

LITTLE TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB BEAVER ISLAND RACE AUGUST 13 & 14, 2011 HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Organizing Authority: U S Sailing

Host Organization: Little Traverse Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each yacht owner or skipper is responsible for the safety of his yacht, crew and guests, and by participating in this event, warrants and represents for the benefit of his crew, guests, club, participants and spectators of the event that his yacht is seaworthy, is equipped and outfitted in accordance with the Notice of Race and that his crew is experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in all weather conditions.

Each yacht owner or 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 yacht's crew, before, during and after the event, afloat and ashore. Conduct deemed unbecoming to a yachtsman or gentleman may result in the yacht being disqualified.

2. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the "Notice of Race."
3. **Entries:** Eligible yachts may be entered by satisfying the entry requirements as defined in the "Notice of Race."
4. **Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located inside of the Little Traverse Yacht Club.
5. **Changes In The Sailing Instructions:** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day of the race.
6. **Schedule of Races:** The regatta has scheduled two races - one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, August 13	0900 hours	Sign in at LTYC, Skippers' meeting
	1015 hours	Warning signal for Division II
	1055 hours	Warning signal for Division I
Sunday, August 14	0900 hours	Skippers' Meeting at Dock
Sunday, August 14	1000 hours	Warning signal for all Boats

7. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be on the north half of Lake Michigan between Harbor Springs and Beaver Island.
8. **Divisions, Classes and Courses:** The fleet will be divided into two divisions. The courses for **Saturday races are:** Race from Harbor Springs to St. James, Beaver Island. The starting mark for all classes will be determined at the skippers' meeting. The finish line is between N "2" and C "1" at the entrance to St. James Harbor. A committee boat may or may not be on station, so be prepared to take your own time. If the committee boat is on station, finish between the committee boat and C "1". The courses for **Sunday are:** Race from St. James, Beaver Island to Harbor Springs. Start in accordance with instructions at the Skippers' Meeting. If committee boat is not on station, leave the finish buoy to Port and take your own time. For handicapping purposes, an assumed course length of 33 miles is used for Division I and an assumed course length of 29 miles is used for Division II for both races.
9. **Time Limits:** If a yacht from **Division I** or **Division II** does not finish by **1900 hours** on Saturday or **1800 hours** on Sunday, the race for the day is canceled.
10. **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.
11. **Protests:** Protests, on US Sailing forms, must be filed with the Fleet Captain within ninety minutes of the protesting yachts' finish time. Protests will be heard promptly after filing if possible.
12. **Scoring:** The low-point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules, will be used with all races sailed counting. You are responsible for completing a score card and returning it to LTYC immediately after finishing.
13. **Prizes and Awards Ceremony:** The fleet will be divided into two divisions. First, second, and third in each division will receive flags.