



2023 Summer Laser Series

Cornwell Sailing Center on Boardman
Lake 650 Hannah Ave.
Traverse City, MI 49686

Tuesdays (June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES.
 - 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and these Sailing Instructions the latter shall take precedence.
 - 1.2 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.
 - 1.3 The Organizing Authority is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA), in conjunction with Traverse Area High School Sailing and Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS).
2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:
 - 2.1 Official Notices to Competitors including any changes to the schedule or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the white board in the pavilion, and available prior to the competitors meeting. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be communicated verbally to all competitors prior to the race in which they will take effect.
3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:
 - 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole adjacent to the Cornwell Sailing Center.

- 3.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “thirty minutes”. This changes RRS Signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE:

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- 4:30 – 5:30 Check-in. Immediately rig boats after check-in.
- 5:30 Competitor’s meeting on Pavilion Dock, boats should be launched as soon as possible following the competitor’s meeting.
- 6:00 First Warning, racing will continue until three races have been completed.

5. RACING AREA:

- 5.1 The Race Committee will attempt to set the courses near the dock at the north end of Boardman Lake for spectacular spectating.

6. COURSES:

- 6.1 Courses will be selected from the diagrams shown in Addendum A and Addendum B.

7. MARKS:

- 7.1 Marks of the course will be inflatable hippity hops, balls or buoys.
- 7.2 If one of the downwind gate marks is lost or removed, competitors shall round the remaining downwind mark to port.

8. THE START:

- 8.1 Races will be started using three-minute audible starts per RRS Appendix U. There will be no horn prior to the first signal. A verbal countdown to the first signal may be provided by the Signal Boat.
- 8.2 The start line shall be between a staff displaying a flag on the signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

9. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS / GENERAL RECALLS:

- 9.1 Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U except as modified here.
- 9.2 Individual recalls will be signaled by a single sound. The RC will attempt to hail OCS boats via loud hailer and may display code flag “X”. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of RC to display flag “X”, failure of RC to hail any or all boats, failure of RC to

accurately hail one or more boats, failure of a boat to hear its hail, or the order of boats within the hail. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

9.3 General recalls will be signaled by two sounds. RC may but is not required to display code flag “First Substitute”. After a General Recall, the “Around-the-Ends Rule” RRS 30.1 shall apply except that code flag “I” need not be displayed in accordance with Procedural Rule 7.8(b). This changes RRS 29 and 30.1.

9.4 Boats starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. THE FINISH:

10.1 The finish line will be between a on the Signal Boat or Finish Boat and a nearby mark.

10.2 Boats not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) as prescribed in RRS Appendix A. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11. TIME LIMITS:

11.1 The time limit for any race will be thirty 20 minutes for the first boat to finish.

11.2 Boats not finishing within 10 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) as prescribed in RRS Appendix A. (this is the same as the Singlehanded SI's)

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

12.1 After finishing each race, all competitors shall stop by the Leeward side of the Finish Boat to report any association with a protest, any contact or damage between boats or a mark, and/or penalty turns taken.

12.2 The protest time limit is 10 minutes after the RC boat docks. This dock time will be posted on the official notice board.

12.3 Notices will be posted soon after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearings.

12.4 All decisions of the Protest Committee are final. Permission for this has been granted from ISSA.

13. SCORING:

13.1 Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 9.

- 13.2 There will be two divisions (standard and radial) when numbers make it fun. They will have a common start but be scored separately (can also add a third 4.7 if junior sailors are more comfortable and there are enough competitors so that it makes sense.)
- 13.3 A simple spread sheet will be used to track the summer series by division. Competitors must remain in the division they begin in for the entirety of the series. All races completed will be scored. A DNF shall be scored the number of boats plus 1, a DNS will be entered as number of boats plus 2.

14. SAFETY:

- 14.1 US Coast Guard approved Type III life jackets must be worn while on boats, as well as the dock at all times. Anyone who goes on the water must have a PFD.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on the water or via mark boat radio.

15. **REGATTA CONTACTS**

Regatta Chairperson:	Than Dykstra	231-631-1275
TACS representative	Ben Ferris	231-499-7692 tacs@tacsailing.org
TACS president	Tom Roop	231-642-1212

ADDENDUM B COURSE "3"

The start will be between mark "S" and an orange flag on the Signal Boat.

After start, boats shall proceed to windward mark #1, then to offset mark #2, then leeward to either mark #3p or #3s and then finish between mark "1" and a blue flag on the Finish Boat.

In commonly used terms: this is 3 legs of the course.

The order of marks to be rounded is:

Start-1-2-(3p or 3s)-Finish

