

Little Traverse Yacht Club
48th Annual Regatta
Including the
2008 ROLEX US-IRC National Championship
and the
2008 LTYC PHRF Regatta
Harbor Springs, Michigan USA
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 25, 26, and 27, 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS v4

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing; the prescriptions of US SAILING; these Sailing Instructions, and the Notice of Race.
- 1.2 For the 2008 ROLEX US-IRC National Championship, (IRC, Division 1) the 2008 IRC Class Rule, parts 1, 2, and 3 shall apply.
- 1.3 For the 2008 LTYC PHRF Regatta, (PH, Division 2), the 2008 Lake Michigan PHRF Rule shall apply. Time on distance scoring will be utilized.
- 1.4 Class rules for eligible one-design classes shall apply except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Each boat shall be equipped with auxiliary power and fuel for 6 miles. Each boat shall sail in compliance with equipment regulations of the US Coast Guard and the State of Michigan, and within the rules of their class or handicapping system.
- 1.6 The IRC Certificate crew number limitations will apply for IRC, Division 1.
- 1.7 The J/105 crew weight limit will not be in effect as long as there are no more than six crew members.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 The Regatta is classified as Category C under ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Competitors in IRC, Division 1, are required to display bow stickers and backstay pennants supplied by ROLEX.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1** The 2008 ROLEX US-IRC National Championship and the 2008 LTYC PHRF Regatta is open to boats in compliance with (i) the Notice of Race and (ii) these Sailing Instructions.

4. Notices to Competitors

- 4.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the first floor of the Little Traverse Yacht Club.

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Little Traverse Yacht Club.
- 6.2** If the AP (postponement) Flag is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP Flag is lowered ashore. This modifies RRS-Race Signals.

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1** Friday, July 25, 2008
Classes: All IRC, Division 1, and PH, Division 2, OD classes
Three races, windward-leeward, are scheduled for each Class with separate courses for each Division
First signal, 1030
- 7.2** Saturday, July 26, 2008
Classes: All IRC, Division 1 and PH, Division 2 classes
One "Tour of the Bay" race is scheduled in all Classes in each Division
First signal, 1100
- 7.3** Sunday, July 27, 2008
Classes: All
Three windward-leeward races are scheduled for each Class with separate courses for each Division
First signal, 1030

8. Divisions, Classes, Class Flags and Pennants

- 8.1** Divisions and classes will be designated on the Scratch Sheets provided with these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2** Class flags will be solid colors as designated on Attachment **A** (There are separate attachments for IRC, Division 1 and PH, Division 2)
- 8.3** Class pennants of the same colors will be provided and shall be displayed from the backstay, or stern rail if no backstay, while racing.

9. Racing Areas

- 9.1 Attachment **B** shows the location of racing areas and the locations of the fixed and set marks for Saturday's Tour of the Bay race.
- 9.2 For Friday and Sunday windward/leeward racing, the rendezvous points will be as follow:
IRC, Division 1 – LTYC fixed mark "M"
PH, Division 2 – LTYC fixed mark "G"
- 9.3 For Saturday, the rendezvous point for all boats will be at LTYC fixed mark "G", "I", or "W" as marked by the Race Committee Boat, EDITH I.

10. The Courses

- 10.1 The courses for **Friday and Sunday** will be windward/leeward, from 2 to 6 legs. Windward/leeward courses will be sailed with marks to be left to port. A course board will display the number of legs to be sailed. For example, "4" would indicate 4 legs: windward, leeward, windward and finish to leeward at the Race Committee boat.
- 10.2 For IRC, Division 1, classes 1 and 2 on Friday and Sunday, and for PH, Division 2, classes 1, 2 and 3 on Sunday, the weather mark will be set 0.5 - 0.75 NM beyond the weather mark for the other classes.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may set a leeward gate. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If no gate is in place, boats should round the single leeward mark, leaving it to port. The leeward mark or gate will be to windward of the start/finish lines. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for a final downwind leg.
- 10.4 The course for **Saturday** is a multi-leg "Tour of the Bay" race of 7 to 10 legs. The course for the day is chosen by the Race Committee, seeking to orient the legs generally upwind and downwind. Both fixed and set marks are utilized.(See Attachment B) The course for the faster classes is extended with longer legs.
- 10.5 There are separate Tour of the Bay courses for the faster and slower boats in each Division. The Tour of the Bay courses for IRC Division 1, Classes 1 and 2, and PH, Division 2, Classes 1, 2 (J/120) and 3, are detailed in Attachment C, Long Course. The Tour of the Bay courses for IRC Division 1, Classes 3 and 4, and PH, Division 2, Classes 4 (J/105) and 5, are detailed in Attachment C, Short Course.
- 10.6 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number for each class.

