



**Lake Michigan Championships
October 8-9, 2022
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club
Macatawa, MI**



Sailing Instructions: Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, C420, Optimist RWB, Optimist Green

1 RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed the Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the International Laser Class Association, International Optimist Class Association, and the US Club 420 Class Association.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 61 is changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of its intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice area located on an exterior wall of the MBJA Junior Sailing Center.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted before 1030am on the day it will take effect, or may be amended at the skipper's meeting, 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; LAUNCHING.

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the race committee boat Recovery's Flag Pole.
- 4.2 Competitors shall not launch until a flag "O" is flown from the flagpole adjacent to launch with one sound signal, and not before. Fleets shall launch in following order: Laser, C420, Optimist RWB, Optimist Green
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 5.1 The schedule is as follows:

Saturday October 9th, 2021:

0830-1000	Sailor Check-in
1015	Skipper's Meeting (Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, C420, Optimist RWB, Optimist Green)
1045	HARBOR START
1115	Warning Signal for the first race of the day (Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, C420, Optimist RWB, Optimist Green)
1700	No races to commence after 1700hrs

Sunday October 10th, 2021

930	HARBOR START
1000	First Warning
1500	No races to start after 1500



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6 RACING AREA.

6.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Macatawa or Lake Michigan at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7 THE COURSE.

7.1 The course will be a windward/leeward. See Appendix #1 for a diagram of the Laser and C420 courses. See Appendix #2 for a diagram of the Opti RWB, Opti Green courses.

7.2 The number of laps the course will be sailed will be displayed on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat.
W2 = 1 lap; W4 = 2 laps.

7.4 A boat shall not sail between the Race Committee Signal Boat and the start or finish mark unless the boat is in the process of starting or finishing.

8 MARKS.

8.1 The marks of the Laser and C420 courses will be an inflatable buoy. The start line mark will be an inflatable buoy. The finish line mark will be an inflatable buoy.

8.2 The marks of the Opti RWB and Opti Green courses will be an inflatable buoy. The start line mark will be an inflatable buoy. The finish line mark will be an inflatable buoy.

9 CHANGE OF COURSE; ABANDONING RACES.

9.1 When a course is changed pursuant to Rule 33, the old mark will be removed and replaced with an inflatable buoy on the Laser course, 420 course and on the Opti RWB/Opti Green course. During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in course. This instruction changes Rule 33.

9.2 The Race Committee may abandon a race by displaying code flag "N", "N" over "H," or "N" over "A" with three (3) sounds or a verbal hail. This instruction changes the Race Signals and Rule 32.1. Rule 32.1 is further modified to read, "For any other reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition, or, when in the judgment of the Race Committee, the race is an unsatisfactory test of skill."

10 THE START.

10.1 Starts will be pursuant to Appendix U.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff bearing orange flag on Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable buoy at the port end of the starting line.

10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This instruction changes Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

10.4 The starting order for the Laser course will be Laser, Laser radial/4.7; class flag for the Laser is white with a red Laser insignia; class flag for the Laser radial/4.7 will be a red flag with white Laser insignia.

10.5 The starting order for the Opti RWB/Opti Green course will be Opti RWB, Opti Green. Class flag for the Opti RWB is white with Opti insignia, Class flag for the Opti Green will be numeral flag #1 (white with red dot).

11 THE FINISH.

11.1 The finish line will be between Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the finish line and a mark at the port end of the finish line. The Race Committee may attempt to make a sound signal when the first boat in each race crosses the finish line solely for the purpose of confirming that the boat crossed the line. Failure of the Race Committee to make such a signal or an error in making such a signal shall not be grounds for granting redress. This instruction changes Rules 41 and 62.1.

11.2 Boats that have finished shall immediately return to the starting area and keep well clear of all boats still racing.



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12 TIME LIMITS.

12.1 The time limit shall be 90 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by Rule 28.1 and finish. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat to sail the course as required by Rule 28.1 and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This instruction changes Rules 35, A4.1, and 63.1.

13 PROTESTS, PENALTIES, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the designated jury representative at the designated "Judges' Area" located in the MBJA Junior Sailing Center not later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The Race Committee will post the time of the docking on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical. This instruction changes rule 61.3.
- 13.2 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit or as soon thereafter as practical to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Judges' Area. Such posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 63.2.
- 13.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 13.4 Protests will be heard in approximately the order posted as soon as practical after the expiration of the protest time limit. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Judges' Area. The helmsman shall represent the boat. This instruction changes Rule 63.3(a).
- 13.5 Requests for redress relating to possible scoring errors or starting penalties will be treated initially as a "scoring review" with appropriate members of the race committee before being considered as a request for redress by the protest committee. This instruction changes Rule 63.1.
- 13.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision before that day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This instruction changes Rules 62.2 and 66.

