



## **2020 MCSA Master's Championship**

September 18-20, 2020

We welcome you to beautiful Clear Lake, Iowa – Regarded as one of the best Inland venues for sailboat racing; Host of many previous championship regattas, including the largest MC National Regatta ever held.

Included in the packet is the COVID-19 Protocol, Notice of Race, Social Venue highlights and much more valuable information regarding our slice of sailing heaven.

### **Traveling to Clear Lake**

Clear Lake is conveniently located off Interstate 35 and the Avenue of the Saints (Iowa 27/US 18) in Northern Iowa. We are the mid-point between Des Moines, Iowa and Minneapolis/St. Paul.





## **COVID-19 Response**

### **General**

The Clear Lake Yacht Club will follow the Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Federal CDC guidelines or requirements as applicable. The CLYC will make every effort to make this a safe and enjoyable event.

### **Use of the CLYC Clubhouse**

- While the clubhouse will be open, the interior of the clubhouse, generally, will not be used for this regatta and it is expected that all participants, when gathering, will do so outside and under the tent that will be on the CLYC grounds
- Bathrooms will be available for use throughout the regatta
- Hand sanitizing solution and wipes will be placed throughout the building and in the bathrooms. In addition, these products will be available outside during the registration / check-in process, boat launch / take out and lunches
- Commonly handled items like door knobs, faucets, slider doors, etc. will be wiped down periodically during the day and at the end of the day before the clubhouse is closed throughout the regatta

## **Onsite Registration**

- Registration will be done outside. CLYC will provide 2 people that will facilitate the check-in and registration process. Both individuals will be wearing a face covering
- Hand sanitizing solution and wipes will be available on the tables being used or nearby

## **Boat Launching / Haul Out**

- Boat launching / Haul out will be the responsibility of the participant. CLYC members helping in the process will social distance and comply with wearing a face covering when appropriate
- There will be a prescribed process for haul out to limit congestion and gathering at the ramp area and will be communicated to the participants during the check-in and registration process

## **Competitors Briefing**

- The competitors briefing will be done via VHF radio only. There will be no formal gathering at the CLYC and all competitors are advised to proceed to the private residence where their boat has been placed

## **Mooring / Placement of Boats**

- To reduce the opportunity to gather, there will be no mooring or overnight placement of competitor's boats at the CLYC clubhouse
- All boats will be placed at private residences near the sailing area

## **Lunches**

- All lunches will be individually packed and provided to participants outside the CLYC clubhouse prior to each day's racing and during the lunch period as determined by the Race Committee
- For those wishing to eat at the CLYC, they will be directed to the tent area where tables will be appropriately spaced. Hand sanitizer and/or wipes will be available in the tent area

## **Evening Events**

- The 2 evening events scheduled will be held outdoors to allow for maximum social distancing
- Tables and seating will be spaced in compliance with the current State of Iowa and CDC recommendations
- Food and drink will be provided individually. No kegs or buffet style food distribution will be provided

## **Housing**

- The CLYC, as regatta host, will not be providing any assistance with housing. Each participant is expected to make their own arrangements so that they can adhere to their own comfort level of social interaction

## **Spectator / Crew Boats**

- All boats will be provided with hand sanitizer and wipes for use by the participants and wiped down after each disembarkment
- Boats will not be filled to capacity to allow for social distancing by onboard guests
- Boat drivers will be instructed to be flexible and sensitive to individuals who may feel uncomfortable while onboard
- It will be recommended that face coverings be worn by passengers while onboard

## **Protest Hearings**

- Protest hearings will be conducted at the CLYC clubhouse outside and underneath the tent
- All tables and chairs will be spaced in compliance with the current State of Iowa and CDC recommendations
- Face coverings will be required by all in attendance

## **Trophy Presentation**

- The trophy presentations will be conducted outside the CLYC clubhouse under the tent or nearby



## Venue

## Entries and Eligibility

## Covid- 19

### Notice of Race

MC Fleet #36 and the Clear Lake Yacht Club cordially invite you to the

## ***MCSA Masters Championship Regatta*** **September 17 - 20, 2020**

Clear Lake Yacht Club, 103 Main Ave, Clear Lake, IA 50428

If arriving from the North or the South, exit I-35 at the northern Clear Lake exit (exit 194, Highway 18 West), go west to 8<sup>th</sup> street and turn south. Go to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N and turn west and proceed towards the lake. This will take you directly to the staging area for rigging your boat.