11. Marks

- 11.1 Marks will be a combination of LTYC fixed marks and inflatable marks. LTYC fixed marks are orange cylinders with the buoy identification letter printed in black on the cylinder. **Skippers please note: Bay View Sail Club marks are of a similar character, but without the identification letter, and are located near the LTYC "T" mark.** The 2nd page of Attachment B shows the approximate compass headings and distances of the LTYC fixed marks with latitude/longitude reference.

11.2 For windward/leeward racing on Friday and Sunday, the leeward gates and the windward marks (there will be no windward offset marks) will utilize yellow inflatable marks, and the finish marks will be orange inflatable marks.

12. The Start

12.1 The starting line will be between an LTYC fixed mark (as described in **9. Racing Areas** above) and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat.

12.2 A guard mark, which shall rank as a mark, may be trailed from the race committee signal boat. Do not sail between the guard mark and the race committee signal boat.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is a rectangle 100 yards deep immediately behind the starting line.

13. Recalls

13.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may attempt to hail or broadcast the recalled boat's sail number on VHF channel 79 for IRC, Division 1, boats (and all PH, Division 2, boats on Saturday) and on VHF Channel 69 for PH, Division 2, boats on Friday and Sunday, but is under no obligation to do so. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress.

14. Change of Position of the Next Mark

14.1 On Friday and Sunday, a signal board with the letters for the classes for which the change of course applies will be used. If the change is for the windward leg, the new mark will be an orange inflatable for the first change unless the first change is for the final leg. When subsequent changes of course are signaled, the yellow and orange marks will be alternated. If the change is for a leeward leg, the original yellow gate marks will be moved into the new position, unless the change is for the final leg.

14.2 Although the course may be shortened on Saturday, the position of the marks will not be changed during the Tour of the Bay Race.

15. The Finish

15.1 For windward/leeward racing on **Friday and Sunday**, the finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark on the opposite side of the race committee signal boat from the starting line.

15.2 For Saturday racing, unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32, the finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and LTYC fixed mark "H". The Race Committee may shorten the course for some, but not necessarily all, classes.

15.3 Within 90 minutes of her finish of the last race each day, each boat shall deliver her completed Finish Card to the Regatta Desk at the LTYC Clubhouse. On Sunday, each boat shall also deliver her Class Pennant to the Regatta Desk.

16. Penalty System

16.1 A boat that may have broken RRS Part 2 while racing may take either a Two Turns (turn clockwise or counterclockwise until you have made 2 tacks and 2 jibes) Penalty (RRS 44.2) **or** may take a Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3). The Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered, but not less than 2 places. This changes RRS 44.3.

16.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Desk within the protest time limit.

17. Time Limits

17.1 For windward/leeward racing on Friday and Sunday, the first boat in each class must finish within 2 hours of her start. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below.

17.2 For Saturday's Tour of the Bay, the first boat in each class must finish within 6 hours of her start. Boats failing to finish within 2 hours of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below.

18. Protests and Request for Redress

18.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 60 minutes after the protesting boat has finished the last race of the day. The jury may extend this time limit under extenuating circumstances.

18.2 Notices will be posted on the official notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room on the second floor of the LTYC Clubhouse as soon as possible thereafter.

18.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

19. Scoring

19.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes: Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters.

19.2 There will be no Throw-out race in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.

19.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

19.4 The "Tour of the Bay" race will be weighted at 1.5 in determining the winner of each class.

19.5 The Best Overall Performance in each division, and thus the Division Champion shall be determined as follows:

For IRC, Division 1, the combined corrected seconds per mile for all races completed will be calculated for the winner of each class. The class winning boat with the lowest combined corrected seconds per mile is the Division Champion.

For PH, Division 2, the combined corrected seconds per mile for all races completed on Saturday and Sunday will be calculated for the winner of each class. The class winning boat with the lowest combined corrected seconds per mile is the Division Champion.

20. Retirement

20.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21. Discharge of Refuse

21.1 Discharge of refuse while racing shall be subject to protest and penalty.

22. Conduct of Competitors

22.1 Each boat owner or skipper is responsible for the conduct of his crew before, during, and after the event, both afloat and ashore. Conduct unbecoming to a yachtsperson may result in the boat being penalized.

23. Radio Communication

23.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. All IRC, Division 1 boats (and all PH, Division 2 boats on Saturday) are requested to monitor VHF channel 79 for Race Committee announcements. PH, Division 2 boats and One-Design boats are asked to monitor VHF channel 69 on Friday and Sunday.

24. Awards

24.1 Awards will be presented on Sunday at the LTYC Clubhouse following racing.

24.2 The ROLEX US-IRC National Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat in IRC, Division 1, with the best overall performance in the division. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

24.3 The Little Traverse Yacht Club Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat in PH, Division 2, with the best overall performance in the division. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

25. Disclaimer of Liability

25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

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