



2021 Great Lakes 52 (GL52)



Season Series

## Macatawa Championship

September 10-12, 2021

Presented by Quantum Sails



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS v2.5

### 1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2021-2024 US Sailing Prescriptions, and the 2021 GL52 Season Series Notice of Series Rules.

1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC). At the time of scheduling these races, it is our understanding that the races can be run in compliance with all lawful state-imposed restrictions. However, each team shall be responsible for taking those measures that may be necessary to be in compliance and shall release MBYC, the Race Committee and the Protest Committee from any obligations to monitor or enforce such restrictions.

1.3 ORC Inshore Certificate per 2021 GL52 Season Series Notice of Series 3.1

1.4 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. Neither the NOR nor the SI shall change nor alter any GL52 Series Rules. This changes RRS 63.7.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be electronic,

at:[https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=14539](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=14539)

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Any changes posted will also be emailed to the email contact on the competitor's entry.



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#### 4 COURTESY BROADCASTS

- 4.1 VHF channel 79 will be the designated hailing channel for all courtesy broadcasts.
- 4.2 A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.3 Boats shall monitor the designated hailing channel at all times from 30 minutes before the warning signal until 30 minutes after finishing.
- 4.4 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 4.5 Support boats shall not use any form of signaling during racing.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed upon the flagpole located on the north side of the MBYC clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

#### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>: Practice starts and a practice race will be held starting at approximately 1300 hours.
- 6.2 Competitors Meeting is Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours at MBYC.
- 6.2 Warning signal for first race on all race days is scheduled for 1200 hours.
- 6.3 The race committee intends to conduct as many races as practicable, not to exceed three (3) races on any day, up to a maximum of 8 races for the regatta. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 on the last scheduled day of racing, except as a consequence of a general recall.
- 6.4 After consultation with a GL52 Series Representative, the Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

**7 RACING AREA** – The sailing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 2.0nm from the Holland Pier.

#### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be Windward / Leeward: 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark.
- 8.2 The Race Committee may set a windward offset mark. If no offset mark is in place boats should round the single windward mark to port.



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8.3 The Race Committee may set a leeward gate to windward of the start/finish lines. If only one gate mark is in place boats should round the single leeward mark to port.

8.4 The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for the first leg or a final downwind leg

**9 MARKS** - Marks will be Marksetbot self-propelled marks, or inflatable marks.

#### 10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 RRS 26 is changed such that flag signals will be replaced by sound signals as follows:

5 minutes warning 1 sound
4 minutes 1 sound
1 minute 1 long sound
Start 1 sound

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull or crew is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her name or sail number on the designated hailing channel.

**11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** - To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark(s) (or the finishing line) to a new position. If the original mark will not be moved a yellow inflatable mark may be used in its place.

**12 THE FINISH** - The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a nearby mark. The finish line will be on the same side of the signal boat as the starting line.

#### 13 PENALTY SYSTEM -

13.1 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.

13.2 RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply for all boats.

#### 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

14.2 Protests will be heard at a time and place to be announced.



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#### **15 SCORING -**

15.1 Scoring will be based on ORC Time on Time, Triple Number for windward/leeward courses.

15.2 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all of her race scores with no discard.

15.3 One race completed constitutes a series.

#### **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 Safety equipment requirements will be in accordance with the requirements of the 2021 Little Traverse Yacht Club Annual Regatta (Ugotta Regatta).

16.2 A boat that retires from the race will notify the race committee as soon as possible on the designated hailing channel.

**17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT** - Boats shall notify the race committee when substituting crew or equipment. Attention called to 2021 GL52 Season Series Notice of Series 5.0.

**18 FURTHER INFORMATION** - For further information please contact the MBYC GL52 Macatawa Championship Regatta PRO Richard Neville ([rneville@innovprop.com](mailto:rneville@innovprop.com))