

J/111 North American Championship

Little Traverse Yacht Club

July 24-27, 2014
Harbor Springs, Michigan

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS^{v5}

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the J/111 Class Rules dated May 15, 2013.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions that apply will be posted on the regatta website.

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.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 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 69. On Saturday only, broadcasts will be made on VHF 79, beginning at 0930.
- 4.2 At 0900 each day the Race Committee will signal with one sound and announce on VHF 69, a Harbor Start. Postponement or abandonment may be signaled instead of the Harbor Start and announced on VHF 69. 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 RRS-Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Thursday, July 24 First signal: 1100 hours. 3 W/I races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Friday, July 25 First signal: 1100 hours. 3 W/L races are scheduled
- 5.3 Saturday July 26. First signal: 1100 hours
J/111 Class, PHRF classes and other One Design classes will race one "Tour of the Bay" race as part of the LTYC Annual Regatta. J/111 Class will start following the second PHRF class (PHRF 2).
- 5.4 Sunday July 27. First signal 1100 hours. 2 W/L races are scheduled.
- 5.5 Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

6 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

At all times during the regatta, boats shall display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority. The top of the bow number will be within 6" of the deck and the forward edge of the bow number will be within 12" of the bow.

7 CLASS FLAG

Will be the J/111 class insignia.

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1 Thursday, Friday and Sunday, the rendezvous point will be a LTYC fixed mark "W".
- 8.2 For Saturday's "Tour of the Bay" race, the rendezvous point for all boats will be at fixed mark "G," "I" or "W," as indicated on the Race Committee Signal Boat Course Board and announced on VHF 79.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Thursday and Friday courses will be windward/leeward from 2 to 6 legs. Windward/leeward courses will be sailed with marks left to port. A leeward mark will be set to windward of the starting line. A course board will display the number of legs and the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the weather mark. For example, "4" would indicate 4 legs: windward, leeward, windward and finish to leeward at the Race Committee boat.
- 9.2 Saturday the courses are multi-leg "Tour of the Bay" races with several legs. The course 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.

10 MARKS

Marks for the windward/leeward races will be inflatable marks. Marks for Saturday's Tour of the Bay Race 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.

11 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the Pin end, or an inflatable mark.

12 RECALLS

Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to hail and/or broadcast, on VHF 69 (VHF 79 on Saturday only), the recalled boat's bow or 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.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark of a different color (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 Although the course may be shortened on Saturday, the position of the marks will not be changed during the "Tour of the Bay" race.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 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. A windward finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the windward race committee boat and the windward mark. If the leeward mark is changed, a leeward finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the new leeward mark.
- 14.2 For Saturday, unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32, the finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and LTYC fixed mark "H".

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 will be changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing, or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS

Rules 35, A4.2, A5 and A11 will be changed so that boats failing to finish thirty minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus one.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking time of the Signal Boat after the last race of the day.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 Breaches of instructions 6 and 21 will not be grounds for protest by a competitor. This changes Rule 60.1 (b). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or reopening a protest hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes Rule 62.2 and 66.

18 PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 18.1 An arbitration meeting may be held. The arbitration meeting will be no more than 15 minutes and will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that Rule 44.1 (s) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- 18.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
- (a) the protest is invalid,
 - (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
 - (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- 18.3 If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 One completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 19.2 The Tour of the Bay race will be weighted in the scoring by applying a multiplier of 1.5 to the finishing position points.
- 19.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.4 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points without a hearing. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee.

21 BERTHING, EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 Boats will be assigned a docking position at the Irish Boat Shop marina, which must be used for the entire event.

21.2 Boats shall be in their assigned position, prepared and available for inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday July 22-23, but not later than noon, Wednesday, July 23, or as otherwise agreed with the event organizers. A sign-up sheet will be made available at LTYC. Boats shall be inspected for compliance with Class Rules, which requires compliance with the Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 and NOR Amendment 1.

21.3 Spinnakers (2) to be raced shall be delivered to the Sail Loft at the Irish Boat Shop by crew members for measurement on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22-23. Crew members are expected to help handle the sails.

22 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Except for any specific exception granted by the Protest Committee, all entered boats shall be in the water continuously from noon, Wednesday, July 23 for the duration of the event.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 Except in an emergency, boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices. Attention is called to Rule 41, Outside Help.

23.2 On Thursday, Friday and Sunday, boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 69 for Race Committee announcements. On Saturday, boats are requested to monitor VHF channel 79.

24 PRIZES

24.1 The J/111 North American Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the winner.

24.2 Keeper trophies will be presented to the top three boats.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

26 INSURANCE

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

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