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A Message From the Commodore

96th Annual WMYA Regatta

Thank you for joining us at Torch Lake Yacht Club for the 96th Annual WMYA Regatta! We look forward to a wonderful week of sailing, catching up with old friends, and celebrating!

I started sailing as a kid when my family visited my grandparents on Lake Geneva, WI. My cousin sailed M16's and E's and I would crew as often as I could. My love for the water and sailing started in the 60's & 70's, but then took a 20-year hiatus until I married my husband. Glenn has sailed his entire life. We were in our thirties, had 2 kids, bought a cottage and became members of Torch Lake Yacht and Country Club. We were able to start crewing on E's right away and my earliest memory of a regatta was when TLYCC hosted Westerns in 1997. All the boats! All the sailors! So much work, but so much fun! Then our kids both fell in love with sailing, thanks to sailing school, club races, and regattas. Lucky for us it became a family event. Now our kids race all the boats, we get to crew when needed, but we have kept busy helping as race officer's and becoming CRO's.

I have been helping with regattas from the beginning. Butterfly Nationals, WMYA's, A, E and MC National's, and E Invites. The great thing to learn is how willing people are to help you. It takes a LOT of people to run a regatta this big! I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart! Whether it was helping with 2-hour shifts or being a committee chair, I know the amount of hard work you have all put into this regatta! You are very appreciated! Thank you so much!

So, competitors, parents, kids - enjoy your stay here, good luck sailing and here's to having some wind!

Hard A Lee!

Kris Hallett

WMYA Commodore 2025

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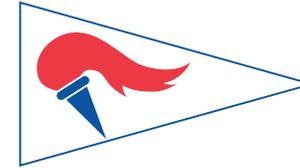
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Regatta Schedule

Registration

Thursday, July 31..... 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 On-site registration, sailing info, and meal ticket pick-up.

Friday, Aug. 31 Registration Open 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 31..... 7:00 pm

Competitors Briefing

Friday, Aug. 1
 All Fleets 8:30 am

Racing Schedule

Friday Aug 1

MC, M-15, Opti	10:00 a.m. – MC, M-15, Opti - Second race for all fleets immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 12:15 p.m.
E, C/Laser, Butterfly	2:00 p.m. – E, C/Laser, Butterfly - Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 4:15 p.m.

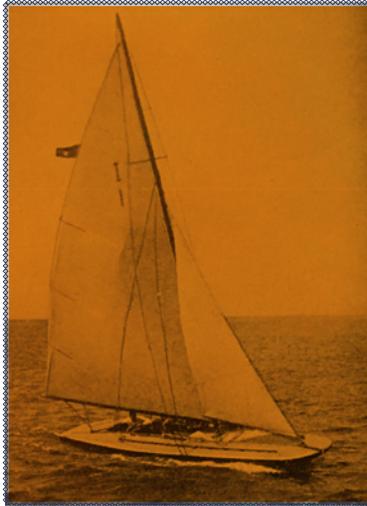
Saturday Aug 2

E, C/Laser, Butterfly	10:00 a.m. – E, C/Laser, Butterfly - Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 12:15 p.m.
MC, M-15, Opti	2:00 p.m. – MC, M-15, Opti - Second race for all fleets immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 4:15 p.m.

Sunday Aug 3

MC, M-15, Opti	10:00 a.m. – MC, M-15, Opti - Second race for all fleets immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 12:15 p.m.
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2025 WMYA Social Schedule

Lean In/Welcome Party

8/31 – Thursday

Pete Price & Sherry O'Connor, Jacklyn Hallett; location - TLYCC - South side parking lot

Commodores Cocktail Party

8/1 – Friday

Julie Hamaty, Dan Lorimer, Kris Hallett - Location - Lorimers

Family/Kids Night

8/1 – Friday

Cassie & Rich Axtell, Casey Keller, Ben Keller - Location - TLYCC

Commodores Ball

8/2 – Saturday

Laura Christensen and Amy Crites – Shanty Creek at The Summit, The Bellaire Room

Trophies

8/3 – Sunday

TLYCC west side porch

Breakfast and Lunch

August 1st - August 3rd:

Breakfast is complimentary, and lunch will be available at the yacht club for pre-purchase Friday-Sunday only.

Alcohol Policy

The Torch Lake Yacht Club has a no-alcohol policy. Guests are welcome to consume alcohol in the parking lot, launching area, or any club property south of the tennis courts. Please honor and respect this long-standing policy. Thank you!



Suggestions for Family Activities and Socializing:

There are countless bars, restaurants, and points of interest in the area. The following list has been assembled for those looking for things to do during non-sailing or yacht club time:

Bars

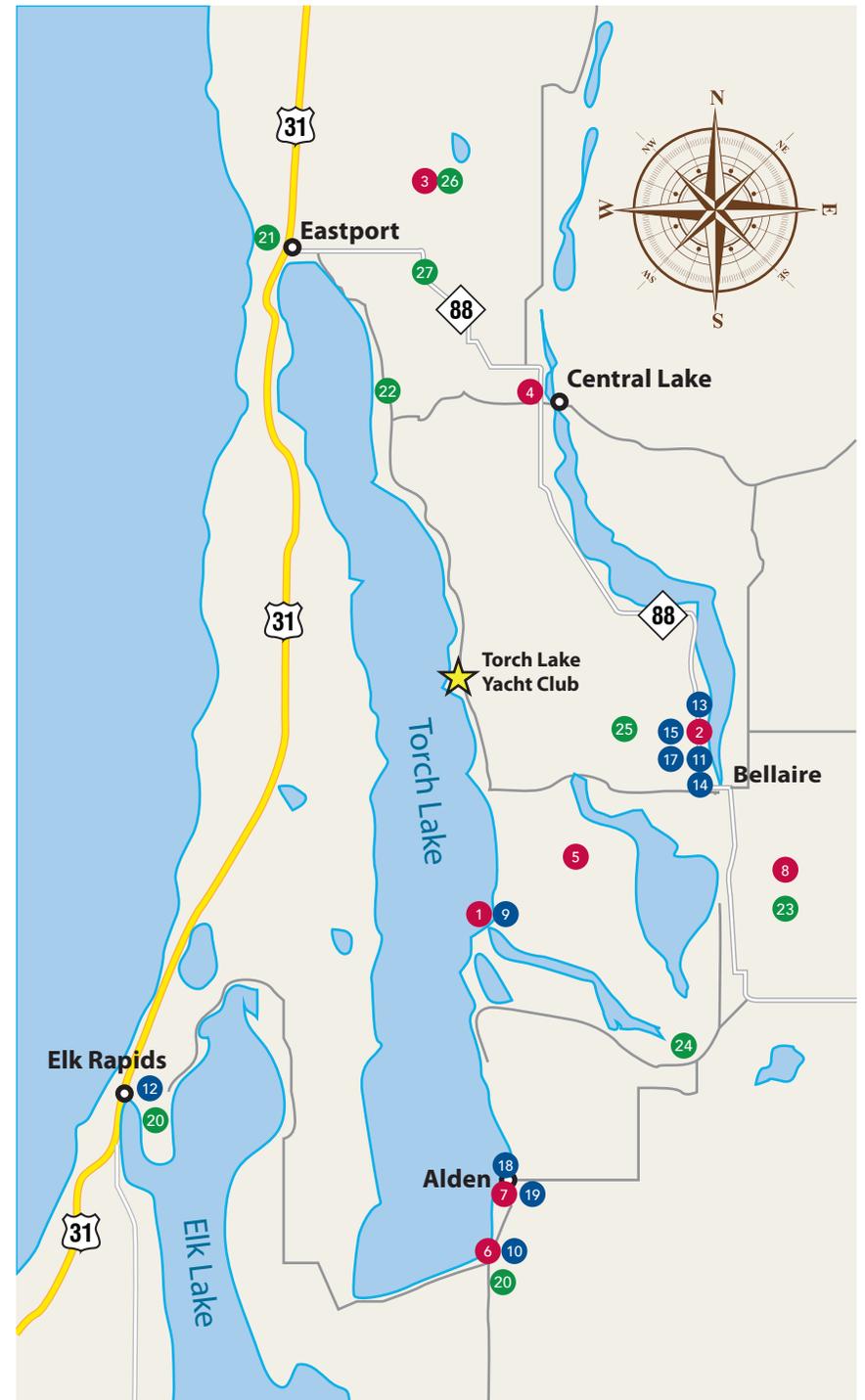
- 1 The Dockside (Clam Lake)
- 2 Fireside Lounge (Bellaire)
- 3 Celler 1914 (Central Lake)
- 4 Mammoth Hand-Hewn Spirits (Central Lake)
- 5 Torch Lake Cellars (Bellaire)
- 6 Bluewater Bistro (Alden MI)
- 7 Alden Bar (Alden)
- 8 Pelican's Nest at The Chief (Bellaire)

Restaurants

- 9 The Dockside (Clam Lake)
- 10 Bluewater Bistro (Alden MI)
- 11 Aiko (Bellaire)
- 12 Pearl's (Elk Rapids)
- 13 Toonie's (Bellaire)
- 14 Moka/Starlight Lounge (Bellaire)
- 15 Blue Pelican (Central Lake)
- 16 Pelican's Nest at The Chief (Bellaire)
- 17 Ruthie's Dairy Twist (Bellaire)
- 18 Higgins' Ice Cream (Alden)
- 19 Muffin Tin (Alden)

Points of Interest

- 20 Village Market (Elk Rapids & Rapid City Alden)
- 21 Barns Park (Eastport)
- 22 Brownwood Acres-Gift shop, treats, and flea market (Central Lake)
- 23 Foot Golf at Shanty Creek (Bellaire)
- 24 Grass River Natural Area-Hiking (Bellaire)
- 25 Glacial Hills-Hiking and Biking (Bellaire)
- 26 Shooks Farm U-Pick Cherries (Central Lake)
- 27 King Orchards U-Pick Cherries (Central Lake)





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 At Large: Jack Rillema II
 At Large: Tom Munroe
 At Large: Mike Terry - CLYC
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 Principal Race Officers: Steve Schiller
 Jack Rillema II

