



BEAVER ISLAND RACE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

Organizing Authority
Little Traverse Yacht Club
Harbor Springs, Michigan

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Safety and Responsibility:** Each yacht owner and skipper is responsible for the safety of his or her yacht, crew and guests, and by participating in this event, warrants and represents for the benefit of his or her crew, guests, club, participants and spectators of the event that the yacht is seaworthy, is equipped and outfitted in accordance with these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Notice of Race (NOR), the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), US Coast Guard and State of Michigan laws and regulations as applicable, and that the crew is experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in all weather conditions. **Each yacht owner and skipper has the sole responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue in the event. Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his or her yacht's crew, before, during and after the event, both afloat and ashore.** Conduct deemed unbecoming may result in the yacht being disqualified.
2. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017 - 2020 including the prescriptions of US Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
3. **Entries:** Eligible yachts may be entered by satisfying the entry requirements as defined in the NOR.
4. **Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring.
5. **Changes to The Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to these SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day of the race.

6. **Schedule of Races:** The event has two scheduled races - one on *Saturday* and one on *Sunday*. The schedule is as follows:
 - 6.1. *Saturday:* Each yacht shall leave the LTYC “B” mark to port at or after their scheduled time as described below.
 - 6.2. *Sunday:* 0900 hours Skippers’ Meeting at Beaver Island Dock
 - 6.3. *Sunday:* 0955 hours Warning signal for all yachts
7. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be on the north half of Lake Michigan between Harbor Springs and Beaver Island.
8. **Courses:**
 - 8.1. *Saturday:* The start will be between the LTYC “B” mark and the shoreline of Harbor Point (leaving mark “B” to port). The finish will be between buoys N “2” and C “1” at the entrance to St. James Harbor, Beaver Island.
 - 8.2. *Sunday:* The start will be in the vicinity of the C “1” mark and in accordance with the instructions provided at the skipper’s meeting on Sunday at 0900. The finish will be between the LTYC “B” mark and the shoreline of Harbor Point (mark “B” left to starboard).
9. **Starting:**
 - 9.1. *Saturday:* Each yacht will be given a starting time, with the earliest start time being 1000 hours. Yachts shall not start (i.e. pass mark “B”) prior to their designated start time). Starting times will be distributed via email prior to 1700 hours on Friday, August 2. In the event of a starting delay, all starting times will be pushed back the same amount, as communicated by the race committee via email and/or on VHF Channel 73.
 - 9.2. *Sunday:* All yachts shall start using the system as described at the Sunday Skipper’s Meeting.
10. **Finishing:** No RC boat will be on station for the finishes on either day. All yachts will take their own time of finish (using GPS clock time) and report their finish time (as well as the identity of the boat(s) ahead and behind, if visible) via text message to the LTYC Rear Commodore at 215-917-6825 as soon as possible after their finish.

11. **Time Limits:** If any yacht does not finish by 1900 hours on Saturday or 1800 hours on Sunday, the race for that day is abandoned.
12. **Scoring:**
 - 12.1. The low-point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS, will be used. Each race not abandoned counts separately.
 - 12.2. Any yacht not promptly reporting a finish time to the LTYC Race Committee will not be scored.
13. **Retirement:** A yacht that retires from a race is asked to notify a Race Committee boat before leaving the race area. If this is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a Regatta representative at Regatta Headquarters at Little Traverse Yacht Club or on Beaver Island.
14. **Protests:** Protests, on US Sailing forms, must be filed with the LTYC Race Committee within sixty minutes of the yacht's finish time. Protests will be heard promptly after filing if possible.
15. **Prizes:** First, second and third place yachts will receive a flag.