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NOTICE OF SERIES

Objective: The 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series is intended to encourage like-minded TP52 type boat owners, with a healthy mix of Amateur and Pro sailor crews, to compete in similarly configured boats under the ORC on a Time-on-Time basis in a group of buoy races and distance races that form a Great Lakes Series.

1 MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (**MBYC**) is the Organizing Authority (**OA**) for the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series (**Series**). Racing at each of the individual regattas that make up the Series will be conducted by the OA for each event, and they will coordinate with MBYC in the planning and execution of the GL52 portion of their events with regards to the rules and scoring of the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series.
- 1.2 The official notice board (**ONB**) will be posted on Yacht Scoring. <u>https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16376</u>
- 1.3 Communication with competitors will be through the ONB and/or email.
- 1.4 On the water, the race committee (**RC**) will communicate with competitors on VHF radio as specified in the sailing instructions (**SI**). It is the responsibility for each boat to have an operating 25-watt VHF radio with masthead antenna.
- 1.5 The OA has the authority to interpret the conditions governing the Series and also reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any boat in the Series in accordance with RRS 76.1.
- 1.6 In the event of extraordinary last-minute circumstances, the RC may permit a change not specified in this NOS.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (**RRS**) including:
 - a) Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 63.2, 67, 76.1, Appendix R, and Appendix V2 shall apply and are attached as NOS Addendum A;
 - b) 2024 ORC Rule;
 - c) Current US Sailing Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) Nearshore with the exclusion of 3.19.1;
 - d) This 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series Notice of Series (**NOS**) which also serves as the Notice of Race for Events in the Series for which MBYC is the OA.
 - e) The notice of race and sailing instructions for each event of the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series.

If there is a conflict between rules regarding the structure and scoring of the Series, this NOS has precedence. If there is a conflict in the running of races or scoring of individual events, or other racing related issues, the SIs for each event have precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

- 2.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule or request redress. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and RRS 62.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 2.3 NOS 9, Series Scoring, changes one or more of the following RRS: A1, A2.1, A2.2, A4, A5.1. RRS A5.3 will apply.

- 2.4 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), the procedure for the RC on the water to make oral changes to the sailing instructions will be stated in the SIs.
- 2.5 Race Signals and flags used by the race committee may be changed in the SIs.
- 2.6 [NP] Wind limits for Buoy Events: Minimum of 5 knots TWS to start a race and maximum 23 TWS sustained with gusts of 25 + knots as observed at local weather stations or by RC. Considerations to start or abandon a race include, but are not limited to, wind velocity, gusts, wind shifts, sea state, and current. These limits, and the decisions of the RC regarding any guidelines, are not subject to protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.7 After the first sentence of RRS 63.3(a), ADD the following sentence:s "The representative shall be the owner or designated owner substitute, whomever was on board at the time of the incident. In addition, a boat may have a second representative." This changes RRS 63.3(a).

3 ELIGIBILITY & RATING CERTIFICATES

To enter, boats must meet the following requirements and parameters:

- 3.1 ORCi Certificate:
 - a) One (1) ORCi Certificate to be used for all 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series designated Buoy events. Measurement data for this certificate shall be submitted to the Rating Authority (RA) by May 24, 2024.
 - b) No more than two (2) configuration variations per year for 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series designated Distance events. Since the ORC allows only one (1) valid ORCi Certificate at a time ORCi Certificates are to be amended by RA if choose to employ configuration variations. Planned amendments, if any, to the ORCi Certificate of 3.1.a. for the designated Distance events shall be submitted to the RA by June 1, 2024.
 - c) At the owner's expense, the RA (US Sailing) will apply and un-apply amendments to the ORCi Certificate of 3.1.a. to become the appropriate Certificate for GL52 designated Distance events in collaboration with the OAs of the Queen's Cup Race, Race to Mackinac, and Bayview Mackinac Race.
 - d) GL52s may use the ORCi Certificate of 3.1.a. or either of the one/two Distance event Certificate configurations allowed by 3.1.b. for 2024 GL52 Great Lakes designated Distance events.
- 3.2 LOA Limit Between 15.500 -15.860m.
- 3.3 TPS Limit Less than or equal to 9.20m.
- 3.4 ISP Limit
 - a) Age Date 2008 and before less than 23.800m.
 - b) Age Date 2009 and beyond less than 23.175m.
- 3.5 Draft Limit Less than 3.765m.
- 3.6 Displacement Limit Maximum 8500 kg in Measurement Trim.
- 3.7 Water Ballast is not permitted to be used in any 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series events.
- 3.8 No ORCi Handicap Limits.
- 3.9 Each boat shall be adequately insured in accordance with NOS 13, Insurance.
- 3.10 [DP] Each crew member shall complete the online Liability and Media Waiver found on the Series website prior to racing, and as described in NOS 14, Disclaimer of Liability and Media Waiver. https://form.jotform.com/240183843326152

4 SAILING CONDITION

All GL52s:

4.1 Shall race in the Sailing Trim Condition reflected on the boat's ORCi Certificate per NOS 3.1.

- 4.2 While racing in Buoy Events and as described in NOS 4.3 for Distance Events, shall be helmed by:
 - a) the owner or an immediate family member (parent, child, sibling, cousin, dependents, in-law), or
 - b) a World Sailing Group 1 sailor (who shall provide his/her World Sailing Sailor ID and have current not expired Group 1 Sailor Categorization Status), or
 - c) an owner-appointed replacement helm, permitted only when the owner is not on board, who is the bona fide boat captain / team manager of the owner's boat without a history as an Olympic, Volvo or AC helmsman.
- 4.3 [DP] Shall be steered by a helm (as defined in NOS 4.2) in all Distance Events for 90 minutes beginning at the warning signal.
- 4.4 Shall race each individual Event with same Crew, as declared on Yacht Scoring submitted by 1800 hours the day prior to the first scheduled race day of each event. A boat submitting her crew list after the deadline shall receive a two-point penalty. A boat not racing with the declared crew, except as permitted below, shall be scored as DNS for any race in which they are not in compliance.
 - a) [NP] In the case of an emergency or special circumstance, a request for a crew substitution shall be made in writing to the RC and permission received prior to the boat leaving the dock. The substitute shall be similar in weight to the crew member being replaced and may participate in the sailing of the boat.
 - b) Exceptions for the owner:
 - i. The owner may be transferred onto the race boat after the boat has left the dock, but prior to the warning signal for any race in which the owner will sail;
 - ii. The owner may be transferred off of the race boat after the boat has finished a race and cleared the finishing area;
 - iii. If the owner, who is declared on the crew list on Yacht Scoring, is not on board the boat while racing, they shall be replaced by a Group 1 designated owner substitute. A request for a designated owner substitute shall be made in writing to the RC no later than 1800 on the day prior to the first scheduled day of racing in each Event comprising the Series and approval by the RC is required. This designated owner substitute shall be similar in weight to the owner and shall fulfill only the roles on board during racing that the owner would fulfill, and shall not perform additional or enhanced roles. The designated owner substitute may be transferred on or off the race boat by a support boat as needed to meet the crew requirements in NOS 4.4.
 - iv. If the owner is declared on the crew list, a boat racing without either the owner or the approved designated owner substitute, shall be scored as DNS for any race in which neither is on board the boat from the Warning Signal until finishing. RRS A5.1 is changed to include this NOS 4.4(b)(iv).
 - v. [DP] [NP] The protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty less than DSQ for a breach of the restrictions for the designated owner substitute listed in NOS 4.4(b)(iii).
 - c) [NP] A similar weight for a substitute is considered +/- 20 lbs. to the sailor/owner being replaced. Specific approval from the RC is necessary for a greater variation in weight.
 - d) [DP] In the case of an emergency or special circumstance that occurs <u>after</u> the boat has left the dock, a crew member may be removed from the race boat by a support boat. The removed crew shall not be replaced by a substitute. A boat shall report the removal of a crew member to the RC via VHF radio as soon as possible. The protest committee may give a discretionary penalty, which may be no points, for each race in which the boat is not sailing in compliance with her declared crew list. That removed crew member may be put back onboard the boat when not racing with the specific permission of the RC.
- 4.5 Shall not use MHJO, MHG, Flying Headsail, LRH, MHAO, FRJO, FRG, FRAO, even if rated with any of these sails, in designated Buoy Events.

