Little Traverse Yacht Club
60th Annual Ugotta Regatta
and
One-Design Series

Friday, Saturday & Sunday July 24 - 26, 2020
Harbor Springs, Michigan

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS v1

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (the rules), including US Sailing Prescriptions; the rules of the 2020 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF); the 2020 Offshore Racing Rule (ORR); and the Class Rules for the eligible One-Design classes, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Each boat shall be equipped with auxiliary power and fuel to allow the boat to power for 6 nautical miles. Each boat shall sail in compliance with equipment regulations of the US COAST GUARD and the STATE OF MICHIGAN, and with the rules of their class or handicapping system.

1.3 Each boat will carry an operating VHF radio.

1.4 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.5 The following rules are changed:
Rule 35, A4, A5 – see SI 15
Rule 63.7 – see SI 1.4
Rule A2 – see SI 17.3
Rule Race Signals – see SI 4.2
Rule Appendix V1 and V2 will apply

1.6. COVID-19 Regulations.

1.6.1. All competitors, including all crews, shall only participate in compliance with applicable State of Michigan, Emmet County, and/or City of Harbor Springs laws, rules, and regulations, including any relevant provisions of Executive Orders promulgated by the Governor of Michigan related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.6.2. All competitors, including all crews, participate in racing at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race).

1.6.3. By participating in any race, all competitors, including all crews, agree to the provisions of the LTYC and IBS COVID-19 Waiver attached to this document as Attachment D. It is the

responsibility of the skipper to ensure that all crew are aware of and have agreed to the

Waiver.

1.6.4. Sailing Instruction 1.6 shall not be the subject of a protest by a boat.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board will be electronic and will be located on the regatta page of yachtscoring.com: https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11772

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Little Traverse Yacht Club and broadcast on VHF 79.

4.2 At 1030 hours each day the Race Committee will signal with one sound and announce on VHF, a Harbor Start for all Classes. Postponement or abandonment for some classes may be signaled instead of the Harbor Start. If the AP (postponement) Flag is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after the AP Flag is lowered. This modifies rule Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Friday: First signal: 1200 hours
The GL52 class, J/111 class, J/88 class, Melges 24 class and J/70 class, will race up to 3 windward/leeward races as conditions permit.

5.2 Saturday and Sunday: First signal: 1200 hours
Except for the Melges 24 class and J/70 class, all classes will race one “Tour of the Bay” race.
The Melges 24 class and J/70 class, will race one, 2-leg W/L race, finishing at the starting line and then one “Tour of the Bay” race.

6 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND BOW NUMBERS

6.1 Classes will be designated on the Scratch Sheet.

6.2 Class flags will be solid colors as designated on SI Attachment A, to be posted. Flags will be available at Registration. Competitors are required to fly their class flag from the backstay, or stern pulpit if no backstay.

6.3 **For the Melges 24 class and J/70 class only:** At all times during the regatta, boats shall display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority, unless the boats have permanent bow numbers. Supplied bow numbers shall be affixed to port and starboard sides of the hull, approximately 3 inches below the sheer line. The leading edge of the forward number shall be no more than 12 inches aft of the stem. Failure to comply with this Instruction, will not be grounds for protest by competitors.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Attachment B, to be posted, shows locations of the fixed and set marks for “Tour of the Bay” races.

7.2 For Friday’s windward/leeward racing, the rendezvous point will be LTYC fixed mark “G”.

7.3 For Saturday and Sunday's "Tour of the Bay" racing, the rendezvous point for all boats will be at fixed mark "G," "I" or "W," as announced on VHF 79.

7.4 **CHECK –IN**. Prior to the first scheduled Warning Signal each day, boats are requested to sail, on starboard tack, or motor by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and check-in by announcing their sail number. Check-in by radio is not permitted.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Friday courses will be windward/leeward 4 legs. Windward/leeward courses will be sailed with marks left to port. There may be two windward marks, long and short. An offset mark may be set at the windward mark. If no offset is in place, boats shall round the single windward mark. A leeward mark will be set to windward of the starting line. The leeward mark may be a gate. If no gate is in place, the single leeward mark should be rounded to port.

A course board will display which windward mark to be rounded. For example, "4L" would indicate 4 legs: long windward, leeward, long windward and finish to leeward at the Race Committee boat, on the opposite side from the starting line.

"4S" would indicate 4 legs: short windward, leeward, short windward and finish to leeward at the Race Committee Signal boat on the opposite side from the starting line.