Volunteer List

Regatta Commodore: Kris Hallett
 Lean In Party/Welcoming Party: Price & Fox Families, Sherry Jones O'Connor
 Family Night Party: Cassie & Rich Axtell
 Commodore's Cocktail Party: Dan Lorimer, Julie Hamaty
 Commodore's Ball: Amy Crites, Laura Christensen
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 Permits: David Sawin
 Water Taxis: Max Daily
 Grounds: TLYC Staff
 Safety Boats: Brent Daily
 Trophies: Casey Christensen
 Scoring: Mike Terry
 Principal Race Officers: Steve Schiller & Jack Rillema II
 Mediator: Doug McNeil
 Arbitrator: Art Brereton
 Regatta Book: Jack Rillema II, Earle Press, Inc.
 Regatta Logo: Sophie Jones

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1** - The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** - Boats shall be subject to their Class Rules, except as noted in the Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SI), or any Additional Sailing Instructions (ASI).
- 1.3** - US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, sections T1, T2, and T4 will apply.
- 1.4** - US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.5** - Rule 41 Outside Help is modified so that the Butterfly, Optimist, and MC classes, who capsize, may receive outside assistance, without penalty, and may continue to race.
- 1.6** - Only one sail number may be used for each boat. Any changes must be approved in writing by the PRO.
- 1.7** - Routine movement of autonomous GPS / Spotlock on Race Committee boat(s) will not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments and boat returning to station after having been pushed away or collision by a competitor and presuming that any collision(s) does not cause damage. This changes RRS Part 3.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** - Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2** - On the water changes to the Sailing Instructions are allowed and will be given after the L flag is displayed on the signal boat. Changes will be announced on the designated VHF channel and also by Loud Hailer. This changes RRS 90.2 and Race Signals.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/>
- 3.2** - An unofficial physical notice board may be located at the Torch Lake Yacht Club.
- 3.3** - A designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the race committee on VHF channel 73 (E and MC Fleets) or 78 (C Fleet). Information provided is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be considered as grounds for redress under RRS 62. Radio calls will not be made for the Laser, Optimist, and Butterfly classes.



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3.4 - [DP] [While racing][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. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Fleet Signal Boat located at Regatta Headquarters

4.2 - When the Answering Pennant ("AP") is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the Race Signals AP'.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 - Daily Schedules:

Friday 8/1/2025

10:00 a.m. – MC, M-15, Opti - Second race for all fleets immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 12:15pm
2:00 p.m. – E, C/Laser, Butterfly - Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 4:15pm

Saturday 8/2/2025

10:00 a.m. – E, C/Laser, Butterfly - Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 12:15pm
2:00 p.m. – MC, M-15, Opti - Second race for all fleets immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 4:15pm

Sunday 8/3/2025

10:00 a.m. – MC, M-15, Opti - Second race for all fleets immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 12:15pm
2:00 p.m. – E, C/Laser, Butterfly - Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal for all fleets may not be after 4:15pm

5.2 - E and MC's will sail on Race Course A (orange marks)

5.3 - C, Lasers, and M-15's will sail on Race Course B (yellow marks)

5.4 - Butterfly and Optis will sail on Race Course C (pink marks)

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 - E Scow	Class Logo
C Scow	Class Logo
MC Scow	Class Logo
Butterfly	Class Logo
Laser	Class Logo
M-15	Class Logo
Optimist	Class Logo

7. COURSES

7.1 - Race Course Illustrations are shown at the end of this document.

7.2 - No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the number of legs and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7.3 - An "Offset" mark may be set 90 degrees at a distance of approximately 50 yards from the windward mark. If the Windward mark or the offset mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

7.4 - E, C, Laser, M-15, and MC Scows will use a gate mark for all races. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either gate mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

8. MARKS

8.1 - E scow and MC scow marks 1 and 2, gates and offsets will be orange inflatables. Change marks will be orange inflatables.

8.2 C scow, M-15, and Laser marks 1 and 2, gates and offsets will be yellow inflatables. Change marks will be yellow inflatables.

8.3 Butterfly and Optimist Pram marks 1 and 2 will be pink inflatables. Change marks will be pink inflatables.

8.4 The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a "keep away" buoy, which shall rank as a starting mark. Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with RRS 44.1. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Signal Boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the Signal Boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18, 19 and 20.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag, on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line, and the course side of the port end starting mark.

9.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.

9.4 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 A5.1 and A5.2.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 - To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the existing mark(s) as soon as practicable.

10.2 - Course changes of less than 10 degrees may be made with no signal and no change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 - The finish line for all fleets will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 - After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a postrace penalty for that incident.

12.2 - Post Race Penalties shall be:

- a. 20% if taken before protest time limit. [Minimum 2 places]
- b. 30% if taken after protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident. [Min. 3 places]

12.3 - Secured Positions - If the Race Committee deems it necessary in order to maintain the regatta schedule, and at the sole discretion of the Race Committee, the Race Committee may "secure" the position of any boat in the race and will score that boat in that position as if they have actually finished the race in that position. This modifies Rule 35, A4, A5 and changes the definition of Finish.

13. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

13.1 - Time limit for all classes is 2 hours.

13.2 - Boats who have not finished their race in 2 hours and 15 minutes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus 2 points.

13.3 - If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the 30 minute Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 - A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the finish boat after all yachts in her class have finished. Any attempt to notify the finish boat, before all yachts in her class have finished, will be ignored. This changes RRS 61.1a.

14.2 - Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.3 - For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day for that class. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2.

14.4 - Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as

witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room located at the Torch Lake Yacht Club beginning at the time posted on the notice board.

