

Oshkosh Yacht Club

2025 Season Notice of Race (NOR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 Organizing Authority

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Oshkosh Yacht Club (OYC)

2 Rules

- 2.1 All races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in:
- 2.1.1 *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Including US Sailing Prescriptions*. Rulebooks may be purchased through www.ussailing.org.
- 2.1.2 The NOR and Sailing Instructions (SI)
- 2.1.3 Rules and Scantlings of the ILYA and applicable national class associations

3 Safety

- 3.1 Personal Floatation Devices. All yachts must meet U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements. It is the yacht skipper's responsibility to see that an approved personal flotation device (PFD) is on the boat for each crewmember. RRS 40.2 is changed so Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat to the M15, Laser, Laser Radial, Class X, and Optimist fleets making the wearing of PFDs mandatory "shore to shore". For Class E, RRS 40.1 and 40.2 apply.
- 3.2 Discretion of Race Committee. It is the Principal Race Officer's discretion to postpone, shorten or abandon a race due to foul weather, insufficient wind or any other reasons directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition. The OYC Fleet Guidelines and Guide to Weather Limits for Races documents may be utilized by the PRO to inform their discretion.
- 3.3 Floatation Panels. Sail floatation panels at the head of the sail are required at all times while racing for Class E.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 All skippers and regular crew (crew racing more than three times on any yacht during the season) shall be paid Racing Members of the Oshkosh Yacht Club. Only the Family Racing, Individual Senior Racing, and Individual Junior Racing Memberships satisfy this requirement.
- 4.2 Yachts must have their Racing Fees paid and Harbor Fees paid (if applicable) to participate in any races. A boat will not be registered or scored until all dues, fees and past due accounts have been paid. The registration deadline is May 15th after which a late registration penalty of \$50 will be assessed.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Races will be scheduled from mid-May to mid-September as detailed in the calendar posted on the OYC Website

6 Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available no later than one week prior to first race of the season on the OYC Website www.oshkoshyachtclub.org

7 Venue and Courses

- 7.1 Racing may be held in the open waters of Lake Winnebago east of The Waters and OYC Harbor
- 7.2 The Courses Illustration page in the OYC Handbook show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8 Time Limits

- 8.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the 1st windward mark is 30 minutes or finish is 90 minutes.
- 8.2 Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be scored two more places than the last place finisher without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A 10 and A 4. No evening race shall be started after 2000 hours. The Principal Race Officer will use his/her discretion to abandon a race due to impending darkness. In the event that this occurs, the abandonment signal, Code flag N over A will be displayed with three sound signals.

9 Penalties

- 9.1 For Class E, the first sentence of RRS 44.1 shall be changed to require a One-Turn Penalty when a boat may have broken one or more rules of part 2 in an incident while racing. For Classes X, Optimist, M15, Laser and Laser Radial RRS 44.2, Two-Turns Penalty shall apply. For all classes, Rule 44.3 shall not apply. This changes RRS 44.3.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the RRS will be used and A5.3 will apply.

- 10.2 The number of excluded scores (throw-outs) for each fleet series are defined as follows: Class Laser and Laser Radial receive 1 throw-out for every 10 races. Class E receives 1 throw-out for every 8 races sailed in a series (Sunday, Wednesday, Championship). Class X receives 1 throw-out for every 7 races per series (Championship and August). Class M15 receives 1 throw-out for every 7 races.
- 10.3 A minimum of two boats starting from a Fleet are required to constitute a race to be scored. This changes RRS 90.3 Scoring.
- 10.4 A yacht registered in a series as an entrant who did not compete in a race (DNC); did not come to the starting area, shall receive points corresponding to one place worse than the number of boats registered for the series.
- 10.5 Scoring for DNS, OCS, ZFP, BFD, SCP, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE will be based on the number of points corresponding to one place worse than the number of boats finishing that particular race, not the number of registered yachts. These change RRS A2, A5.2, A9.
- 10.6 An OYC registered yacht will receive an automatic throw-out for any races sailed for points while yacht is participating in an ILYA sanctioned regatta. A skipper may request average points for any races sailed for points missed while participating in an ILYA sanctioned regatta as crew or with yacht in a non-ILYA sanctioned regatta or while away serving as sailing school instructor / coach. Requests for average points must be made to the Scorer by postal or electronic mail prior to the regatta. Scheduled Free Races may be sailed for trophies but will not count towards overall series points.

11 Protests

- 11.1 A boat that intends to protest another boat shall inform the Race Committee at the finish.
- 11.2 Protest forms may be downloaded from US SAILING web site (www.USSailing.org).
- 11.3 All protests shall conform to the aforementioned US Sailing rules amended as follows:
- 11.4 A protesting yacht shall deliver, email (asitter@new.rr.com), or mail her protest to the Head Scorer (David Sitter)

The Head Scorer - Oshkosh Yacht Club

P.O. Box 874 Oshkosh, WI 54903 – 0874

- 11.5 The time limit for submission is no later than one day after the race in question. An email time posting or postmark one day after, or in the case of a holiday, the first postal business day following the race will evidence meeting this requirement. Parties to a protest will be notified by the Head Scorer as to when the protest will be heard. This changes RRS 60.3(b) Delivering a Protest.

12 Communication

- 12.1 Class E: VHF Channel 69 is the primary means of communication. Hailing will be secondary means of communication.
- 12.2 RC may (but is not obligated to) make OCS, change-of-course, shortening of course and other announcements on VHF channel 69 or other competitor channel specified by RC while racing. Failure to provide these announcements will not be grounds for redress under RRS Rule 61.4(b)(1).
- 12.3 Boats are permitted to transmit on VHF radios while racing only for safety purposes, including Retirement from Racing.
- 12.4 Class X, M15, Laser, Laser Radial and Optimist: Hailing will be the primary means of communication.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1 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 causes.** Competitors participate in OYC racing entirely at their own risk. OYC will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

14 Publicity & Photographer's Rights

- 14.1 As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children/minors) grant Organizing Authority, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any

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