4.6 [NP] Shall install a functioning Vakaros Atlas 2 race sense starting system for the designated buoy events. The mounting location shall be near centerline, just aft of the mast and below the Main Boom gooseneck with clear view to sky for GPS. The mounting position must be approved by the RC. Additional installation details and Login instructions will be distributed by Vakaros.

5 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are allowed subject to the following restrictions and requirements:

- 5.1 [DP] After the race boat departs the dock and until it retires for the day or finishes the last race of the day:
 - a) No transfers (including sails, gear, food/drinks) is permitted between the race boat and support boat;
 - b) No communications, data, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat is permitted.
- 5.2 [DP] No Crew transfer is permitted between the race boat and support boat after the racing boat has departed the dock (except as permitted in NOS 4.4).
- 5.3 [NP] In the event of an emergency, the race boat or support boat shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 5.4 [DP] Support boats shall not interfere with or inhibit the performance of any boat that is racing (including causing wake). Event support boats, as designated by the OA, are not subject to protest.

6 SERIES & EVENTS

The 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series includes three different Series, each comprised of multiple regattas (Events) as described below. The number of races for each designated Buoy Event will be stated in the sailing instructions for that Event.

6.1 The following Events comprise the **2024 GL52 Great Lakes Overall Series** and shall be scored using the overall finish positions in each **Event** in accordance with NOS 9.1:

Event	Organizing Authority	Designation	Racing Days
Big Red Regatta	Macatawa Bay YC	Buoy	May 31-June 2
Queens Cup	South Shore YC	Distance	June 28 start
Race to Mackinac	Chicago YC Regatta Association	Distance	July 13 start
Bayview Mackinac Race	Bayview YC Race Authority	Distance	July 20 start
Ugotta Regatta	Little Traverse YC	Buoy	July 26-28
Little Traverse Cup	Macatawa Bay YC	Buoy	August 9-11
Macatawa Championship	Macatawa Bay YC	Buoy	September 13-15

6.2 The following events comprise the **2024 GL52 Great Lakes Inshore Sub Series** and shall be scored using all race scores in each event in accordance with NOS 9.2:

Event	Organizing Authority	Designation	Racing Days
Big Red Regatta	Macatawa Bay YC	Buoy	May 31-June 2
Ugotta Regatta	Little Traverse YC	Buoy	July 26-28
Little Traverse Cup	Macatawa Bay YC	Buoy	August 9-11
Macatawa Championship	Macatawa Bay YC	Buoy	September 13-15

6.3 The following events comprise the **2024 GL52 Great Lakes Corinthian Sub Series** and shall be scored using the overall finish positions in each event in accordance with NOS 9.3:

Event	Organizing Authority	Designation	Racing Days
Queens Cup	South Shore YC	Distance	June 28 start
Race to Mackinac	Chicago YC Regatta Association	Distance	July 13 start
Bayview Mackinac Race	Bayview YC Race Authority	Distance	July 20 start

Ugotta Regatta	Little Traverse YC	Buoy	July 26-28
Little Traverse Cup	Macatawa Bay YC	Buoy	August 9-11

7 ENTRY & FEES

7.1 Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form and paying the required fee using the online payment system. The non-refundable Entry Fee for the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series (Overall and Inshore Sub Series) is \$6,000, and GL52 Corinthian Series is \$1500, and is due by 2359 EST on May 24, 2024. Entry and payment can be made at https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=16376.

