

**Sailing Instructions**  
**2024 Gull Lake Michigan Invitational MC Regatta**  
**June 22, 2024**  
**Gull Lake Yacht Club, Richland, MI**

**1 Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the MCSA rules and by-laws.

**2 Notices to competitors**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the club outside the Quarterdeck grill.

**3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 the day of the regatta.

**4 Signals Made Ashore and Race Office**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the docked Race Committee vessel.

4.2 The race office will be located in the Quarterdeck Grill at GLCC.

**5 AP Ashore Delay.**

5.1 After Flag AP ashore is lowered, the next signal will be made not less than 45 minutes later.

**6 Schedule**

6.1 Four races are scheduled

6.2 Competitors meeting 1000 Saturday, June 22, 2024

6.3 Warning signal for Race 1 1100 Saturday, June 22, 2024

6.4 Subsequent races to follow at the discretion of the Race Committee

6.5 No race shall be started after 1500

**7 Courses**

7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying a number and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7.2 Course #2 Four windward/leeward legs finish downwind.

7.3 Course #3 Five windward/leeward legs finish upwind.

**Course 2**

**Course 3**

Start - #1 - offset - #2 S/P - #1 - offset - Finish

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**8 Marks** Inflatables

8.1 All marks will be orange ~~tetrahedrons~~

8.2 Change marks will be yellow marks

**9 The Start**

9.1 The start will be governed by RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat

and the course side of the starting mark.

9.3 A boat that has not started within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS

9.4 Following the display of the Individual Recall signal, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio the sail numbers of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the start signal. Such announcements are a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear and/or understand it shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **10 Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (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.

## **11 The Finish**

11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a finishing mark.

## **12 Time Limits**

12.1 Mark 1 time limit: 30 minutes

12.2 Race time limit: 90 minutes. Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

12.3 Finishing window: 20 minutes Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat to sail the course and finish.

12.4 Protest time limit: 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

12.5 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A10.

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

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office.

13.2 The protest time limit is listed in 12.4

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

13.5 A boat that is intending to protest or request redress shall notify the protest committee as soon as practical after coming ashore.

## **14 Scoring**

14.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

14.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1

14.3 A minimum of one race constitutes a regatta.

## **15 Communication**

15.1 The Competitor VHF Channel is 72

15.2 The RC will use the Competitor VHF Channel to communicate about the racing, weather, safety concerns, and other actions where clarification may be helpful to the competitors.

15.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15.4 A boat that retires shall inform the RC as soon as practicable via the competitor VHF channel, or by informing a Race Committee vessel verbally, or by informing an event official ashore.

## **16 Prizes**

16.1 Trophies are as follows:

Top 5 Overall  
Top Woman  
Top Master (50-59 Years)  
Top Grand Master (60-69 Years)  
Top Mega Master (70-74 Years)  
Top Old Salt (75 + Years)

**17 Outside Assistance**

17.1 A capsized boat may receive outside assistance in righting and continue racing without penalty. This changes RRS 41.