



Lake Michigan Junior Championships  
October 7-8, 2023  
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club  
Macatawa, MI



NOTICE OF RACE

Lake Michigan Championships Saturday October 7 & Sunday October 8, 2023

Holland, MI

Hosted by Macatawa Bay Junior Association  
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

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

For the purposes of the definition of rule, the class rules shall be the rules of the Club 420, ILCA, and Optimist classes. Towlines are required for all boats regardless of class. Additional rules may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

CLASSES

Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ICLA 7, C420.

(Please note that in contrast to high school sailing the rules of the C420 class allow for use of trap and spin)

VENUE

Our regatta will be run outdoors so please dress accordingly. The indoor areas of our junior sailing building will be closed (except for bathrooms) and reserved for regatta support staff only. Our award ceremony will take place outdoors on the lawn adjacent to the Junior Sailing Center.

NOURISHMENT

We will ask that you please provide nutrition and hydration for your sailors. Food and water should be kept by their coaches while on the water. For parents/chaperones on shore, it is likely that our club restaurant may be open for portions of the weekend. We will keep you posted of options by email communications leading up to the regatta.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY AGE

Ages 8-18 eligible to register. Applicants for all classes must not turn 19 years by the time of the event.

US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Contrary to previous years this is no longer a US Sailing JO's event, US Sailing Membership is encouraged but NOT required for sailors at the Lake Michigan Junior Championships.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." All competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of rule 55 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."



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#### BOATS/MEASUREMENT

Each competitor will be responsible for his/her boat being in compliance with the class rules.

#### FEES

The entry fees for all classes are found on the event registration website. A late registration fee goes into effect after September 30, 2023.

#### HEALTH/WELLNESS

Racers, Coaches, Parents, Staff- as the COVID-19 virus is still in circulation, albeit at modest levels, and we can not predict what this might look like in October. Please stay home if you are not feeling well. Full refunds offered if you need to stay home due to health reasons. Please do not attend the regatta if self-screening of symptoms would trigger any concerns. We ask that any coaches or parents/chaperones who recognize that if they screen positive for any COVID-19 symptoms they would refrain from attending as well. We will also be holding regatta volunteer staff to this standard. Participants, including coaches, parents, chaperones will be expected to observe any applicable CDC or Health Department guidelines in effect at the time of the regatta.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 7

0830-1000 Sailor Check-in  
1015 Skippers' Meeting on lawn  
1045 Harbor Start  
1115 First Warning, races to follow  
1700 No races to start after 1700

Sunday Oct.8

930 Harbor Start  
1000 First Warning  
1500 No Races to start after 1500

Awards to follow as soon as scores are finalized.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION - Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). Entry deadline is October 6<sup>th</sup> at midnight EST. Late fee applies after September 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. We will not be doing onsite registration, only sailor check-in.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted near the registration area and posted electronically to Regatta Network.



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**RACE COURSE AREA:** Lake Macatawa. Race Committee may choose to set a course in Lake Michigan at their discretion.

**SCORING** - The Low-Point Scoring System-Appendix A of the racing rules-will apply for all classes. There are no maximum races scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series. If six (6) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

**COACHES** - Coaches may be asked to register. All coach /parent boats shall register with the Race Committee. Each coach / parent boat shall have a working VHF radio. The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.

**SAFETY** - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing, except briefly when adding or removing clothing. Each competitor is required to have a whistle attached to their PFD. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore.

An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. Parents not personally attending the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the Regatta.

**MEDIA RIGHTS** - By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

#### **DISCIPLINE**

Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1) marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2) any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the venue. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report  
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received from any source, believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of good manners, a breach of good sportsmanship, unethical behavior or conduct that may bring the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69. Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the event chair.

#### PRIZES

Ribbons will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions. Lake Michigan Championship Trophies will be awarded to first place finishers of each fleet (excluding Opti Green, which are awarded ribbons for participation).

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

- Regatta Chair : Louis Nykamp, 616-204-2575, [ljnykamp@gmail.com](mailto:ljnykamp@gmail.com)
- Sponsor : Macatawa Bay Junior Association (MBJA), Box 189, Macatawa MI 49434. Phone 616-796-8671. [www.mbjja.org](http://www.mbjja.org)
- Host Club : Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC), [2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa MI 49434. www.mbyc.com](https://www.mbyc.com) .

#### Venue Details :

The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club is proud to host the 2023 Lake Michigan Junior Championship.

Parking: will be identified by signage on the day of the regatta. Please follow signs closely and instructions from our greeters. Parking may be tight as we maximize the usable space for the rigging areas. We are also sharing the available parking with the Mallory Cup US Sailing event this year. Please be courteous and patient.

Trailers will be unloaded in designated areas and trailers will be stored in areas designated by signage and instruction of regatta staff on the day of the regatta.