14.5 - A protesting skipper and the protested skipper must remain within call of the arbitrator, protest committee or, at the discretion of the arbitrator, protest committee; the protest can be allowed or disallowed.

15. PROTEST ARBITRATION

15.1 - Rule 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in RRS 44.1, 44.2, and as modified by these Sailing Instructions while on the water or to take a 40% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator.

After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes.

After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following conclusions:

- 1) No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.
- 2) A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of either accepting a 40% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.

When protests are submitted to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, but may be present in the protest committee room, and may be called as a witness.

15.2 - Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%. [Minimum 4 places]

16. SCORING

16.1 - The low point scoring system in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

16.2 - 2 races must be completed for a class to constitute a regatta.

16.3 - There will be one throw out race allowed per fleet after that fleet has completed at least six races.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 - Each competitor, including skipper and crew, Parent or legal guardian, is ultimately responsible for such competitor's safety.

17.2 - A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.

17.3 - Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform Regatta headquarters or a regatta official prior to the start of the first race of the day.

17.4 - A boat that breaks SI 18.1, SI 18.2, or SI 18.3 may receive without a hearing, a warning, a penalty or a disqualification. This changes RRS 63.

17.5 - All E Scows are required to sail with NCESA mainsail flotation panels installed.

17.6 - All sailors in the Butterfly, Laser, and Optimist classes must wear a USCG approved Life Jacket completely zipped or buckled. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

18. CODE OF CONDUCT

18.1 - Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.

18.2 - Competitors are expected to comply fully with rule 2 at all times. Abuse or intimidation of other competitors, race officials, or officials of the host club will not be tolerated. All such incidents shall be reported to the Principal Race Officer. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee and may be considered gross misconduct (a gross breach of sportsmanship).

18.3 - When a competitor and/or crew is found to have committed an act of Gross Misconduct, the penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 40% of the entries in the race for each incident. Additionally, the competitor and/or boat that was responsible for the crew may not discard this race in the series.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

19.1 - Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

20. PRIZES

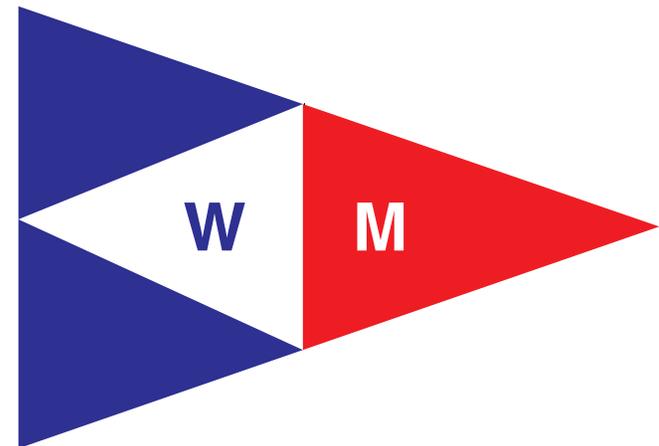
20.1 - Prizes will be awarded as described in the notice of race.

21 RISK STATEMENT

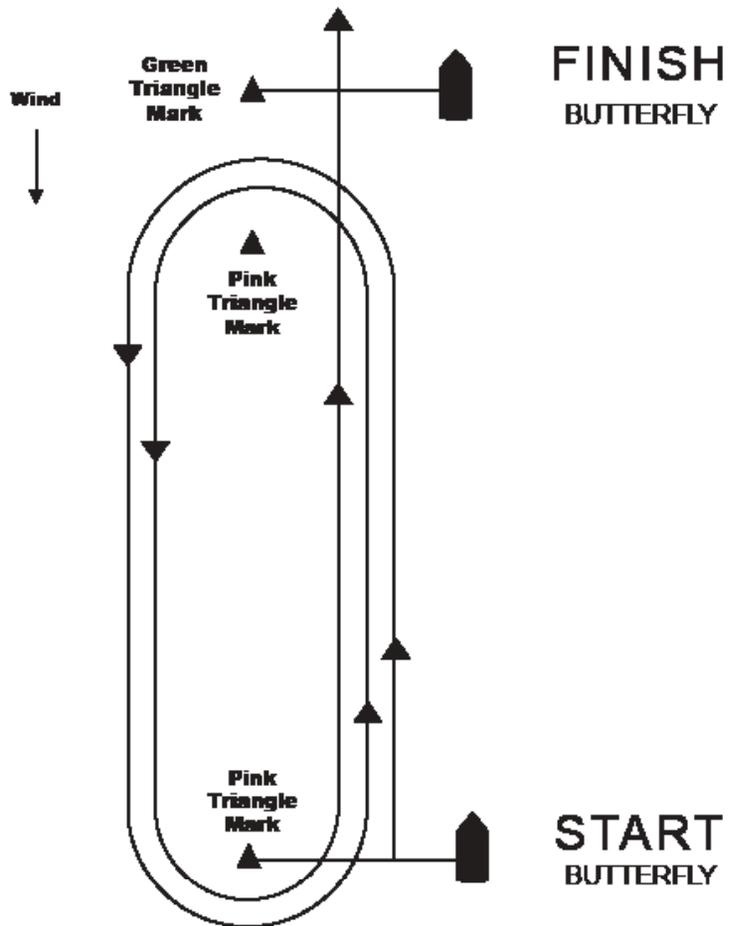
21.1 - RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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. The White Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience incurred, in conjunction with the regatta, however caused. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian, agrees to release the Regatta Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21.2 - The organizing authority 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.

