

West Michigan Youth Sailing Association 2017 Championship Regatta Series

The Organizing Authority for this Series of Regattas is

The Grand Rapids Junior Sailing Association
The Gull Lake Junior Yacht Club
The Macatawa Bay Junior Association
The Muskegon Yacht Club
The Saugatuck Yacht Club Sailing Program
The South Haven Yacht Club
The Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association
The St Joseph Junior Foundation
The White Lake Junior Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* except as modified by the WMYSA 2017 Championship Regatta Series Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Please note that Class Rules are now referenced in the *RRS*.
- 1.1.a The Butterfly Class will be scored as an Open Event. A boat may be sailed either single-handed or with crew, without weight limitations, in any race of the regatta, but the skipper must be the same person for all races at each venue.
- 1.1.b Boats in the 420 Class shall be limited to 2 sailors. The use of spinnakers and trapeze in the 420 Class is prohibited.
- 1.1.c The International Laser Class Association Rules are modified to allow for the use of off-brand sails. The West Michigan Youth Sailing Association and the WMYSA Race Chairman reserve the right to inspect and approve or disapprove of the use of any off-brand Laser sails.
- 1.1.d *RRS Rule 33* is changed to allow the Race Committee to make course change of less than 5 degrees without issuing a signal.
- 1.1.e *RRS Rule 44.1* is changed so that the words “Two-Turns Penalty” are replaced by “One-Turn Penalty”.
- 1.1.f *RRS Rule 61* is changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of its intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.
- 1.1.g The low-point scoring system of *RRS Appendix A* will apply. *RRS A2* is amended so that each boat’s score at each regatta will be the sum of all her races. See NOR 9.1
- 1.2 In accordance with Michigan State Law, the WMYSA requires that any competitor who experiences a potential concussion injury be immediately removed from competition – and will not be allowed to return to competition without a written clearance from a health professional.
- 1.3 Substitutions of boats and/or sails will not be allowed once racing has started unless permission has been received from the WMYSA Race Chairman.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Optimist, Laser, Laser Radial, Butterfly, and 420 sailing Classes who are entered representing one of the following sailing organizations:
- The Grand Rapids Junior Sailing Association
 - The Gull Lake Junior Yacht Club
 - The Macatawa Bay Junior Association
 - The Muskegon Yacht Club
 - The Saugatuck Yacht Club Sailing Program
 - The South Haven Yacht Club Sailing Program
 - The Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association
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- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the race registration form and sign-in prior to 10:00am on the day of the event. The same deadline applies to any participating yacht club that may establish or collect its own entries prior to the event.
- 2.3 All parent and guardians must sign the “Disclaimer of Liability” and this form must be submitted at registration at each event. The Disclaimer of Liability is part of the Entry Form. This document is available from your coach, on the WMYSA web site www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org and at the registration table at each event. Coaches are strongly encouraged to have parents sign this form prior to competitors travelling to each regatta.
- 2.4 All parents and guardians of competitors must read and sign the “Parent and Athlete Concussion Information Sheet” required under Michigan State Law. Each WMYSA member program is responsible for collecting these forms and keeping them on file. Concussion forms do not need to be submitted to the WMYSA unless requested by the WMYSA.
- 2.5 A minimum of five (5) entries is required in a class in order for that Class to compete and be scored at each event in the series.
- 2.6 Because Radial sails are the official Laser configuration for the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA) and high school sailing in Michigan, the WMYSA encourages Laser sailors to compete using Radial mast sections and sails. A Laser full rig Class may be possible at each WMYSA event, but **Laser full rig competitors are strongly encouraged to also bring Radial sails and mast sections that can be utilized if the Laser full rig Class fails to achieve the required minimum number of entries.**
- 2.7 Junior sailors are eligible to compete until the end of the summer season immediately following their graduation from high school.
- 2.8 All participating clubs and programs must pay their annual WMYSA fee prior to the first 2016 WMYSA Championship Regatta Series event.

