

# Tuesday Night Racing Series

Summer 2023



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The Organizing Authority is the Little Traverse Yacht Club (LTYC).*

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 including the US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS), except as altered by the Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SIs). More information and copies of the RRS can be obtained at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>
- 1.2. For one-design classes: all provisions of the respective class rules shall apply unless specifically waived by the Organizing Authority or Fleet Captain, emailed to class entrants, and posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3. Each boat shall carry all safety equipment required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the State of Michigan—specifically including US Coast Guard approved PFDs for each crewmember.
- 1.4. Each boat shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 16 and 73.
- 1.5. **Personal Flotation Devices. When flag Y is displayed with one sound before or with the warning signal, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.** When flag Y is displayed ashore, this rule applies at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.6. Appendix V1 of the US Sailing Prescriptions (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply:

#### *V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT*

*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.'*

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 These races are open to sailing yachts whose owners or charterers are members of the LTYC.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the LTYC registration forms on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and paying the required entry fee prior to the start of each series.

### 3. Notices to Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on yacht scoring and may be posted in the LTYC clubhouse as a courtesy. Notices will be emailed to registered competitors using the email address provided upon registration.

#### 4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted and emailed by 4PM on the day it will take effect.

#### 5. Radio Communications

- 5.1. All boats shall monitor the official LTYC race channel, VHF 73.
- 5.2. Radio communications may be transmitted as early as one hour prior to the first start of the day.

#### 6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. See NOR 3 for the Events and Schedule of Races.
- 6.2. On each race day the first warning signal for the first class will be scheduled for 17:55pm.

#### 7. Class Flags

- 7.1. The class flags shall be as shown below:



#### 8. Courses & Marks

- 8.1. The Race Committee will announce (via VHF radio) the location of the starting line approximately 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal for that fleet, the course for each fleet shall be displayed on the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee may designate different courses for different fleets.
- 8.3. The course for the PHRF A (Spinnaker) and J/70 fleets shall be displayed on the **port** side of the Race Committee boat, and the course for the Alerion 28 and PHRF JAM (Jib & Main) fleets shall be posted on the **starboard** side of the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee may also notify the fleets of their courses via VHF radio or verbal hails.
- 8.4. The course will be indicated as a sequence of letters designating permanent LTYC marks (as shown on the LTYC race buoy location chart). The background color indicates direction of “rounding” — red for marks left to port, and green for marks left to starboard. If the course includes a temporary mark, it will be indicated by the letter “X”.

#### 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 starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.3. The fleet starting order shall be as follows: PHRF A (Spinnaker), J/70s, Alerion 28s, PHRF JAM (Jib & Main). Any fleet not participating in that day's racing shall be removed from the list and the start order adjusted accordingly. The Race Committee may adjust the fleet starting order via VHF radio.
- 9.4. Unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee via VHF, the starts shall be rolling starts. For example, the warning signal for the J/70 start shall be the starting signal of the PHRF A (Spinnaker) start.
- 9.5. If there is a general recall for any fleet, that fleet's restart shall occur after the remaining fleets have started.
- 9.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the startingline and starting box during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.7. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number, hull number, name, or other designation via VHF radio and/or verbal hail. Failure to make a broadcast or hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **10. Changes to the Course**

- 10.1. The Race Committee may shorten or change the course by VHF radio notification. This changes RRS 33(a) and (b).

## **11. Time Limits**

- 11.1. If no boat sails the course and finishes within two hours of the start, that race will be abandoned.
- 11.2. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **12. Wind Limits**

- 12.1. No race shall be started when the wind is more than 20 knots sustained or gusts are greater than 25 knots.
- 12.2. No race shall be started when the wind is less than 5 knots sustained.
- 12.3. Wind measurements and their interpretation shall be determined by the PRO. Failure to follow SI 12.1 or SI 12.2 shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **13. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 13.1. A boat intending to protest or request redress shall (unless circumstances make it impossible) **inform the Race Committee of her intent at the time of her finish.**
- 13.2. Protests and requests for redress must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee at LTYC within 30 minutes of the docking of the Race Committee boat. The filing time window may be extended by the protest committee for good cause.
- 13.3. All protests should be submitted on the U. S. Sailing Protest Form available at the LTYC Clubhouse. If possible, the protest will be heard shortly after the protest is filed.

## **14. Scoring**

- 14.1. Each series will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A, except that Appendix A2.1 is modified as follows:
  - 14.1.1. For the Spring Tuesday Night Series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. (No throw-outs).
  - 14.1.2. For the Summer Tuesday Night Series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score. (One throw-out.)
  - 14.1.3. For the Fall Tuesday Night Series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. (No throw-outs).
- 14.2. One race constitutes a series.

## **15. Disclaimer of Liability & Skipper's Responsibility**

- 15.1. All competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.

## **16. Contacts**

- 16.1. Events Chair: George Peet, LTYC Rear Commodore ([RearCommodore@ltyc.org](mailto:RearCommodore@ltyc.org))