



BEAVER ISLAND RACE & RALLY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 — SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is the Little Traverse Yacht Club (LTYC).

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028 and the prescriptions of US Sailing (RRS), except as altered by the Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. Each boat entered shall have functional auxiliary power and fuel, all safety equipment required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the State of Michigan, lifelines, and a bow pulpit for boats with non-furling headsails and/or spinnakers.
- 1.3. Each boat entered shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 16 and 73 (monitor for start).
- 1.4. *Safety and Responsibility*
 - 1.4.1. Each yacht owner and skipper is solely responsible for the safety of his or her yacht, crew and guests, and by participating in this event, warrants and represents for the benefit of his or her crew, guests, club, participants and spectators of the event that the yacht is seaworthy, is equipped and outfitted in accordance with the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Notice of Race (NOR), the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), US Coast Guard and State of Michigan laws and regulations as applicable, and that the crew is experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in all weather conditions.
 - 1.4.2. Each yacht owner and skipper has the sole responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue in the event. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race).
 - 1.4.3. Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his or her yacht's crew, before, during and after the event, **both afloat and ashore**. Conduct deemed unbecoming may result in the yacht being disqualified.

- 1.5. Appendix V1 of the US Sailing Prescriptions (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply:

VI 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.'

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event's YachtScoring page, linked from the LTYC Club Racing web page (<https://ltyc.org/club-racing/>) and will be emailed to registered competitors using the email address provided upon registration.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted and emailed by 9AM on the day it will take effect.

4. Event Format:

- 4.1. The event will consist of two races. **Race 1** will be from Harbor Springs to Beaver Island. **Race 2** will be from Beaver Island to Harbor Springs.
- 4.2. **Race 1** (*Harbor Springs to Beaver Island*) will be scored using PHRF time correction. All boats will start at the same time; the scores will be determined by corrected time based on each boat's elapsed time.
- 4.3. **Race 2** (*Beaver Island to Harbor Springs*) will be scored using PHRF time correction. All boats will start at the same time; the scores will be determined by corrected time based on each boat's elapsed time.
- 4.4. The overall event standings will be determined by the total scores of the completed races. Ties will be broken according to the RRS.

5. **Schedule of Races:** The event has two scheduled races - one on *Saturday* and one on *Sunday*. The schedule is as follows:

- 5.1. *Saturday (Race 1):* 1100 hours Start of Race 1 for all yachts.
- 5.2. *Sunday (Race 2):* 1000 hours Start of Race 2 for all yachts.

6. Courses:

- 6.1. *Saturday (Race 1):* The starting line will be between the LTYC "B" mark and a near by "x" mark. "X" mark will be a temporary mark either yellow or orange, this may also be a committee boat. To start, boats must cross the starting line between LTYC "B" mark, and the near by committee boat or "x" mark, whichever makes up the other end of the line. The finish line will be a line between the buoys designated N "2" and C "1" at the entrance to St. James Harbor, Beaver Island.

- 6.2. *Sunday (Race 2)*: The starting line will be between the buoys designated N “2” and C “1” at the entrance to St. James Harbor, Beaver Island. The finish line will be a line from the LTYC “B” mark bearing 0 degrees magnetic (towards the shoreline of Harbor Point). To finish, boats must cross the finish line within 100 feet of the LTYC “B” mark, leaving it to starboard.
7. **Time Limits**: If the first boat does not finish by 1900 hours for **Race 1** or 1800 hours for **Race 2**, that race is abandoned.
8. **Starting**:
 - 8.1. No RC boat will be on station for the start Race 2.
 - 8.2. *Saturday (Race 1)*: All yachts shall start by crossing the starting line described in SI 6.1 on or after 1100 hours.
 - 8.3. *Sunday (Race 2)*: All yachts shall start by crossing the starting line described in SI 6.2 on or after 1000 hours.
 - 8.4. All times shall be GPS clock time—the local time displayed on the vessel’s GPS receiver.
9. **Finishing**:
 - 9.1. All yachts will take their own time of finish (using GPS clock time) and report their finish time (as well as the identity of the boat(s) ahead and behind, if visible) via text message to the LTYC Vice Commodore Dunne Seal 8436708716 and/or sailing director Dave Gerber 3122131181 as soon as possible after their finish and in any event no later than 30 minutes after their finish. A screenshot or photo of your GPS coordinates and time when you cross the finish lines is preferred.
 - 9.2. Any yacht not reporting a finish time within 30 minutes of finishing will not be scored for that race.
10. **Scoring**:
 - 10.1. The low-point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS, will be used. Each race counts separately.
11. **Retirement**:
 - 11.1. A yacht that retires from a race must notify the LTYC Vice Commodore Dunne Seal 8436708716 and/or sailing director Dave Gerber 3122131181 as soon as possible.
12. **Protests**:

- 12.1. Protests and requests for redress must be submitted via email (to protests@ltyc.org) within 30 minutes of the protesting yacht's finish. The filing time window may be extended by the protest committee for good cause.
 - 12.2. Hearings will be convened as soon as possible after the race. Hearings may be conducted in person, via conference call, or via videoconference at the discretion of the protest committee. It is the intention of the protest committee that (absent objection by the parties involved) they will be "open hearings" allowing easy observation by other competitors.
 - 12.3. Decisions of the protest committee will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
13. **Prizes:** First, second and third place yachts will receive a flag.
14. **Further Information:**
- 14.1. Contact: Adam Lowry, LTYC Rear Commodore
415 722 0379 (m) / RearCommodore@ltyc.org adam@adamlowry.co
 - 14.2. *Dockage:* Each participating boat needs to make their own reservation with the Beaver Island Municipal Marina (<https://www.midnrreservations.com/>)—or make other arrangements.