3 SCHEDULE AT EACH EVENT/VENUE IN THE SERIES

- 3.1 Registration and sign in will take place from 9:00am-10:00am
- 3.2 Safety, Coach and Race Committee meeting will take place at 10:00am
- 3.3 The Competitors Meeting will take place at 10:30am
- 3.4 The scheduled harbor start (launching of boats) will be 11:30am. Additional races will follow as time and weather permit. There will be no warning signals after 3:00pm.

4 MEASUREMENTS

The West Michigan Youth Sailing Association reserves the right to request a valid measurement or rating certificate for any boat entered in any class at any event.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted at www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org and will be available at the Competitors Meeting at each event in the series.

6 VENUES

- 6.1 The races for this series will take place in waters adjacent to each of the following locations on the following dates:
- **June 30, 2017 at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Holland Michigan**
 - **July 14, 2017 at Spring Lake Yacht Club, Spring Lake Michigan**
 - **July 28, 2017 at White Lake Yacht Club, White Lake Michigan**
 - **August 11, 2017 at Muskegon Yacht Club, Muskegon Michigan**

7 COURSES

A complete description of sailing courses to be sailed by each class will be provided at the Competitors Meeting at each venue in the series.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 *Rule 44.1* is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9 SCORING

9.1 The low-point scoring system of *RRS Appendix A* will apply. *RRS A2* is amended so that each boat's score at each regatta will be the sum of all her races. There shall be no throw outs.

9.2 The cumulative Club Series Championship will utilize a high-point scoring system wherein points contributing to each Club's score will be awarded as follows:

Optimist Green:

1 point for each entrant who completes at least one race at a venue

Optimist Red/White/Blue, Laser Radial, Laser, Butterfly and 420:

11 points for the 1st place finisher after all completed races at each venue

10 points for the 2nd place finisher after all completed races at each venue

9 points for the 3rd place finisher after all completed races at each venue

8 points for the 4th place finisher after all completed races at each venue

7 points for the 5th place finisher after all completed races at each venue

6 points for the 6th place finisher after all completed races at each venue

5 points for the 7th place finisher after all completed races at each venue

4 points for the 8th place finisher after all completed races at each venue

3 points for the 9th place finisher after all completed races at each venue

2 points for the 10th place finisher after all completed races at each venue

1 point each for 11th place and above after all completed races at each venue

9.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute an event and a series.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 Unless specifically instructed otherwise by the race committee; all coaches and spectators shall stay outside areas that boats are racing until all boats are finished for the day or the race committee signals abandonment.

10.2 All boats should stand by to assist all competitors if necessary.

10.3 Coach boats and designated safety boats are to carry only officially designated coaches and safety personnel. Other spectators shall not ride on coach or safety boats.

10.4 All coaches and safety personnel must register with the WMYSA staff at the beginning of each event and must display coach and safety flags on the water.

10.5 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on all coach, safety, support and spectator boats.

10.6 All coaches and safety boat passengers are required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water. This is in keeping with many other youth sailing organizations and sets a good example for the competitors.

11 PARKING, LAUNCHING AND DOCKING

11.1 Parking and launching facilities will be provided at each venue. Competitors and support boats shall comply with any and all parking and launch rules and instructions at each venue.

11.2 If specified by the host venue, boats shall be kept in their assigned areas.

12 FOOD AND BEVERAGES

- 12.1 Each host venue will offer the competitors a meal after the completion of races. There may be a reasonable price charged for these meals.
- 12.2 Competitors are strongly encouraged to bring their own pre-race meals or snacks. Host venues may offer pre-race food, but this should not be expected.
- 12.3 Competitors are expected to carry drinking water on their boats. Competitors are encouraged to use environmentally friendly bottles or containers. Littering is strongly discouraged and will be prohibited in the Sailing Instructions.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Individual prizes will be awarded at each event for fleets that meet the minimum number of entries required at each event.
- 13.2 Overall series team (Club) trophies may be awarded at the end of the Series.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS Rule 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.

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor(s) whom are less than 18 years of age. It is the responsibility solely of the parent of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and conditions that might arise during any of the events in the series. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for the sailor.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact your local Club's Race Coach or:

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