



**2020 Gull Lake Sailing Club  
Richland, Michigan  
Season Championship**

**NOTICE OF SERIES**

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing with the following US Sailing Prescriptions*. See [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-\[20946\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-[20946].pdf).

**1.2** The Class Rules for each One-Design Class competing shall apply.

**1.3** **Rule 34** Change rule 34 title to:

MARK MISSING; RACE COMMITTEE ABSENT

After rule 34 add US Sailing prescribes that, if a finishing mark is missing but another one remains in place, the finishing line is a line through the remaining mark at a 90° angle to the last leg and of the shortest practicable length. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report to the race committee her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats at the first reasonable opportunity.

**Rule 61.4** Add rule 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

**Rule 63.2** After rule 63.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered for one or more boats:

(a) Any other boat may participate in the hearing.

(b) The protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the request or for considering redress, and boats shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

(c) The protest committee shall request redress for the other boats that participate in the hearing or request in writing to do so, making them parties to the hearing. It need not state a reason for such a request; this changes rule 62.2.

**Rule 63.4** After rule 63.4 add

US Sailing prescribes that when practicable:

(a) no person who brings an incident to the attention of the protest committee or who will give evidence regarding an incident shall be a member of the protest committee for a hearing involving that incident; and

(b) a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be heard by a committee that contains no members of the committee that made the original decision.

**Rule 67** After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

**Rule 76.1** After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

**Rule 82** Add rule 82

82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.

**Rule 88.2** After rule 88.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that sailing instructions shall not change or delete rule 61.4, Appendix R, or its prescriptions to rules 40, 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) or 76.1.

**Appendix V, Alternative Penalties**

After Appendix U add Appendix V [see Appendix V below].

Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the sailing instructions so state. Please report your experiences with and evaluations of these rules to US Sailing by sending an email to [rules@ussailing.org](mailto:rules@ussailing.org).

**V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT**

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

### **V2 PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE**

After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The series is open to all one-design centerboard or multihull sailboats. Three boats of one design shall be the minimum size for a fleet.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and submitting it to the Gull Lake Sailing Club.
- 2.3 Membership in the Gull Lake Sailing Club shall be required to compete.

## **3 SCHEDULE**

	Time	Notes
3.1 Weekly Wednesday Night Racing		
Rigging	1700-1800 hrs	Prairieville Twp. Park-Gull Lake Launch Ramp
Race #1 Warning	1830 hrs	Up to 3 more races to follow

## **4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing instructions follow this document.

## **5 VENUE**

- 5.1 The launch site is at Prairieville Township Park-Gull Lake, 15475 S. M-43 Hwy., Hickory Corners, MI 49060. Racing will be held on Gull Lake in Kalamazoo and Barry County, Michigan.

## **6 COURSES**

The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark shall be passed.

## **7 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 7.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

## **8 SCORING**

- 8.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring System per Appendix A4.
- 8.2 Twelve races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3 Twelve races shall be completed by a boat to qualify for season scoring.
- 8.3 When twelve or more races have been sailed by a boat, her series score will be the average of her race scores. Lowest average race score wins.

## **9 SAFETY**

All participants shall meet Michigan DNR Safety Rules.  
See <http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/book.html>.

