

Little Traverse Yacht Club

65th Annual Regatta and One-Design Series

Organizing Authority: Little Traverse Yacht Club

July 24 – 26, 2026
Harbor Springs, Michigan, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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. RULES

- 1.1 The LTYC Regatta and One-Design Series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Each boat shall be equipped with auxiliary power and fuel for 6 miles. Each boat shall sail in compliance with the equipment regulations of the US COAST GUARD and the STATE OF MICHIGAN, and within the rules of their class or handicapping system.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on July 15, 2026, on the Official Notice Board (yacht scoring).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: [LTYC Regatta 2026 on Yachtscoring](#)
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The LTYC Regatta is open to Offshore Racing and Cruising type yachts, with an ORC rating of APH ToT greater than 1.000 and invited one design classes: J70, J111, Melges 24 and Alerion 28's.
- 4.2 SPARE

- 4.3 One-Design Series is open to J/70, J 111, and Melges 24 one-design classes with a minimum of 7 entries. Entrants must meet all class membership requirements, unless modified by the sailing instructions. One Design classes may be limited to a maximum of 20 entrants at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4 Due to dockage restrictions, the Race Committee will accept entries up to a limit of 100 boats at which time a wait list will be started. Incomplete entries will be moved to the waitlist. **Please be advised that your entry is not complete until your entry fee is paid.**
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter online via the link at the LTYC website: www.ltyc.org or [Enter here](#): not later than June 17, 2026 without a late entry fee.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 The following are required for registration:
- a. Completed Entry Form
 - b. Signed Conditions Statement and Release Agreement
 - c. A 2026 ORC Certificate, to be on file with the appropriate rating authority. One-design classes conforming to their class rules and racing in a one design class, are exempt.
 - d. **Payment of required fees**
 - e. Any required class specific entry material (sail inventory, crew weight, etc.) must be entered on Yacht Scoring.
 - f. **Pick up of Race Packet/Sailing Instructions at Registration.**
- 4.8 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: the 100-boat limit has not been met, and a \$100 late fee shall apply.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees prior to June 17, 2026, are as follows:
- Friday Racing + Saturday/Sunday LTYC Regatta:
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| Up to 39' LOA | \$350 |
| 40' - 49' LOA | \$425 |
| 50' LOA + | \$525 |
- Saturday and Sunday LTYC Regatta only:
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| Up to 39' LOA | \$250 |
| 40' – 49' LOA | \$325 |
| 50' LOA + | \$450 |
- 5.2 Each application received after June 17, 2026, shall include a late entry fee of \$100.
- 5.3 Boats that have entered and withdrawn prior to 1700 on June 18, 2026, will receive a refund of their entry fee less the \$50 processing fee. Boats who withdraw after 1700 on June 23, 2026, will not receive a refund.

6 ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

7 SCHEDULE

GL52 and One Design Classes

Thursday July 23

1600-1800 Registration

Friday July 24

0900-1000 Late registration for GL52 and OD Classes with permission from the OA.

1200 First Warning Signal for GL52 and OD Classes.

LTYC Annual Regatta

Friday July 24

1500-1700 Registration at LTYC

Saturday July 25

0830 – 0930 Late Registration with permission of the OA

1200 First Warning Signal for Tour of the Bay Race.

Sunday July 26

1200 First Warning Signal for Tour of the Bay Race.

8 VENUE

The Regatta will be conducted within the confines of Little Traverse Bay on Lake Michigan.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses for Friday will be windward-leeward. A windward offset mark may be used. A leeward gate may be used.

9.2 The courses for Saturday and Sunday are "Tour of the Bay" race of multiple legs utilizing LTYC fixed marks and set marks. The course for the day is chosen by the Race Committee. Different classes may have different courses.

10 PENALTIES

Appendix V1 (Penalty at Time of Incident) and V2 (Post-Race Penalties) apply.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Annual Ugotta Regatta will consist of the two Tour of The Bay races sailed on Saturday and Sunday.

11.3 ORC classes will be scored Time-on-Time.

11.4 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes: Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters.

11.5 There will be no throw-out race in the series. This changes rule Appendix A2.

11.6 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.7 One Design Classes and GL 52's racing 3 days may be scored over 3 days. Awards **may** be given for a Corinthian division in the J/70 fleet depending on the number of entries at the discretion of the OA. To be considered as a Corinthian Team, the entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall have a valid WS Group 1 Classification ID entered on the Yacht Scoring System. All Corinthian Classes shall be scored as a subdivision of their respective fleet using the competitors' actual scores.

11.8 Rule 90.3 (e) (1) will be in effect.

12 PRIZES

Flags will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

13 BERTHING

Transient slips and dockage, usually involving rafting, is available at nearby marinas. As part of our continuing effort to make your regatta experience in Harbor Springs more enjoyable, we recommend that dockage space be reserved because dockage space in our harbor is very limited. Through cooperation with The City of Harbor Springs and Irish Boat Shop, dockage is being provided at a common rate, eliminating the price difference between the two marinas. The Harbormaster and Irish Boat Shop will be working together to assign boats to the most appropriate facility, based on boat size and draft. Boats will be rafted at the discretion of the Harbormaster when appropriate. Information will be available on the LTYC website at www.ltyc.org. You may also contact Irish's at: www.irishboatshop.com or 231-526-6225. **Please complete the dockage form found on the Yacht scoring registration page, under documents. [LTYC Regatta 2026 on Yachtscoring](#)**

14 RISK STATEMENT

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.**

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, or questions regarding regatta, contact: Regatta Director: [Debi Schoenherr](#) or Vice Commodore: [George Peet](#)

IMPORTANT NOTES

We would like to call your attention to the importance of all yachtpersons abiding by all rules and regulations designed to protect the quality of the water in our bay.

Michigan law prohibits the discharge of sewage from yachts. Yachts participating in this Regatta are subject to inspection for compliance with the law.

Provisions will be made to provide adequate facilities on shore for trash and litter. We will certainly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Parking within the City is limited, and your cooperation and respect for parking regulations is appreciated. Please refer to www.ltyc.org for the city parking diagram of available parking spaces for crew vans, buses and trailers.

Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his yacht's crew, before, during and after the event, afloat and ashore. Conduct deemed unbecoming to a yachtsperson may result in disciplinary action and disqualification.