Revised - 7/1/2025 Steve Schiller - US Sailing CRO ID#218413Q



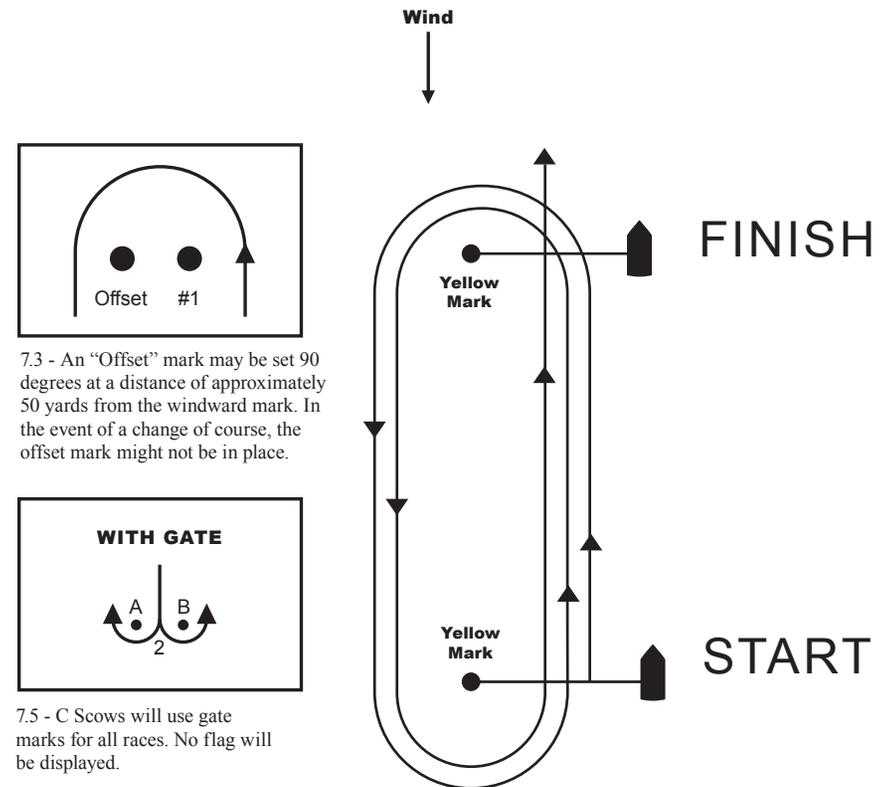
Butterfly Course Diagram



Possible Windward / Leeward Courses: (non inclusive)

- 3 Legs (3)**
- 5 Legs (5) – Shown Above**
- 7 Legs (7)**

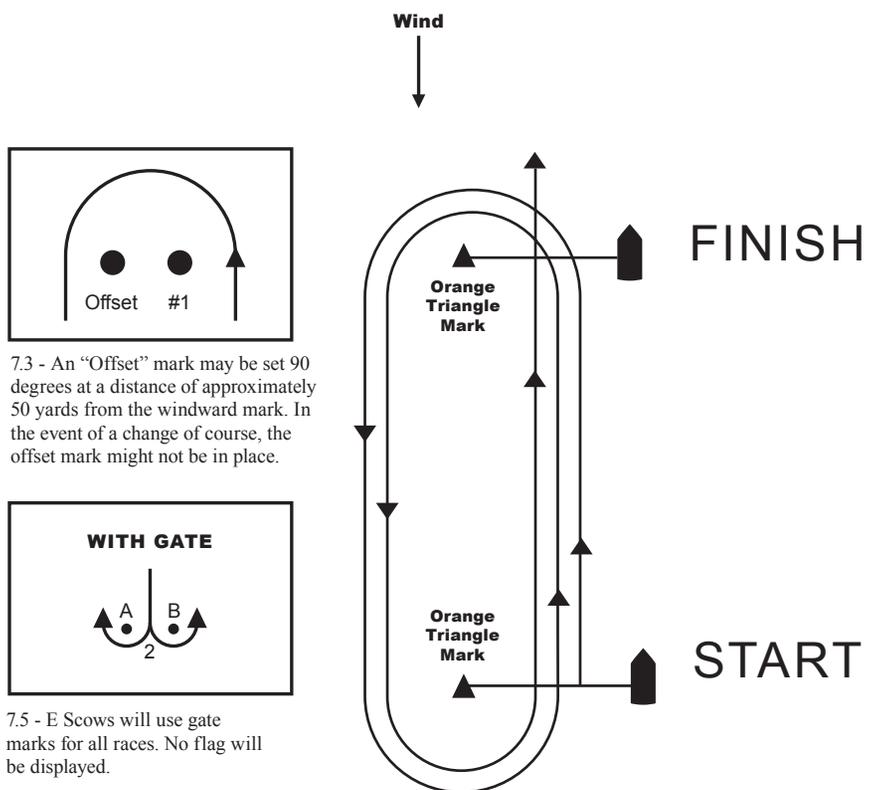
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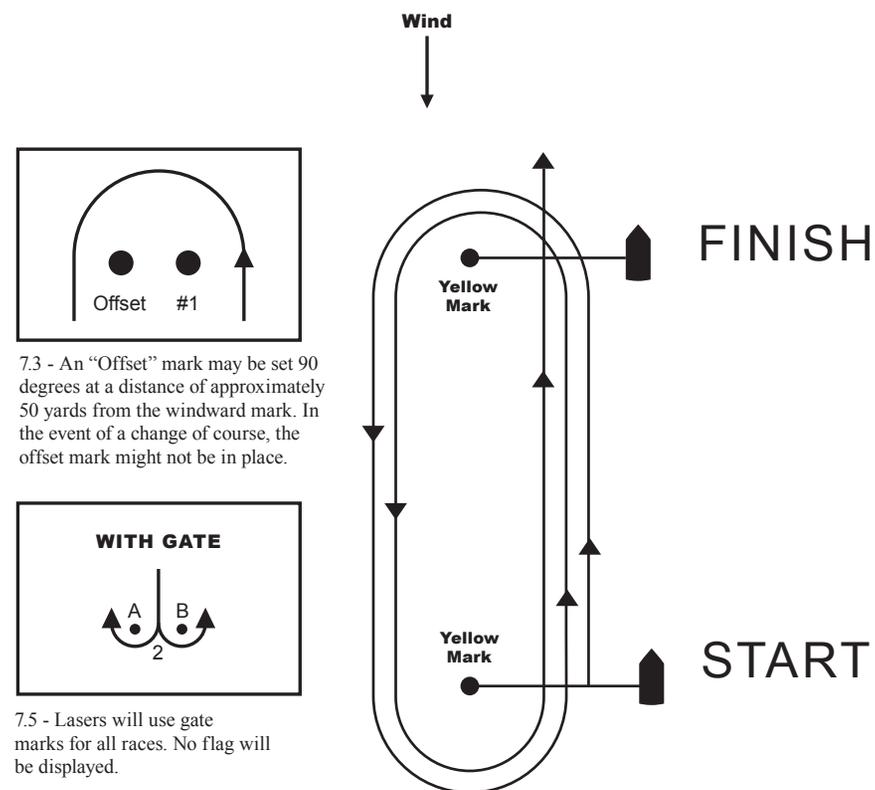
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- 7 Legs (7)**