8.2 Saturday and Sunday: Except for the Melges 24 class and J/70 class, the courses are multi-leg "Tour of the Bay" races with several legs – see Attachment C, to be posted. The course for each class will be displayed on a course board on the Signal Boat and announced on VHF 79. The Melges 24 class and J/70 class, will race one, 2-leg W/L race, finishing at the starting line, followed by a Tour of the Bay race.

9 MARKS

Marks will be a combination of LTYC fixed marks and inflatable marks. LTYC fixed marks are orange cylinders with the buoy identification letter printed in black on the cylinder. Please note: Bay View Sail Club marks are of similar character, but without the identification letter, and are located near the LTYC "T" mark. Attachment B, to be posted, shows the approximate coordinates of the LTYC fixed marks and approximate compass headings and distances between them.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat or an inflatable mark; and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is a rectangle 100 yards deep immediately behind the starting line.

10.3 Starting sequence for the first race of the day, will be posted and announced over VHF.

10.4 There may be inflatable buoys tied to the race committee boat. Any boat touching these buoys or the line attaching the buoy, will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with rule 44.1.

11 RECALLS

Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to hail and/or broadcast on VHF, the recalled boat's sail number, but is under no obligation to do so. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress.

12 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

12.1 For Friday W/L racing, a signal board with the letters for the classes for which the change of course applies will be used. The new marks will be a different color inflatable for the first change. When subsequent changes of course are signaled in the same race, the original marks will be used for the second change and so on. If a minus sign only is

displayed at the leeward mark or gate for classes sailing to the long weather mark, the next leg will be to the short weather mark.

12.2 Although the course may be shortened on Saturday and Sunday, the position of the marks will not be changed during the "Tour of the Bay" race.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 For Friday W/L racing, the leeward finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from the starting line.

13.2 For **Saturday and Sunday** Tour of the Bay racing, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and LTYC fixed mark "H". The Race Committee may shorten the course for some, but not necessarily all, classes.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix V1 and V2 will apply.

14.2 A lesser penalty than DSQ (which includes no penalty) may be given for an infringement of rules other than those for Part 2, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 For windward/leeward racing on Friday, the first boat in each class must finish within 2 hours of her start. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.2 For Saturday and Sunday's "Tour of the Bay," the first boat in each class must finish within 4 hours of her start. Boats failing to finish within 1 hour, of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available online or at the Regatta Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking time of the Signal Boat. The Protest Committee may extend this time limit under extenuating circumstances.

16.3 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held in the protest room on the second floor of the LTYC Clubhouse or other location at LTYC.

16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply with the following changes: boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (time limit expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in the race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters.

17.2 One completed race is required to constitute a series.

17.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.

17.4 The GL52, J/111, J/88, Melges 24 and J/70 class series will consist of all races sailed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

17.5 The Annual Ugotta Regatta will consist of the two Tour of The Bay races sailed on Saturday and Sunday.

18 RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS

Each boat owner or skipper is responsible for the conduct of his crew before, during, and after the event, both afloat and ashore. Crew member misbehavior may result in the boat being penalized, up to and including expulsion from the regatta.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones. Boats are requested to monitor VHF 79 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday racing.

21 AWARDS

Awards for the Annual Ugotta Regatta and One-Design Series will be presented on Sunday at the Little Traverse Yacht Club or on Zoom, following racing.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Each boat owner or skipper is responsible for the safety of his boat, crew, and guests. By participating in the event he warrants and represents for the benefit of his crew, guests, LTYC, other participants, and spectators of the event that his boat is seaworthy, and that his crew is experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in all weather conditions. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

23. IMPORTANT NOTES

2020 LTYC Annual Regatta is certified as a Clean Regatta. Please visit: http://sailorsforthesea.org/programs/clean-**regattas** for further information.

We would like to call your attention to the importance of all yachtspersons abiding by all rules and regulations designed to protect the quality of the water in our bay.

Michigan law prohibits the discharge of sewage from yachts. Yachts participating in this Regatta are subject to inspection for compliance with the law.

Provisions will be made to provide adequate facilities on shore for trash and litter. We will certainly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Parking within the City is limited and your cooperation and respect of parking regulations is appreciated. Please refer to www.ltyc.org for the City parking diagram of available parking spaces for crew vans, buses and trailers.

Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his yacht's crew, before, during and after the event, afloat and ashore. Conduct deemed unbecoming to a yachtsperson may result in disciplinary action and disqualification.

Regatta Chairperson: Tom Trautman
Principal Race Officer: Richard Neville