



## S2 7.9 Class Championship Regatta

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club  
September 18 – 22, 2024



## 2024 Notice of Race

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the S2 7.9 Class Rules; January 1, 2022.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the NoR and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.3. Official Notice Board will be located on Yacht Scoring site. Courtesy postings will be on the Patio at MBYC.

### 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 <https://forms.gle/nH1txthEzSddaQzi8>
- 2.3. To ensure proper planning for social events, all entries should be received prior to September 11. Entries received after September 11 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.
- 2.4. Participants may enter the regatta by filling out an entry form at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16539>
- 2.5. All crew must be declared on YachtScoring prior to registration.
- 2.6. Any crew changes must be approved by the Principal Race Officer.

### 3. Fees

- 3.1. Entry fee \$375 USD. Entry Fee Includes 5 tickets for the Class Banquet on Saturday.
- 3.2. Additional Social tickets for the Class Banquet on Saturday can be purchased for \$45 each.
- 3.3. Regatta Apparel will be available for pre-order only with entries received by September 1. Late entry shirt orders will not be accepted.

### 4. Schedule

Wednesday September 18:

Registration 09:00 – 17:00

Boat Weighing / Sail Inspection 10:00 – 17:00

Thursday, September 19:

Registration 09:00 – 13:00

Boat Weighing / Sail Inspection 10:00 – 13:00

Practice Race 15:00 Warning Signal

Friday, September 20:

Competitors meeting 09:00

Warning Signal 11:00

Post Race Social on the MBYC Patio

Annual Class Meeting

Saturday, September 21:

Warning Signal 10:00

Class Banquet 18:30

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Sunday, September 22:

Warning Signal 10:00

Last Warning Signal 13:00

Post Race Social on the MBYC Patio. Awards @ MBYC as soon as possible after racing.

Box Lunches will be available for pre-order purchase at registration Thursday, September 19.

## 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 boat weigh in time. Current weight certificate may be verified by Class Documentation.
- 5.2. All sails will be inspected per S2 7.9 Rule 3A.6.1, which includes sail certificates for new sails under S2 7.9 rule 2.5.F.1.
- 5.3. All boats will be inspected for required items per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9
- 5.4. Information about scheduling your measurement and inspection will be posted on Yacht Scoring no later than August 30, 2024 prior to 2000 hours.

## 6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2000 hrs on Yacht Scoring and at the time of registration.

## 7. Venue

- 7.1. The regatta venue will be at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club in Macatawa Michigan.
- 7.2. Limited privileges to MBYC Clubhouse and facilities will be extended to skippers and crews for the event.
- 7.3. The racing venue will be on the waters of Lake Michigan approximately 2NM from the Holland Pier head.

## 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 Part 3A.8). The remainder of the legs of the course may be adjusted by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.

## 9. Scoring

- 9.1. Rule A2 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. S2 7.9 Rule Part 3.9.2 and modifies RRS A2. RRS Appendix A2 is amended as follows: Any race in which a yacht is disqualified due to a violation of Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing may not be used as a throw out. This rule may not be modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 9.4. A Maximum of 7 races will be sailed.

## 10. Support Boats

- 10.1. Support boats shall display a prominent yellow flag and shall be restricted to the port side of the racecourse.
- 10.2. [DP] No communications, data, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat is permitted after the race boat departs the dock until after the race boat retires for the day or after finishing the last race of the day.

## 11. Launching, Berthing, Hauling

- 11.1. Ramp launching will be available at MBYC.
- 11.2. Trailer storage will be available near MBYC.
- 11.3. Guest moorings will be available on a first-come basis at no charge at MBYC. Additional accommodation can be reserved. Information will be made available on Yacht Scoring no later than June 1st, 2024.

## 12. Haul-Out Restriction

- 12.1. Boats shall not be hauled out or laid on shore after 20:00 on September 19 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

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## 13. Diving Equipment

13.1 Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used after 18:00 on September 19.

## 14. Race Committee 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 [NP] 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.

14.3 [DP] While **racing** [RSS Definition], except in an emergency, there shall be no communications [ data, electronic, vocal or visual signaling of any kind] between boats participating in the regatta or from support individuals, unless the information is available to all boats. This includes radio, mobile phones, Internet devices and any other types of electronics.

## 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 2025 Class Championship Regatta.

15.3 Competitors will be divided into Gold and Silver fleets.

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

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 as defined in S2 7.9 Rule 3A.5.3

## 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 Person in Charge to 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 Yacht Club, S2 7.9 Fleet 14, 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 Person in Charge 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.

## 17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on site during registration.

## 18. Contact Information

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