

# 2017 West Michigan Youth Sailing Association (WMYSA) 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 Sailing Program  
The Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association  
The St Joseph Junior Foundation  
The White Lake Junior Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

### 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 changes 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 *RRS A2* is modified so that no scores will be excluded at an event (there will be no throw outs).
- 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the registration table at each event.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 3.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 11am or will be communicated on the water to each boat before her warning signal.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole or staff on the host yacht club property.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in Race Signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

9:00 – 10:00am	Arrival and Rigging, check in and registration
10:00am	Safety, Coach and Race Committee meeting
10:30am	Competitors Meeting
11:30am	Harbor start (launching of boats)
	Additional races will follow depending on sailing conditions.
	No warning signal will be signaled after 3:00 pm

**6. SECTIONS – CLASSES.**

Optimist Green Fleet	Green flag with Optimist logo
Optimist Red/White/Blue Fleet	White flag with Optimist logo
Laser and Laser Radial Fleets	Laser Class Flag
Butterfly Fleet	Butterfly Class Flag
420 Fleet	420 Class flag

**7. RACING AREA.**

- 7.1 There will be two race areas.
- 7.2 Race circle ONE will be for the Optimist Green Fleet and Optimist Red/White/Blue Classes – Location dependent on Wind Conditions
- 7.3 Race circle TWO will be for the Butterfly, Laser Radial, Laser and 420 Classes.

**8. COURSES.**

- 8.1 The courses will be windward leeward (rounding marks to port) as shown on Illustrations A and B.
- 8.2 A course designated as “W1” will consist of one lap around the race course as described on Illustration A.
- 8.3 A course designated as “W2” will consist of two laps around the race course as described on Illustration B.
- 8.4 The Signal Boat will indicate course W1 or W2 on a white board on the committee boat.
- 8.5 The start-finish line will not be considered an obstruction and will be open to boats sailing downwind.

**9. MARKS.**

- 9.1 The windward and leeward marks of the course will be orange floating marks.

**10. THE START.**

- 10.1 Starts will be a three-minute sound signal sequence pursuant to *RRS Appendix U*.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a mark at the port end of the starting line.
- 10.3 For any boat deemed OCS at the start, Race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail or be heard will not be grounds for redress.
- 10.4 The starting order for all Classes and course diagrams will be distributed at the competitors meeting.
- 10.5 Class starts on each circle will NOT automatically roll from one start to the next.

**11. CHANGE OF COURSE.**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark [or finish line] to a new position. Course changes of less than 5 degrees will not be signaled. This instruction changes *RRS 33*.

**12. THE FINISH.**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a nearby race mark.
- 12.2 Boats that have finished shall immediately sail to the left or right of the finish line and keep well clear of all boats still racing.

**13. TIME LIMITS.**

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their Class to finish will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes *RRS Appendix L 15*. See Sailing Instruction 15.4 “Scoring”.

**14. PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.**

- 14.1 The WMYSA shares US Sailing’s desire to simplify the protest process and is committed to treating all protests as learning opportunities for the competitors. *Appendix T* of the *RRS* shall apply.
- 14.2 Competitors are strongly encouraged to take their penalty on the water. Where *Rule T1* of *Appendix T* references *Rule 44.1*, *Rule 44.1* is changed as follows: the term “Two-Turn Penalty” is replaced with the term “One-Turn Penalty”.
- 14.3 *Racing Rule 61* is changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat, including the sail number of the protested boat. A written protest form must also be delivered to the WMYSA Race Committee within 1 hour after the Signal boat returns to the dock. Protest forms are available at the Registration table. Competitors are still required to immediately inform the protested boat of their intention to protest at the time of the alleged infraction.
- 14.4 After returning to shore, representatives of boats who are parties to a protest hearing and their witnesses shall remain in the vicinity of the registration table until their hearing takes place.

**15. SCORING.**

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of *RRS Appendix A* will apply. *RRS A2* is amended so that each boat’s score at each regatta venue will be the sum of all her races. There shall be no throw outs.
- 15.2 One completed race shall constitute a regatta event.

- 15.3 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored for the finishing place one more than the sum of the number of boats registered and checked-in in their Class. This instruction changes *RRS Appendix A 4.2*.
- 15.4 Boats scored TLE will be scored 2 more points than the last finisher in her Class. This total shall not exceed the number of boats entered in the Class plus one.
- 15.5 A minimum of 5 boat entries is required at each event in order for a Class to be scored at that event.
- 15.6 The cumulative Club Series Championship will utilize a high-point scoring system wherein points contributing to each Club's total 2017 Series 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, Laser Radial, Butterfly and 420:

11 points for the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

10 points for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

9 points for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

8 points for the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

7 points for the 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

6 points for the 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

5 points for the 7<sup>th</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

4 points for the 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

3 points for the 9<sup>th</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

2 points for the 10<sup>th</sup> place finisher after all completed races at each venue

1 point each for 11<sup>th</sup> place and above after all completed races at each venue

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- 16.1 A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat or safety boat before leaving the course, or notify the race committee immediately upon returning to shore.
- 16.2 Each competitor must wear a personal flotation device (PFD), approved by a recognized authority, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification.
- 16.3 Each competitor must have a whistle attached to his or her clothing at all times, from dock to dock.
- 16.4 In accordance with Michigan State Law, the WMYSA now 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 written clearance from a health professional.