Entry fees cover participation in the specific Series or Events, and also cover expenses including:

- Race Committee and assets;
- Contribution towards having a national jury and on-the-water umpiring at all buoy Events;
- Fleet management;
- Contribution towards MarkSetBots, Vakaros starting system, and TracTrac (virtual live and delayed race viewing);
- Morning fleet reviews (sponsored by Quantum Sails and the GL52 Fleet) including sail shape and race analysis, race day weather, and course briefing;
- Contribution to GL52 website, event photography and social media;
- Trophies.
- 7.2 The entry fee for the Overall Series includes participation in the2024 GL52 Great Lakes Overall Series and the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Inshore Sub Series for all GL52 Events as described in NOS 6.1 (including racing in the GL52 class in the distance races), and the entry fees for the Big Red Regatta, the Little Traverse Cup, and the Macatawa Championship.
- 7.3 The entry fee for the Corinthian Sub Series includes participation in 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Corinthian Sub Series as described in NOS 6.3 (including racing in the GL52 class in the distance races), and entry fee for the Little Traverse Cup.
- 7.4 GL52s may enter one or more of the following Events if not already entered as part of a Series: Big Red Regatta, the Little Traverse Cup, or the Macatawa Championship for an entry fee of \$2,000 per regatta.
- 7.5 Note that there are separate entry forms and entry fees for the Queens Cup, Race to Mackinac, Bayview Mackinac Race, and Ugotta Regatta events which each boat must complete and pay as required.

8 EVENT SCORING

Each Event shall be scored with ORC TOT method per below with non-GL52 boats removed:

- 8.1 [NP] GL52 Buoy Events (Handicap selection per event OA/PRO per GL52 Scoring Protocol):
 - W/L 50/50 Five (5) Band (Low, low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High, High)
 - All Purpose Triple Number (Low, Medium, High)
- 8.2 [NP] GL52 Distance Events Handicap selection for each distance event is determined by the Event OA.

9 SERIES SCORING

GL52s that meet the requirements in **NOS 3, Eligibility & Rating Certificate**, and have paid the Entry Fee in accordance with **NOS 7, Entry Fee**, shall be scored in each of the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series for which they qualify.

- 9.1 The **2024 GL52 Great Lakes Overall Series** Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score in the Events listed in NOS 6.1 as described below:
 - a) The final overall position in each **Event** (using only boats entered in the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Series, and excluding boats entered in only the Corinthian Sub Series) will be used as the Series score for that Event (i.e. 1st place overall = 1, 2nd place overall = 2, etc.). This changes RRS A4;
 - b) Each boat's 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Overall Series score shall be the sum of the scores of her final overall position in each of the Overall Series Events excluding her worst Event score. Note that this

excluded score may be an Event score in accordance with NOS 9.1(e) for an Event in which she did not sail. This changes RRS A2.1.

- c) To qualify for the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Overall Series, a boat shall race in at least two of the designated Distance Events.
- d) RRS A2.2 is changed to read "If a boat has entered any race in a series, she shall be scored for the whole series; however, a boat not qualifying (see NOS 9.1(c)) will be scored DNQ (did not qualify) for the Series and is not eligible for any series prizes."
- e) RRS A5.3 will apply. A boat that does not come to the starting area in an Event shall be scored points for that Event equal to the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the Series.
- 9.2 The **2024 GL52 Great Lakes Inshore Sub Series** trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score in the Events listed in NOS 6.2 as described below:
 - a) RRS A2.1 is changed to read "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded."
 - b) RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 9.3 The **2024 GL52 Great Lakes Corinthian Sub Series** trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score in the Events listed in NOS 6.3 as described below:
 - a) Boats competing shall meet the requirements of the Corinthian Deed of Trophy (limit of not more than three (3) World Sailing Group 3 classified sailors).
 - b) The final overall position in each event (including only GL52s entered in the Corinthian Sub Series) will be used as the Series score for that event (i.e. 1st place overall = 1, 2nd place overall = 2, etc.). This changes RRS A4;
 - c) To qualify for the 2024 GL52 Great Lakes Corinthian Sub Series, a boat shall race in at least two of the designated Distance Events. RRS A2.2 is changed to read "If a boat has entered any race in a series, she shall be scored for the whole series; however, a boat not qualifying will be scored DNQ (did not qualify) for the Series and is not eligible for any series prizes."
 - d) Each boat's Corinthian Sub Series score shall be the sum of the scores of her final overall position in the two designated Buoy Events and the top two scores of the three designated Distance Events. This changes RRS A2.1.
 - e) RRS A5.3 will apply. A boat that does not come to the starting area in an Event shall be scored points for that Event equal to the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the Sub Series.