## **10 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

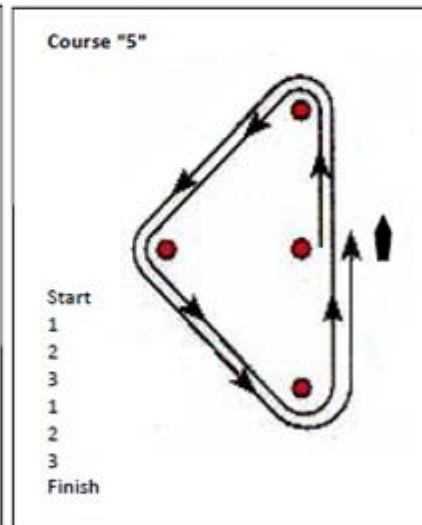
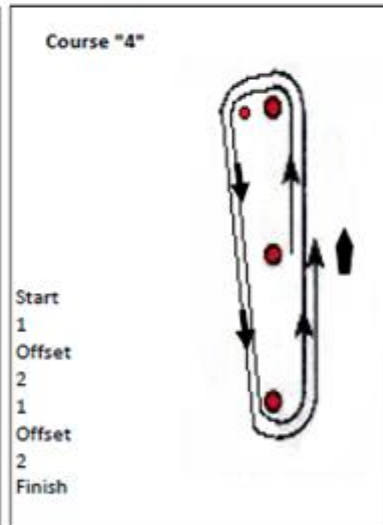
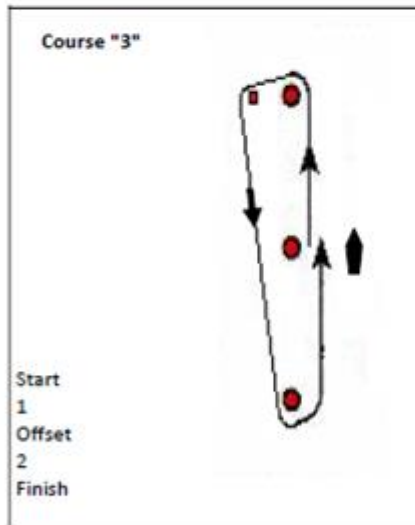
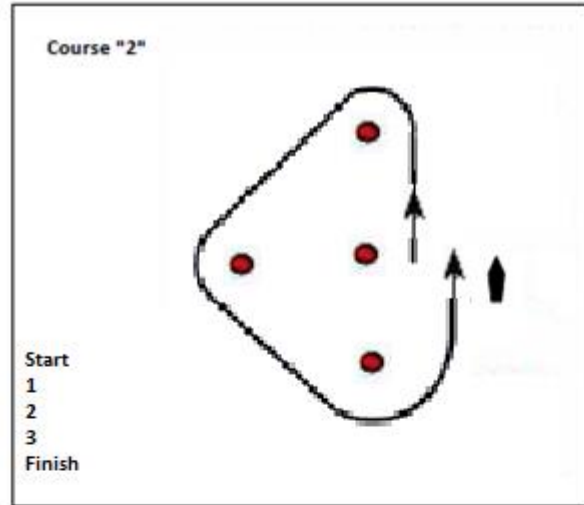
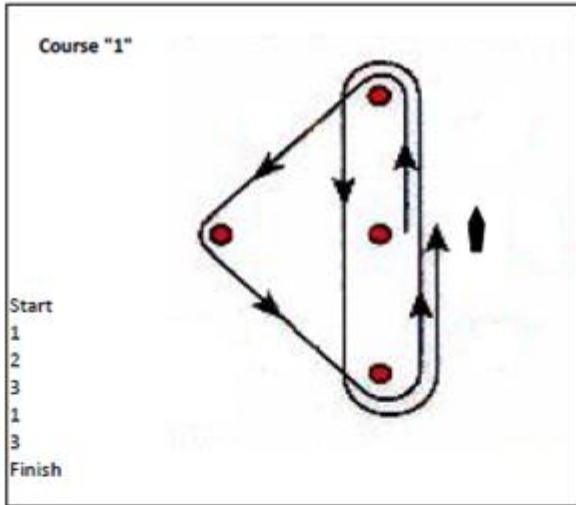
## **11 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: Top three finishers in each Class. Top Junior finisher in each Class.

## **12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Gull Lake Sailing Club, 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.

APPENDIX A



Course 1: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Course 2: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Course 3: Start - 1 - Offset - 2 - Finish

Course 4: Start - 1 - Offset - 2 - 1 - Offset - 2 - Finish

Course 5: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



**Gull Lake Sailing Club  
Richland, Michigan  
2020 Series Sailing Instructions**

**1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing with US Sailing Prescriptions.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be distributed by email.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be emailed before 1800 the day before it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Prairieville Township Launch Dock.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Dates of racing: May 13-September 23

5.2 Number of races: Up to four races per day.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Wednesday is 1830.

5.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with a few short sounds before a warning signal is made.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

Sunfish: The Class flag will be the official Sunfish Class flag: a white flag with red Sunfish emblem.

Other: Additional Classes shall be designated as added.

**7 THE COURSES**

7.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**8 MARKS**

8.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be Orange or Red shapes.

8.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be Orange or Red shapes.

8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a small orange or red shape and a signal vessel.

8.4 A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

**9 THE START**

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and a red or orange buoy.

9.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1 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.

10.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

**11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a red or orange buoy at one end and a blue or orange flag on the course side of a signal vessel.

11.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

12.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time
Sunfish	1 hr.	25 min.	30 min.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 13.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has docked. This time shall be written down on the last race scoring sheet.
- 13.3** 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. Hearings will be held at NEDS 30 minutes after filing in the order in which they are submitted.
- 13.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) by verbal announcement to all competitors.
- 13.5** On the last scheduled 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.

#### **14 SCORING**

- 14.1** The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring System per Appendix A4.
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#### **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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- 15.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes cellular telephones.

#### **17 PRIZES**

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