## 17. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Only registered coaches and safety personnel will be permitted to ride on coach and safety boats.
- 17.3 All coaches and safety personnel must register with the WMYSA registration staff prior to the 10:30am competitors meeting.
- 17.4 All coach and safety boats will be assigned and must display WMYSA coach and safety flags at all times while on the water.
- 17.5 For the Opti Green fleet, Sailing Instruction 17.1 is changed to allow coaching, by registered coaches, in the bottom half of the Green Fleet during any given race. Green Fleet CODA criteria will apply. Coach boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors. The Green Fleet Race Officer reserves the right to alter this Rule on the water during races.
- 17.6 Coaching and the provision of drinks and/or snacks to competitors is encouraged between races. Support boats providing such assistance shall do so outside the racing area.
- 17.7 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on all coach, safety, support and spectator boats.
- 17.8 In a general emergency situation, the signal boat will fly the yellow and red safety flag and all support boats will come under the direction of the Race Committee.
- 17.9 All coaches and safety boat passengers are required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water.

## 18. ENVIRONMENT

- 18.1 In accordance with *Rule 55* of the *RRS*, discharge of drink containers, food wrappings and other trash into the water by competitors, support boats or race committee boats is prohibited.

**19. PRIZES.**

19.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows for Classes that meet the minimum number of entries required.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.**

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk.

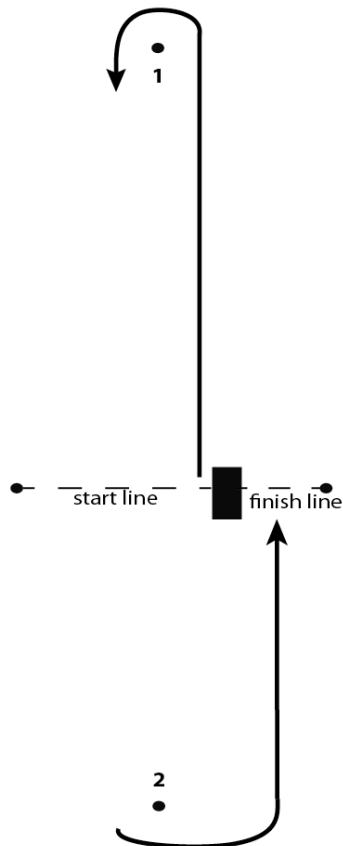
20.2 All parents and guardians must sign the “Disclaimer of Liability” and this form must be submitted at registration at each event. The disclaimer of responsibility is part of the entry form. This document is available from your coach, at [www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org](http://www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org) and at the registration table at each event.

20.3 All parents and guardians of competitors must read and sign the “Parent and Athlete Concussion Information Sheet” required under Michigan State Law. Each club is responsible for collecting these forms and keeping them on file. Concussion forms do not need to be submitted to the WMYSA unless requested.

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

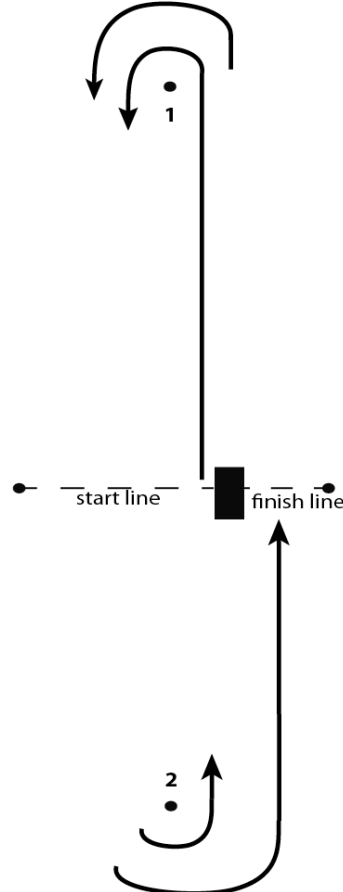
20.5 The organizing authority and all parties involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, inconvenience or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by these sailing instructions.

**Illustration A to Sailing Instructions**



**Course W1**

**Illustration B to Sailing Instructions**



**Course W2**