**This is an MC Sailing Association (MCSA) sanctioned event. It is open to skippers of MC scows who are current members of MCSA and 50 years of age on or before the first scheduled race.**

All yachts must comply with the MC class rules prior to the preparatory signal of the first scheduled race. A boat may sail with a different sail number from its hull number if it registers with that sail number, and must compete with that number for the entire event.

Each skipper must declare his/her age and will compete in the associated division.

- **Masters - 50 - 59 years**
- **Grand Master - 60 - 69 years**
- **Mega Master - 70 -79 years**
- **Old Salt - 80 years or older**
- **Member Signup / Information**

This event will follow the Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Federal CDC guidelines or requirements as applicable. The CLYC will make every effort to make this a safe and enjoyable event.

Please see the separate Covid-19 Response document for more details on what the MCSA and CLYC will be doing to limit participants' exposure to Covid-19:====>

**2020 Masters Regatta COVID-19 Response & Procedures**

## Rules

The organizing authority (OA) for this regatta is the MC Sailing Association (MCSA) in cooperation with the Clear Lake Yacht Club (CLYC).

The races will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1. The racing area at Clear Lake generally in the middle of the east end of Clear Lake, straight out from the yacht club.
2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be published here, and be posted on the official notice board located at the club.
3. Racing rules 30.1, 35, 41, 62.1, 62.2, A2, A4.2 and A11 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
4. Courses to be sailed are all windward leeward courses as shown in the Sailing Instructions.
5. VHF Radio (72) will be used by the RC to communicate with competitors on the water. Additional instructions regarding radio communication will be included in the SI's.
6. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat generated during an MCSA event to be published in any media authorized by MCSA for press, editorial or advertising purposes.
7. Safety Suggestion: MCSA encourages but does not require the use of masthead flotation panels when conditions warrant their use.
8. **2020 MCSA Masters Championship Sailing Instructions**

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

When fewer than 7 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

Seven races are scheduled. Three completed races shall constitute a regatta for awarding Perpetual Trophies. Keeper trophies will be awarded if at least one race has been completed. Awards will be based on her finishes in the overall fleet.

Keeper Trophies:

- Top 10 Overall
- Top 2 Grand Masters
- Top 2 Mega Masters
- Top Old Salt
- Top Woman

Perpetual Trophies:

- Regatta Winner
- Top Grand Master
- Top Mega Master

## Scoring & Trophies

## Schedule of Events

- Top Old Salt
- Top Woman

Address for return of previously won Perpetual Trophies:

Mark Tesar  
705 North Shore Drive  
Clear Lake, IA 50428

NOTE: All times shown are preliminary. Check the official Notice Board for updates.

Date	Time	Event
<b>Thursday Sept 17</b>	2:00-8:00pm	Check in & On-site registration. Avoid the rush the next morning. Come early and setup tonight!
	2:00pm	Practice Race - TBD
<b>Friday Sept 18</b>	7:00-9:00 am	Check in & On-site registration.
	8:30 am	Welcome & Competitors Briefing (VHF Channel 72 only)
	10:00am	Warning signal for first race of the day
	TBD	Racing as conditions permit
	TBD	Lunch
	TBD	Racing begins as Directed on Notice Board by the PRO
	TBD	Annual Membership Meeting- at the restaurant or club
	6:30 pm	Social Hour at PM Park Restaurant 15297 Raney Drive, Clear Lake
	7:30 pm	Dinner Party at PM Park Restaurant
<b>Saturday Sept 19</b>		
	TBD	Racing begins as Directed on Notice Board by the PRO
	TBD	Racing as conditions permit
	TBD	Lunch
	TBD	Racing begins as Directed on Notice Board by the PRO
	6:30 pm	Cocktail Party with heavy hors d'oeuvres & open bar at: Jeff Brakke's house 1929 North Shore Drive, Clear Lake
<b>Sunday Sept 20</b>		
	TBD	Racing begins as directed on Notice Board; If three races have been completed no warning signal will be made after 1200 hours. If three races have not been