E Scow Course Diagram



Laser Course Diagram



Possible Windward / Leeward Courses: (non inclusive)

3 Legs (3)

5 Legs (5) – Shown Above

7 Legs (7)

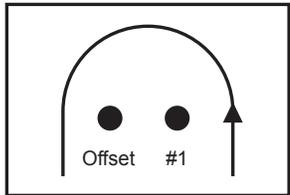
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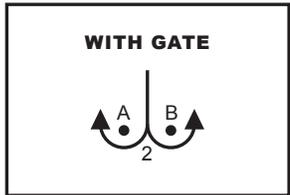
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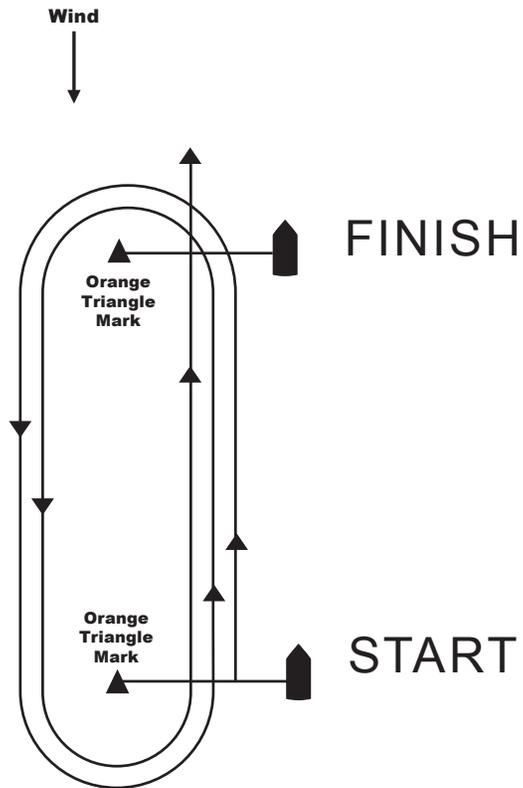
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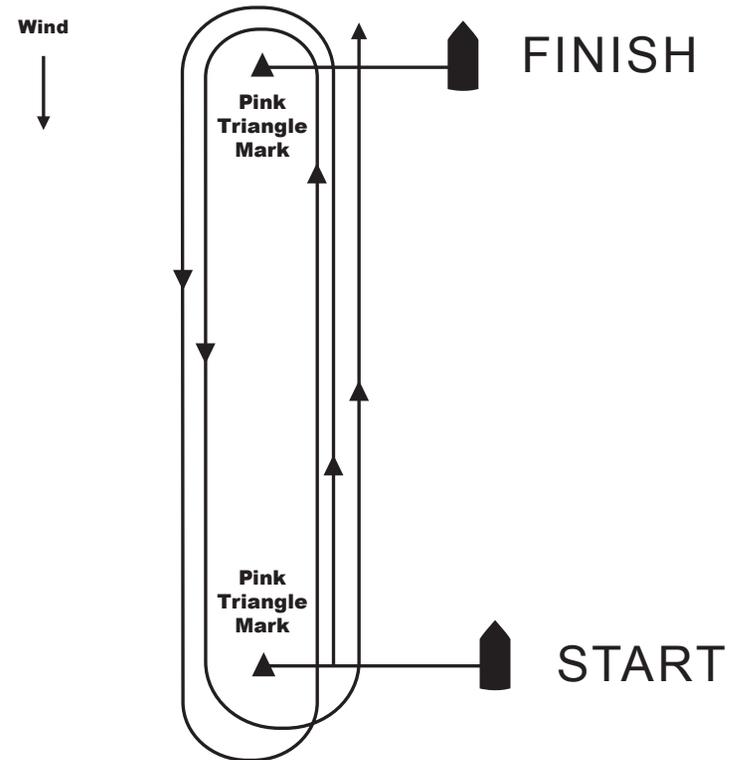
