

Little Traverse Yacht Club

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Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. **The Little Traverse Yacht Club 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. Other, as requested

Racing starts are on the times and dates specified on the "Little Traverse Yacht Club Calendar", or as stated in specific Notice of Race or specific Sailing Instructions.

Each yacht owner or skipper is responsible for the safety of his yacht, crew and guests, and by participating in any event, warrants and represents that his yacht is seaworthy 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 and crewmember acknowledges that he participates in an event at his own risk and releases Club from any loss or liability arising from the participation by the yacht owner and crewmembers in the event. Each yacht owner will have the sole responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue in an event and is solely responsible for the conduct of his yacht's crew before, during, and after any event covered in the "Notice of Race".

All boats competing in any LTYC sponsored series shall carry safety gear conforming to USCG regulations, MDNR, and the US Sailing RRS.

2. **LTYC Invitational Regatta:**

The LTYC Invitational Regatta will have separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. **Separate registration is required by advance registration date on Regatta entry form.**
3. **Beaver Island Regatta:**

The Beaver Island Regatta will include a race to Beaver Island on Saturday and a race to Harbor Springs on Sunday. Supplementary sailing instructions are issued for this Regatta and courses are subject to change. The fleet is limited to Offshore boats 25 feet L.O.A. or greater. Separate registration is required.

4. **General Authority and Racing Rules:**

The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, as adopted by U.S. Sailing, the rules of each class concerned, and the LTYC Sailing Instructions. The race committee has full authority to conduct these races. No boat may be launched from the LTYC waterfront or stored on LTYC property unless it is owned by LTYC or Little Traverse Sailors.

5. **Eligibility and Entry:**

These races are open to sailing yachts whose owners or charterers are members of the LTYC Club and have pre-registered to race and have paid their racing fee, or who have received special invitation to participate from the respective Fleet Captain or Race Committee. Racing fees must be paid before racing. Non-payment results in non-entry and non-scoring, except when issued special invitation.

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

The official notice board is inside the Yacht Club. Notices may also be posted on the Irish Boat Shop bulletin board. Any notice of change in the Sailing Instructions must be posted at least two (2) hours before a scheduled start to be effective.

7. **Class and Measurement Rules and Ratings:**

NM's shall conform to the "Northern Michigan Class Rule" as adopted by the NM Class Association.

The Tuesday Night Series will be divided into two classes. Boats with LMPHRF ratings of 100 and below will race in Class A. The Alerion 28s will race in Class B. The Fleet Captain shall make any final decision as to which class is appropriate for any particular boat.

8. **Measurement and Inspections:**

Measurement or inspection may be performed by the Fleet Captain or his appointees at any time.

9. **Courses:**

For NM, J/105 and Tuesday Night boats, the course is selected by the Fleet Captain and displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal. Starts will normally be at buoys H, R, I, or G. Yachts should proceed to the starting area where the committee boat is and record the course as displayed. For special events such as the Regatta and the Beaver Island Race, the course will be defined in separate instructions.

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".

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.

10. Radio Communications:

All racing yachts should monitor the official LTYC Race Channel, VHF 73.

11. Starting Times and Sequence:

Starting sequence will be RRS 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. The course for the next starting class will be displayed (or changed) with her preparatory signal. A yacht whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of any yacht whose warning signal has been made.

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:

Fleet A - Green
Fleet B - Blue

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 Fleet Captain 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. All classes whose flags are displayed with the warning signal will start together

If there is a general recall of a class, the class recalled shall start following the start of all other classes. In the event of light winds, the Fleet Captain will select a short course in an effort to avoid exceeding the Time Limit.

12. Individual Recalls:

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

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

15. Protests:

A yacht intending to protest shall (unless circumstances make it impossible - sinking, dismasting, missing Committee Boat) 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. Protests must be submitted to either the Race Committee or inserted in the "Protest" container at the LTYC within one (1) hour of the finish of the protesting yacht. If possible, the protest will be heard very shortly after the protest is filed.

16. Disposal of Waste or Trash:

Following protests, yachts observed discharging trash over the side might be penalized in all races sailed on day the infraction was observed.