

15.3.3 Shorthanded Fleet: Competitors who:

1. race the boat with 3 crew.

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

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

15.6 A trophy will be awarded for the highest placing Inboard boat.

16. Disclaimer

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, 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.

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