

Eagle Lake Open MC Regatta
June 8, 2024 @ Eagle Lake Sailing Club



24046 South Shore Drive
Edwardsburg MI 49112

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Boats shall be subject to the MC Class Rules, except as noted in the Notice of Race (NOR), or the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3 **Rule 41 - Outside Help** – This rule is modified so that a capsized MC may receive outside assistance, without penalty, and may continue to race so long as she sails the entire course and finishes properly.
- 1.4 Only one sail number may be used for each boat. Any changes must be approved by the PRO (Principal Race Officer).
- 1.5 **RRS 44.2 - One-Turn Penalties Only** – This rule is changed to a one turn penalty for all penalties incurred on the course. All remaining rule verbiage in 44.2 remains the same as written.
- 1.6 **VHF Radio Communication** – Is at the discretion of the PRO. Do not expect radio communication at the Eagle Lake Open.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES – Posted times are for the warning signal. A total of five (5) races are scheduled.

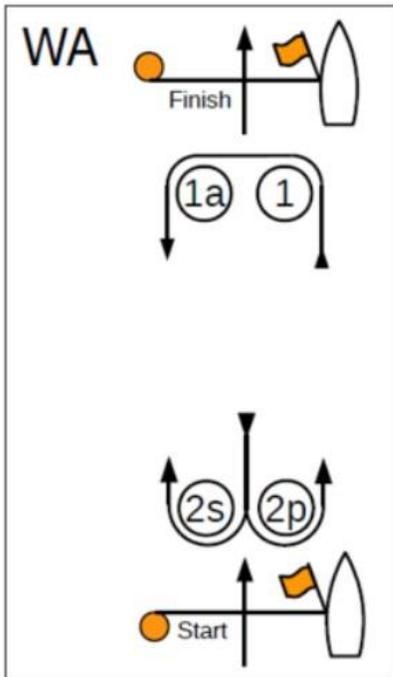
- 2.1 Daily Schedule:
- 2.2 Saturday 6/8/24. Five (5) races are scheduled with 1st race warning signal at 10 AM wind permitting (note that races may be sailed under our class minimums for sanctioned regattas, and we have no way of measuring wind speed at the club). Second race (and remaining races) immediately to follow OR at the discretion of the PRO. Notification will be made on VHF channel 73 and / or loud hailer of the Race Committee's intent to continue races or provide lunch break. Note using VHF Radios is at the discretion of the PRO.
- 2.3 No warning signal will be made after 3:30 PM. If it is close to 3:30 PM and the course needs to be reset no further racing will be held.

3 COURSES:

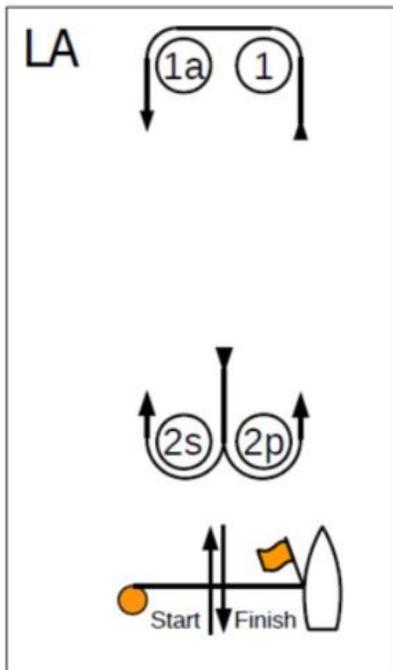
- 3.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course.
- 3.2 An "Offset" mark will be set 90 degrees off the windward mark at a distance of approximately 3-5 boat lengths from the windward mark. If the Windward mark or the offset mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 3.3 Gate marks will be used for all races. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either gate mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

3.4

The course diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The supplement may include additional courses.



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

4 MARKS:

- 4.1 All marks will be orange except the off-set mark may be of another color (possibly yellow).

5 THE START:

- 5.1 Races will be started by using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. We do not have a Z flag, but the OCS penalty will be as noted in the Notice Of Race.
- 5.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag, on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line, and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 5.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start). This changes RRS Rule A 4.

6 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS:

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee will sound one horn if there is an OCS boat(s). The race committee will endeavor to hail any boat recalled by a loud hailer. If the PRO elects to use radio communications, then channel 73 will be used and they will endeavor to notify the OCS boat(s). Hails are for courtesy only. It is each skipper's responsibility to make a proper start. **AGAIN, NOTE THAT AN OCS BOAT IS NOT TO RETURN TO AND DIP THE LINE. THAT BOAT'S SAIL NUMBER WILL BE NOTED AND A 20% PENTALY OF THE BOATS FINISHING THAT RACE WILL BE APPLIED TO HER SCORE SO IF YOU ARE OCS AT THE START KEEP RACING!!!**

7 THE FINISH:

- 7.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 8.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a post-race penalty for that incident.
- 8.2 Post race penalties shall be:
 - a. 20% if taken before the protest time limit. (Minimum 2 places)
 - b. 30% if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident. (Minimum 3 places)
- 8.3 Secured positions – If the race committee deems it necessary in order to maintain the regatta schedule, and at the sole discretion of the Race Committee, the Race Committee may “secure” the position of any boat in the race and will score that boat in that position as if they have actually finished the race in that position. This modifies Rule 35, A4, A5 and changes the definition of “Finish”.

9 HEARING REQUESTS:

- 9.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the finish boat after all boats have finished. Any attempt to notify the finish boat before all boats have finished, may be ignored. This changes RRS 61.1a.
- 9.2 Protest forms are available near the Official Notice Board.

- 9.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2.
- 9.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The hearing will be held in the sailing school room located at the ELSC (West side) beginning at the time posted on the notice board.
- 9.5 A protesting skipper and the protested skipper must remain within the call of the arbitrator, protest committee, or at the discretion of the arbitrator or protest committee. The protest can be allowed or disallowed.

10 **SCORING:**

- 10.1 The low point scoring system RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 There will be one “throw out” race allowed after the fleet has completed five (5) races.
- 10.3 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

11 **SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

- 11.1 Each competitor, including skipper and crew, Parent or legal guardian, is ultimately responsible for such competitor’s safety.
- 11.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee boat before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.
- 11.3 Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform the Race Committee prior to the start of the first race of the day.
- 11.4 A boat that breaks SI 18.1, SI 18.2 may receive (without a hearing), a warning, a penalty, or a disqualification. This changes RRS 63.

12 **PRIZES:**

Prizes will be awarded to (only one piece of pottery to a contestant):

- ✓ **Awesome Perpetual Trophy to Winner** (the Champions name will be immortalized on the trophy but if taken home it must be returned to the ELSC just after Labor Day)
- ✓ **1st. through 4th. Overall**
- ✓ **Top Woman**
- ✓ **Top Youth (first person under the age of 25)**
- ✓ **Top Master (50-59 years)**
- ✓ **Top Grand Master (60-69 years)**
- ✓ **Top Mega Master (70-74 years)**
- ✓ **Top Old Salt (75 years and up)**

13 **TRASH DISPOSAL:**

Trash may be placed aboard Race Committee boats or race safety support boats.

14 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

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.

15 **RISK STATEMENT:**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other cases.