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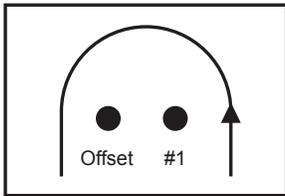
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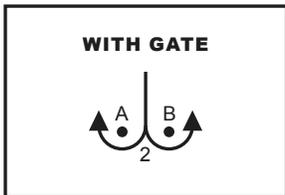
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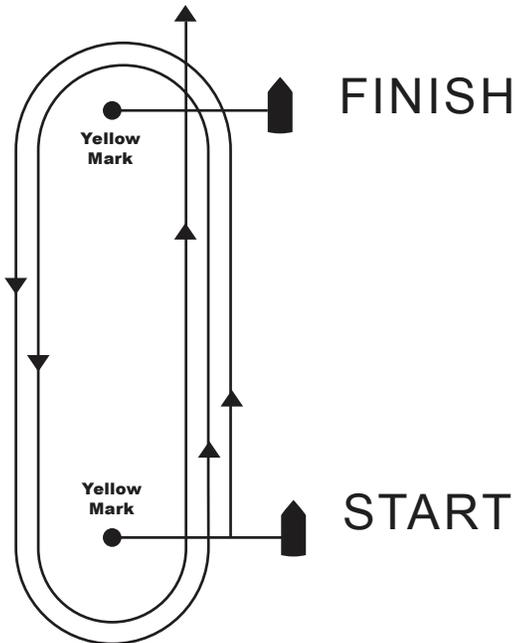
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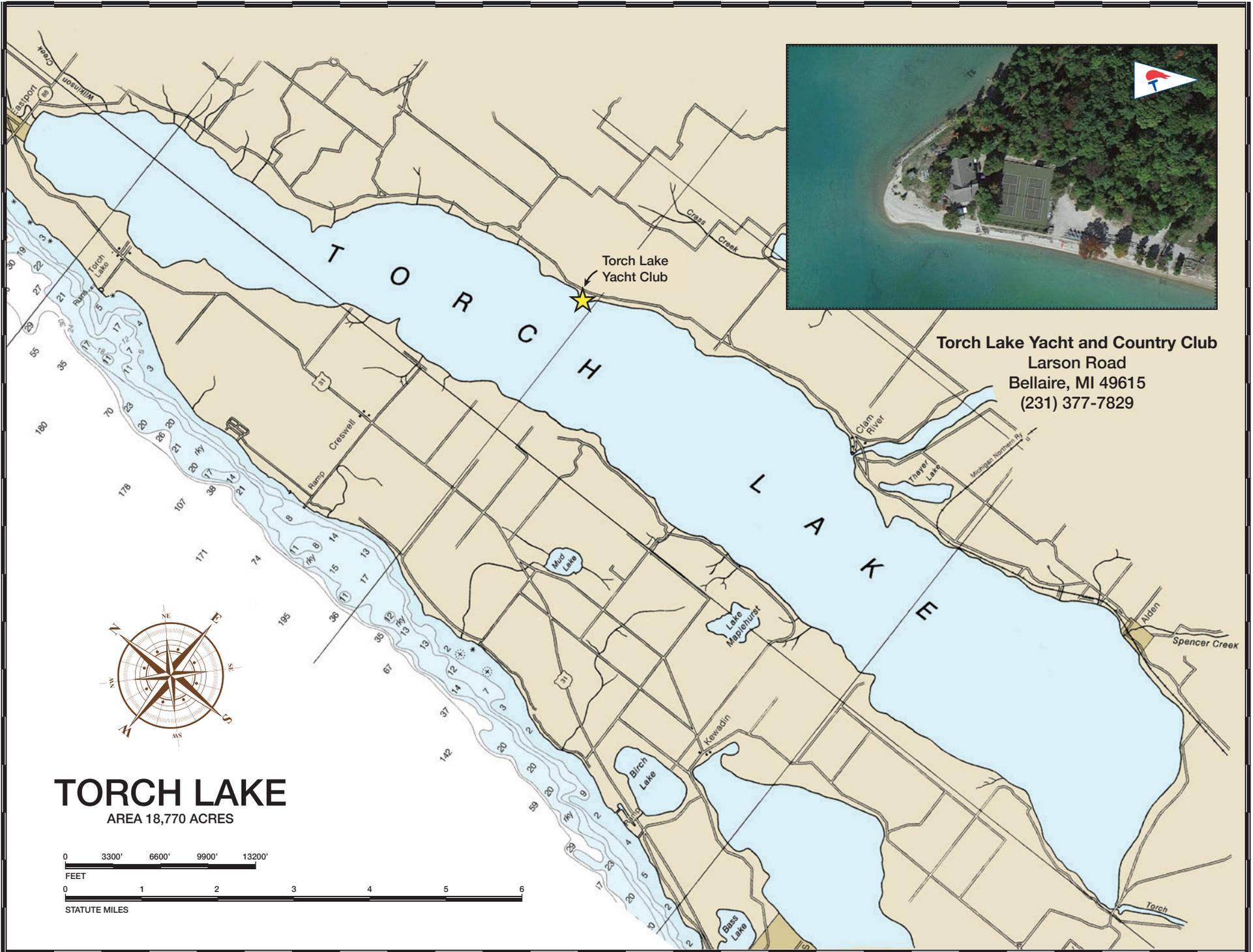
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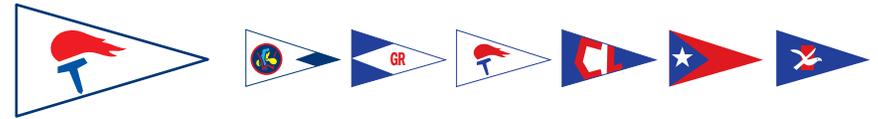
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WMYA History