	<p>completed this time limit is extended to 1500 hours. No warning signal shall be made after 1500.</p> <p>TBD Lunch &amp; Trophy Presentation at CLYC</p>
	<p><b>Please login to MSCA to register. The registration link will appear in the upper right hand corner. Please PAY AT THE EVENT, not on-line.</b></p> <p>Registration closes at 9:00 am on Friday, Sept 18.</p> <p>Boat Registration fee - \$185 if you register on or before Sept 7, \$195 afterwards.  <b>Skipper Registration fee entitles each registrant to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Lunches</li> <li>• Friday &amp; Saturday Night Dinner/Cocktail Parties.</li> <li>• Regatta Polo Shirt.</li> </ul>
Registration	<p>Additional Package of all Meals at \$80 each: (3) lunches,(1) dinner, (1) cocktail party.</p> <p>Additional Lunch at \$10 each</p> <p>Additional Friday Dinner Party at \$30 each</p> <p>Additional Saturday Cocktail Party with heavy hors d'oeuvres &amp; open bar at \$25 each</p> <p>Additional Polo Shirt at \$30 each. Please pre-order at early registration (before Sept 7th). Extra shirts at the event is not guaranteed.</p> <p>Checks can be made out to:  Clear Lake Yacht Club  Attn: Meg Casey  PO Box 29, Clear Lake, IA 50428</p>
Apparel	<p>Regatta Shirts ordered by Sept 7th will be available at registration. Regatta Shirts ordered after Sept 7th may be available for your size onsite. If not, then they will be re-ordered and mailed to you. There will be a limited quantity of shirts for sale onsite at the regatta on a first come first serve basis.</p>
Launching/ Mooring	<p>Launching will be using the two boat ramps at the CLYC.  Boats will be assigned to a CLYC member dock.</p> <p>Trailer parking will be at a designated parking lot approximately 10 blocks from the CLYC. Directions / signs will be in place to direct the drive to the parking lot.</p>
Accommodations	<p>Due to the current concerns over Covid-19, the CLYC will not be providing or assisting with any housing requests. Participants are encouraged to seek their own</p>



## Questions

## Disclaimer of Liability

## Copyright Notice

accommodations.

If you are interested in lodging, click [here](#) for a good listing of local establishments.

Regatta Chairs: Mark Tesar, [mtesar@cltel.net](mailto:mtesar@cltel.net), 641-529-0747.

Stu Oltrogge, [oltrogge@clyciowa.com](mailto:oltrogge@clyciowa.com), 651-295-4913.

Phone number at club: 641-357-8001

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, 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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**MCSA Sailing Instructions**  
**2020 MCSA Masters Championship**  
**September 17 - 20, 2020**  
**Clear Lake Yacht Club, Clear Lake, IA**

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the MCSA rules and by-laws.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the club on the outside lakeside window.

**3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 Signals Made Ashore and Race Office**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from a docked Race Committee vessel.  
4.2 The race office will be located in the main hall at Clear Lake Yacht Club.

- 5 **AP Ashore Delay.** After Flag AP ashore is lowered, the next signal will be made not less than 45 Minutes later.

**6 Schedule**

- 6.1 Seven Races are scheduled.  
6.2 No more than three races will be sailed in one day.  
6.3 Practice Race - TBD 1400 Thursday, September 17, 2020  
6.4 Competitor's Briefing: 0830 Friday, September 18, 2020  
6.5 The Warning Signal for Race 1 1000 Friday, September 18, 2020  
6.6 Subsequent races will follow. After going ashore, subsequent race warning times will be posted on the Official Notice Board.  
6.7 If three races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1200 on Sunday, September 20, 2020  
6.8 If fewer than three races have been completed, no warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

**7 Class Flag**

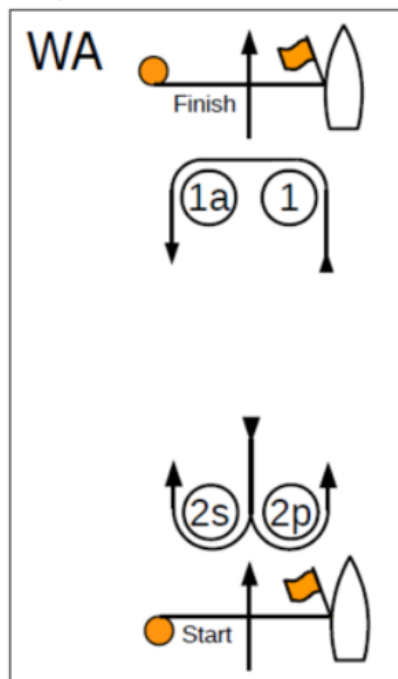
- 7.1 The class flag will be the class insignia on a red, white, & blue background.

**8 Racing Area**

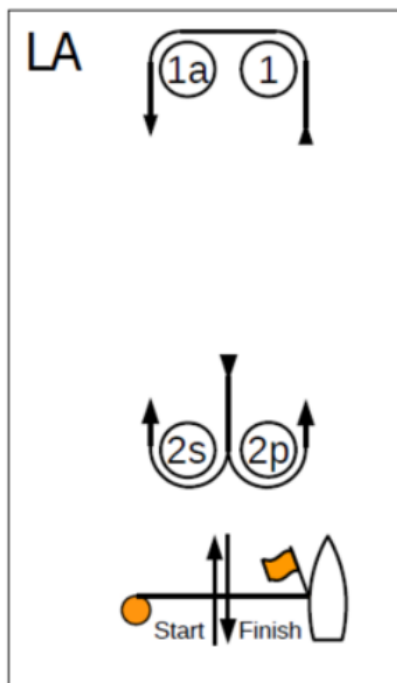
- 8.1 The racing area will be the navigable waters of Clear Lake.

