

88th Western Michigan Yachting Association Championship Regatta

Hosted by Crystal Lake Yacht Club

WMYA Commodore – Mike Terry

Aug 2- Aug. 5, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] and the Class Rules of the C scow class, the E scow class, the MC scow class, the Butterfly class, the Laser class and the Optimist Dinghy class, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions. Rule changes will be listed in the **Important Additional Information** listed below. All rule changes will be listed in the Sailing Instructions.

Advertising: Advertising will be restricted to category A.

Eligibility: Participants that are members of a WMYA club must have paid all event fees before becoming official competitors. Non-member skippers will be allowed to race by paying an additional \$25.00 fee.

Entry: Entry fee is \$30 for Butterflies or Optimist Prams and \$60 for all other fleets. **On-line registration is strongly encouraged** and may be found at <http://www.wmya.org>. On-line registration begins June 1, 2017.

Schedule:

Online registration begins June 1, 2017

Tuesday 8/1/17 Registration 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
On site registration, sailing info, and meal ticket pick-up

Annual Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday 8/2/17 Registration 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Competitors Briefing

All Fleets 8:30 am

Racing Schedule - *Posted times are for the warning signal.*

10:00 a.m. – Back-to-back – MC, Butterfly, Laser

2:00 p.m. – Back-to-back – E, C, Opti

Thursday 8/3/17

10:00 a.m. – Back-to-back – E, C, Opti
2:00 p.m. – Back-to-back – MC, Butterfly, Laser

Friday 8/4/17

10:00 a.m. – Back-to-back – MC, Butterfly, Laser
2:00 p.m. – Back-to-back – E, C, Opti

Saturday 8/5/17

10:00 a.m. – E, C, Opti
12:30 p.m. – MC, Butterfly, Laser

No races to start after 2:00pm Saturday

Trophy presentation following completion of the last race.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing instructions will be available in the WMYA program and at <http://www.wmya.org>.

Venue: Courses will be sailed on the waters of Crystal Lake.

Judging: On the water judging may be used by the Race Committee.

Scoring: The scoring system shall be the Appendix A4.1, low point system. Two [2] races must be completed for a class to constitute a regatta. A yacht's score will be the sum of all her races.

Radio Communication: A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

Prizes: Prizes will be given as follows:

E Scow	1 st through 4 th place, Skipper and Crew
C Scow	1 st through 2 nd place, Skipper and Crew
MC Scow	1 st through 12 th place, 1 Junior, 1 Grand Master, 1 Master, 1 Women
Butterfly (Open)	1 st place
Butterfly (Jr.)	1 st through 11 th place, Skipper and Crew
Laser-Radial	1 st through 2 nd place,
Laser- Standard rig	1 st through 4 th place, 1 Woman, 1 Junior
Optimist Pram	1 st through 4 th place

Participants must notify registration for inclusion in the Master, Grand Master, Women and Junior Divisions. Master and Grand Master may also compete for regular and perpetual trophies.

Disclaimer of Liability: 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.

Important Additional Information

Butterfly Junior Division: There must be two [2] people on board each yacht, neither of whom have reached age 17 prior to the first day of the regatta. Crews may be changed at any time during the regatta. No Minimum weight restrictions. A USCG approved Life Jacket must be worn by each sailor completely zipped or buckled. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Optimist Pram: There may be one [1] or two [2] people on board each yacht, neither of whom has reached age 16 prior to the first day of the regatta. Crews may be changed at any time during the regatta. A USCG approved Life Jacket must be worn by each sailor completely zipped or buckled. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Valid measurement certificates are not required.

MC Junior Division: Not yet 21 years of age on the first day of the regatta.

MC Grand Master Division: 65 years of age by the first day of the regatta.

Master Division: E, C, MC: 50 years of age by the first day of the regatta.

Laser Junior Division: Not yet 17 years of age on the first day of the regatta

A judge's boat may be used to run the starting line as an aid to competitors in determining the starting line prior to the start.

Code Flag Y: When code flag Y [Yellow and red stripe] is displayed, all skippers and crews must wear a USCG approved PFD. If not worn, the yacht will then receive a DSQ for that race.

Boat Weight Compliance Forms must be signed by the owner prior to racing. Boats may be weighed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

USCG approved life jackets must be aboard a yacht for all sailors on all classes and their use is encouraged. C, E, and MCs are required to have a USCG approved throwable device on board.

Decision to Race: The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue to racing is hers alone. RRS 4.

Outside Assistance: MC, Butterfly, and Opti classes that capsize may receive outside assistance and may continue to race without penalty.

Decisions of Regatta Committee are final in the awarding of prizes at this regatta.

Official Race Committee boats may not pick up or deliver any racing crews, except in an emergency.

Courtesy Broadcasts may be available to all classes except Optimist, Butterfly, and Laser. These broadcasts may report any signals displayed by the race committee. Errors or omissions of these broadcasts will not be considered grounds for redress.

Further Information: contact WMYA Executive Secretary – Brett Hatton hattonb@shapecorp.com