

Little Traverse Yacht Club

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Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority is the Little Traverse Yacht Club and will conduct a series of sail yacht races for:

- A. The Northern Michigan One Design
- B. The J/105 One Design
- C. Tuesday Night Fleet
- D. Alerion 28 One Design
- E. Other, as requested

1. Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 Class Rules will apply unless waived by the Fleet Captain and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3 The LTYC Sailing Instructions
- 1.4 All boats competing in any LTYC sponsored series shall carry safety gear conforming to USCG regulations, MDNR and the US Sailing RRS.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Section A and Section B will apply. **T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT:** The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 These races are open to sailing yachts whose owners or charterers are members of the LTYC.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the LTYC registration forms on www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required entry fee prior to start of each series.
- 2.3 The Fleet Captain or Race Committee may issue a special invitation to participate, no fee will apply.

3. Schedule

- 3.1 Racing starts are the times and dates specified on the "Little Traverse Yacht Club Calendar" and posted on the Official Notice.

3.2

The Tuesday Night Series will be divided into two Classes (one for boats using spinnakers and one for boats without spinnakers) with 4 Fleets (Tuesday night spinnaker boats, J 105, Alerion 28 and JAM).

Class A Tuesday night spinnaker Fleet and J 105

Class B Alerion 28 and JAM (jib and main)

4. **Measurement**

- 4.1 NM's shall conform to the "Northern Michigan Class Rule" as adopted by the NM Class Association.
- 4.2 Boats shall obtain a LMPHRF rating certificate.
- 4.3 Measurement or inspection may be performed by the Fleet Captain or his appointees at any time.

5. **Notification of Amendment to Sailing Instructions:**

The Official Notice Board is located inside the Yacht Club. Notices may also be posted on the Irish Boat Shop bulletin board. Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted at least two (2) hours before a scheduled start.

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6. **Courses:**

- 6.1 For NM, J/105 and Tuesday Night boats, the course will be displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.
- 6.2 The course is indicated as a sequence of letters designating marks (as shown on the race buoy location chart). The background color indicates direction of "rounding," red for port, green for starboard. If the NM Fleet is using a portable mark, it will be indicated by the letter "X".
- 6.3 For Tuesday Night boats, the course for Class A boats will be posted on the port side of the Committee Boat. The course for Class B boats will be posted on the starboard side of the Committee Boat.

7. **Radio Communications:**

All racing yachts shall monitor the official LTYC Race Channel, VHF 73. Radio communications may be transmitted as early as 1815.

8. **Starting Times and Sequence:**

- 8.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. Starting times are as scheduled in "Little Traverse Yacht Club Calendar," but may be postponed by the Race Committee. Check the board at the Yacht Club for current information.
- 8.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting

area during the starting sequence for other races.

8.3 For Tuesday Night boats, Class A boats will start first; Class B boats will start second. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be the starting signal of the preceding class. Class flags will be displayed by the Committee Boat as follows:

Class A - Green
Class B - Blue

8.4 For Tuesday Night boats, the warning signal for the first start will be at 1755 hours. If the number of boats present on a given night does not warrant a separate start for each class, the Race Committee may decide to have more than one class start at the same time. The race committee will communicate the change in starting sequence to all boats by VHF radio (channel 73) before the warning signal.

8.5 If there is a general recall of a class, the class recalled shall start following the start of all other classes.

8.6 The Race Committee may shorten the Course by radio notification. This changes rules 32 and 33.

9. Individual Recalls:

In addition to the display of code flag X and one sound signal, the Race Committee may attempt to hail the yacht's sail number by loud hailer and/or radio, but is under no obligation to hail or to be heard.

10. Time Limit:

If one or more boats of a class finish within the time limit, the race counts for all boats in that class. NM - one hour to first mark, three hours to finish. J/105- 45 minutes to first mark; two hours to finish. Tuesday Night Fleet - 45 minutes to first mark, two hours to finish for all classes.

11. Scoring:

The low point scoring system found in Appendix A of the RRS will apply except that each boat's total series score will be the sum of her scores for all races within each series.

11.1 One (1) throw-out will be allowed in the Tuesday Night Summer Series.

11.2 Two (2) throw-outs will be allowed in the NM Saturday Series.

Individual class series scoring shall be posted on the Official Notice Board by the Fleet Captains.

12. Protests:

A yacht intending to protest shall (unless circumstances make it impossible) inform the Race Committee aboard the Committee Boat of her intent at the time of her finish.

All protests should be submitted on the United States Sailing Association Protest Form available at the LTYC Clubhouse. Protests must be submitted to either the Race Committee or inserted in the "Protest" container at the LTYC within one (1)

hour of the docking of the Race Committee boat. If possible, the protest will be heard very shortly after the protest is filed.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.

14. Code of Conduct

Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his crew, before, during and after racing, afloat and ashore. Any questions, concerns or feedback in regard to the Race Committee or other race related issues should be directed solely to the Sailing Committee Chairman. Conduct deemed unbecoming to a yachtsperson may result in disciplinary action and possible disqualification.