

Western Michigan E-Scow Invitational Regatta

Hosted by:

Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club and Marina

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and

Boyne City Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES**

- 1.1 The 2016 Michigan Invitational Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*).
- 1.2 The National Class E Scow Association (NCESA) By-Laws Articles V (*Eligible Yachts*), VI (*Yacht's Number*), VII (*Recognized Events*), VIII (*Rules for Recognized Events*). Boats will be allowed to change crew as desired during the event.
- 1.3 NCESA documents Part V (*Scantling Rules*) will apply and are on the class web site.

- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 rules.
- 1.6 Use of Floatation Panels will be at the discretion of the Race Committee PRO based on each day's forecast (see SI section 5.3 for notice).

2.0 NOT USED

3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 All competing boats are required to carry a hand held VHF radio for Race Committee communication and safety purposes.
- 3.2 The Competitors VHF channel will be identified at the skippers meeting.
- 3.3 It is the intent of the Race Committee to broadcast all necessary information to the competitors: the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, OCS hails, etc. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).
- 3.4 Except from the specified Competitors VHF radio channel, no competitor shall make or receive radio or cell phone communications commencing from the Warning Signal of any race to that race's conclusion, except in the case of an emergency.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes will be communicated over the Competitors VHF channel one (1) hour before the race start time.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display "Come within Hail" flag to announce a change on the Competitors VHF Channel. Competitors may also approach the Signal Boat and verbally receive the change while the "Come within Hail" flag is displayed.

5. SIGNALS

- 5.1 The Race Committee has the following flags that will be used:
 - Come within Hail
 - Individual Recall
 - General Recall
 - Postponement
 - Abandonment
 - And all appropriate starting flagsBe sure to attend the skippers meeting for any changes to this.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Friday, July 29

morning

Boat Setup

12:00 noon

Mandatory Skipper's Meeting

at regatta headquarters, large tent on the point

1:00 PM

Initial Warning Signal

evening

Open to "Stroll the Streets" of Boyne City

Saturday, July 30

9:00

Continental breakfast

11:00

Initial Warning Signal

evening

Dine under the tent on the point

Sunday, July 31

8:00

Continental breakfast

10:00AM

Initial Warning Signal

After Racing

Trophy Presentation

- 6.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion. One race constitutes regatta.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will notify competitors on the radio if another race will follow.
- 6.4 In the event that more than two races are to be held back to back, there will be a short break between the second and third race of the day to allow for a bathroom break on the available head (toilet) boat.
- 6.5 On the final day of the regatta, the Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1:00pm

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Racing will be held on Lake Charlevoix.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be windward leeward. The number of legs will be displayed on the committee boat. Courses are described below in the "ADDENDUM".
- 8.2 The Windward Mark (W) and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port.
- 8.3 Use of leeward gates will be announced at the skippers meeting.
- 8.4 Once a race is started, the number of legs shall not be changed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 All marks used will be identified at the skippers meeting.
- 9.2 When changing the next leg of the course, the new mark, will be distinguishable from the old mark.

10. THE START

10.1 Timing:

- 5 minutes - Class flag up
- 4 minutes - Prep flag up
- 1 minute - Prep flag down
- Start – Class flag down

10.2 The class flag will be the E Scow Insignia flag.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat or an inflatable mark.

10.4 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s) and will function as an extension of the Race Committee boat. Boats shall not pass between the Race Committee vessel and an inflatable buoy tethered to it.

11. RECALLS

11.1 In the event of an individual recall or for boats disqualified under Rule 30.3, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of boats that are identified as OCS on the designated Race Committee VHF radio channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the Competitor VHF channel will not be grounds for redress. (This is in addition to and changes *RRS 29.1, 30.3 and 62.1 (a).*)

11.2 The Individual Recall flag will be displayed until all boats have started properly, but no later than five (5) minutes after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1.

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 The new mark will be distinguishable from the old mark.

12.2 The Race Committee will broadcast any course changes over the Competitor VHF channel.

13. FINISH

13.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby inflatable mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1(a) and 44.2 are changed as so the penalty shall be a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 30 minutes, or finishes within two and (2) hours of the start shall be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored one additional point more than the number of boats that finished within that time. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 You have come to Boyne City and Lake Charlevoix to have a terrific time and lots of fun. There is no protest committee for this regatta. Let's have an event that is relaxing and enjoyable both off and on the water.

17. SCORING

17.1 Seven (7) races are scheduled.

17.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS* Appendix "A" shall apply.

18. PRIZES

18.1 The final awards presentation will occur as soon as the last boat is out of the water and on the trailer.

19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

19.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race course between races shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing or calling on Competitors VHF channel, and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions when the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19.2 Boats not intending to leave the harbor for the day's racing shall report this to the Race Committee via calling on the Competitors VHF channel, and receive acknowledgement.

19.3 In the event of changing weather conditions, the Race Committee shall inform the competitors of any required action, during or between races, by VHF radio

20. Replacement of Crew

20.1 Yachts may change crew, or the number of crew, during the event.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to *RRS* 4, Decision to Race. In the case of a competitor less than eighteen years of age, his/her parent or legal guardian is so responsible.

21.2 The Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club and Marina, Boyne City Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization (including the NESAs) or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

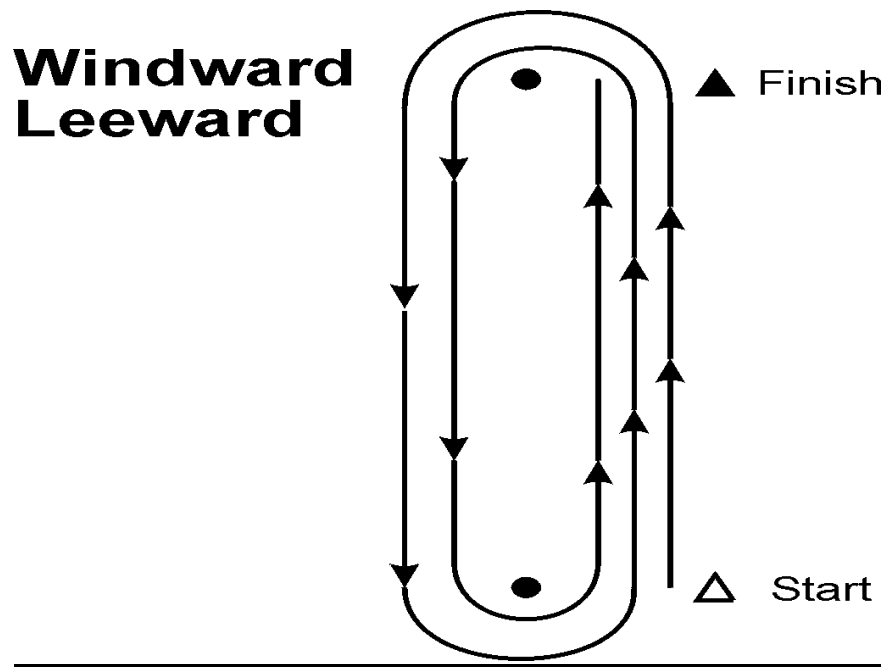
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NCESA website: www.e-scow.org

ADDENDUM - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS



Leeward gates are an option
Windward offset mark is an option
The number of legs will be specified prior to the race.