**9 Courses**

- 9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying one or two letters followed by a number, and it may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.  
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	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
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	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
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

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 Original marks will be Orange Round Marks
- 10.2 Change marks will be Orange Round Marks
- 10.3 Line flags will be Orange

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 The start will be governed by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be:
  - 11.2.1 Between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark or
  - 11.2.2 Between two staffs displaying Line flags on two race committee vessels or
  - 11.2.3 From a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the approximate center of the line to a staff displaying a Line flag on a race committee vessel at the port end of the starting line.
- 11.3 If a mid-line boat is in place in accordance with SI 11.2.3 yachts subject to the I Flag rule may return to the pre-start side of the line, round the mid-line boat, leaving it to port as if it were the port end of the starting line before starting. This changes RRS 30.1.
- 11.4 RRS A4.1 is changed so that a boat that has not started within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS.
- 11.5 Following the display of the Individual Recall signal, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio the sail numbers of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the start signal and boats that must comply with Rule 30.1. Such announcements are a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear and/or understand it, shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between two staffs displaying Line flags on race committee vessels or if only one Line flag is displayed, between a staff displaying a Line flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a finishing mark.

## 14 Time Limits

- 14.1 Mark 1 Time Limit: 30 Minutes. Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
- 14.2 Race Time Limit: 90 Minutes. Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- 14.3 Finishing Window: 20 Minutes. Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- 14.4 Protest Time Limit: 75 Minutes after the last boat *finishes* the last race of the day. (Flag A displayed).
- 14.5 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, and A11.

## **15 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is listed in 14.4.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2
- 15.6 A boat that is intending to protest or request redress is shall notify the protest committee as soon as practical after coming ashore.

## **16 Scoring**

- 16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 When fewer than 7 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

## **17 Communication**

- 17.1 The Competitor VHF Channel is 72.
- 17.2 The RC will use the Competitor VHF Channel to communicate about the racing, weather issues, safety concerns, and other actions where clarification may be helpful to the competitors.
- 17.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 17.4 A boat that retires shall inform the Race Committee as soon as practicable via the Competitor VHF Channel and/or by informing a Race Committee vessel verbally and/or by informing an event official ashore.

## **18 Prizes**

- 18.1 Three races need to be completed before a Masters Championship is recognized and perpetual trophies awarded. One race constitutes a regatta for purposes of awarding keeper trophies. Awards will be based on her finishes in the overall fleet.
- 18.2 Keeper trophies are as follows:
  - Top 10 Overall (any age, male or female)
  - Top 2 Grand Masters (60-69 years of age)
  - Top 2 Mega Master (70-79 years of age)
  - Top Old Salt (80+ years of age)
  - Top Woman (any age)

## **19 Outside Assistance**

- 19.1 A capsized boat that receives outside assistance while righting or a crew member who is ill, injured, overboard, or in danger that receives outside assistance shall retire except: if receiving said assistance from another competitor boat in the same race you may continue racing without penalty. This changes RRS 41.

# Friday Night Social at PM Park

15297 Raney Drive, Clear Lake



This 104 year old resort-style property owned by the Patriarchs Militant is operated by local entrepreneurs Rahn and Chris Bragger. Located on the South shore of Clear Lake, PM Park is a summer hang out for lovers of the lake; Long lake frontage, amazing food, live bands and Clear Lake's only Tiki Bar make it appealing to all. The events will be held outdoors and will not be open to the public; the entire gorgeous property is ready just for you!





# Saturday Night Social at Jeff Brakke's Residence

1929 North Shore Drive, Clear Lake



Rebuilt in 2014 Jeff's Brakke's residence is truly one of a kind on Clear Lake. 180 feet of lake frontage, 4 tiers of patio area, multiple fire and water features are just the start. The property has a second building made for hosting parties just like this! It features a full bar, fireplace and many seating areas; this is a true Clear Lake gem. Once again, the entire property to yourselves!





There are a lot of off-lake attractions in the Clear Lake/Mason City area. Please visit [travelnorthiowa.com](http://travelnorthiowa.com) for information or [here for the visitors guide](#). You will also receive visitor information at regatta check-in.

We can't wait to see you in Clear Lake!