10 VENUES

Events in NOS 6 will be held on Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Course areas will be described in the SIs.

11 COURSES

Buoy Event courses will be windward/leeward configuration (or as described in Ugotta Regatta SIs) using inflatable marks or MarkSetBots and will be fully described in the SIs. **Distance Event** courses will be described in the race documents for each of the three distance races.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.2 is changed to a One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 US Sailing prescription Appendix V2, Alternative Penalties, shall apply and will be fully described in the SIs.
- 12.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, may be added as an SI Amendment as a part of the protest resolution process.
- 12.4 The OA may publish SI Appendix UF describing the Umpiring or Limited Umpiring system to be used while racing.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third-Party Insurance (Property and Persons). The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND MEDIA WAIVER

14.1 **Liability and Media Waivers:** Each competitor shall sign the online Liability and Media Waiver available on the Series website and submit it prior to leaving the dock on their first day of racing in the Series.

https://form.jotform.com/240183843326152

- 14.2 **RISK STATEMENT:** RRS 3, Decision to Race, states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 14.3 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors and affiliated companies, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after as a result of participation in this Series. Attention is also drawn to USSER 1.02, Overall: Responsibility, as well as the "Liability Waiver" which each competitor shall complete and submit. By participating in this Series, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the GL52 website <u>www.GL52racing.com</u> or contact GL52 Fleet Manager Linda Lindquist at: <u>GL52fleetmanager@gmail.com</u>.

	2024 Great Lakes Series	https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16376
	Big Red Regatta	https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16379
	Queens Cup	https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27278
	Race to Mackinac	https://cycracetomackinac.com/
	Bayview Mackinac	https://bycmack.com/
	Ugotta Regatta	https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16317
	Little Traverse Cup	https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16380
	Macatawa Championship	https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16381
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	GL52 Website	https://gl52racing.com/
	Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/gl52fleet
	Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/gl52racing/
	Linkedin	https://www.linkedin.com/company/gl52-racing/?viewAsMember=true
	YouTtube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs1ZIOXTIEubw4R1agBPIPQ

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NOTICE OF SERIES ADDENDUM A – US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The US Sailing prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing in this Addendum shall apply.

Rule 60.3(b) US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request to redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;

Rule 61.4 Add rule 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 63.2 After rule 63.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered for one or more boats:

- (a) Any other boat may participate in the hearing.
- (b) The protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the request or for considering redress, and boats shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.
- (c) The protest committee shall request redress for boats

(1) that participate in the hearing, or

(2) that request in writing to do so before the hearing begins,

making them parties to the hearing. It need not state a reason for such a request; this changes rule 62.2.

Rule 67 After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Appendix R Procedures for Appeals and Requests

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription. See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system.

Appendix V Alternative Penalties

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the notice of race or sailing instructions so state. When rule V2 applies it does not replace any penalty that may be taken under rule 44.1.

Please report your experiences with and evaluations of these rules to US Sailing by sending an email to <u>rules@ussailing.org</u>.

V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES

- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.