14 SCORING.

- 14.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.
- 14.3 A competitor's worst score will be discarded when six or more races have been completed.
- 14.4 A boat that *did not start*, *did not finish*, *retired after finishing* or was *disqualified* shall be scored for the finishing place one more than the sum of the number of boats registered and checked-in in that fleet. This instruction changes Appendix A4.2.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- 15.1 Check In: All boats are required to check in with the Race Committee when the L flag is displayed.
- 15.2 A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a race committee boat or safety boat before leaving the course, or notify the race committee immediately upon returning to shore.
- 15.3 Each competitor must wear a US Coast Guard Approved Life Jacket, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear one will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification.
- 15.4 Each competitor must have a whistle attached to his or her clothing at all times, from dock to dock.



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16 ENVIRONMENT.

16.1 Discharge of drink containers, food wrappings and other trash into the water by competitors, support boats or race committee boats is prohibited.

17 PRIZES.

17.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Optimist Overall: trophy 1–3rd
- Optimist Green: participation medals
- Laser Full: trophy 1–3rd
- Laser Radial: trophy 1–3rd
- Laser 4.7: trophy 1–3rd
- C420: trophy 1–3rd

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

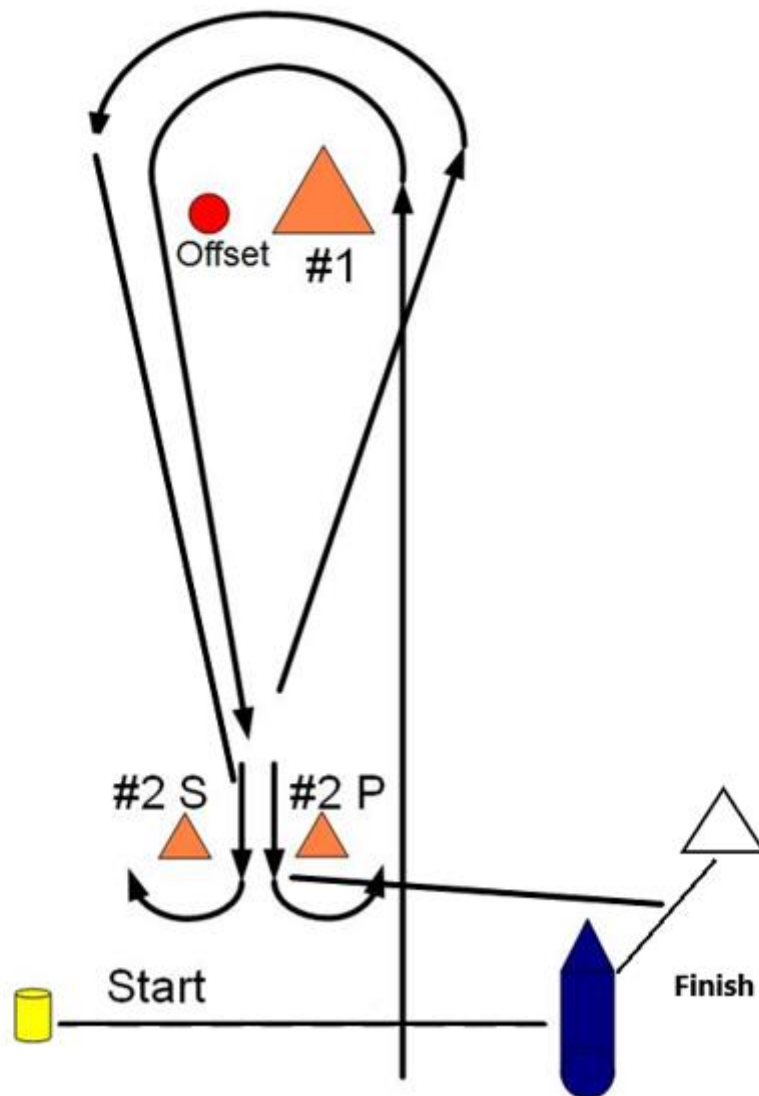
- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk.
- 18.2 Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor whom are less than 18 years of age. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 18.3 The organizing authority and all parties involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, inconvenience or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by these sailing instructions.



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Appendix #2