Forming the Western Michigan Yachting Association

The Western Michigan Yachting Association was formed in December 1929 as a result of an informal agreement between representatives of the three original member clubs; the Spring Lake Yacht Club, the Muskegon Yacht Club and the White Lake Yacht Club. The driving force behind the organization was C.D.R. Mulder, who was a member of both WLYC and SLYC.

The fledgling association held their first regatta at Muskegon Lake in 1930 as a two day event. The regatta included only three classes of boats: A Scows, C Scows and E Scows, and involved only a single race in each class. The Muskegon Lake Regatta was so successful that the three clubs decided to formalize their relationship and promote intense inter-club competition. All interested parties were invited to attend a luncheon at the Century Club in Muskegon on September 22, 1930. Delegates from White Lake, Muskegon Lake, Spring Lake and Black Lake (Macatawa Bay) were on hand. Within a short time the Grand Rapids Yacht Club and the Torch Lake Yacht Club also joined. The organizers chose C.D.R. Mulder (SLYC) Commodore, William R. Munroe (MYC) Vice-Commodore, John G. Guerin (WLYC) Rear Commodore, Clarence E. Pitkin (WLYC) Secretary, and C.A. Crowe (MBYC) Treasurer. By 1938 Pentwater and Crystal Lake had also joined.

The White Lake Yacht Club invited the other members of the association to hold it's first official regatta at White Lake in August of 1931. Hoping to improve upon the earlier efforts at Muskegon Lake, the organizers of the White Lake Regatta decided to extend the event to three days (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday) and to have the three classes of boats sail in heats, one for each day of the event, which would supposedly improve the competition. They also added a social side with Sailors Lunch every day and a grand ball to end the regatta.

During the 30's and 40's the WMYA experimented with another type of regatta known as the Skippers Regatta. The idea was that each club would send a skipper and crew for each of the three classes (E, C, and Crescent). Each crew would rotate from one boat to another until each had sailed each boat, negating advantages of speed or quality on other boats. The winner was based on a point system with the winner having the most points overall. In 1936 the Association decided to let the host club provide all the competing boats. This posed a problem when not all clubs had all the fleets racing on their lake.

WMYA History (Continued)

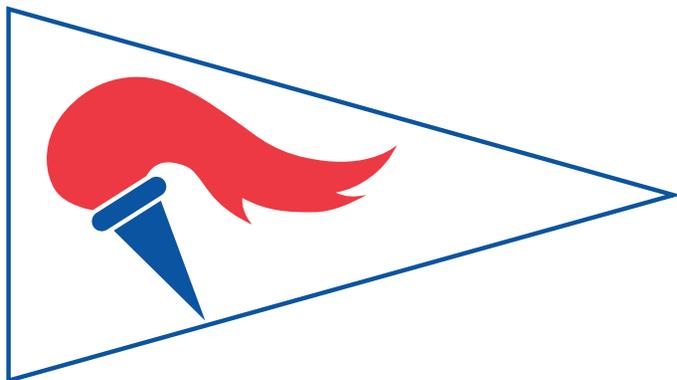
In 1939 a cruising boat race from Macatawa to White Lake opened the event and it was made an annual event for several years. During the war years of 1942 and 1943, the regattas were canceled due to war time travel restrictions and lack of competition. The format for the races remained fairly uniform over the years. Each regatta lasted for three days, changing to a Friday to Sunday format, and now to a four day format.

The classes of boats raced over the years have included the; A Scow, E Scow, C Scow, Cresnet, Y Flyer, Snipe, Lightning, Lawley, Scooter, Wood Pussy, Nipper, MC Scow, Butterfly, Laser, M20, and Melges 17. This Regatta Year Book started in 1959 as the first official program printed for the regatta and it was dedicated to Howard Tremble as a past WMYA Commodore. The position of Resident Agent (now Executive Secretary) began in 1962 with Tom Bloodgood. In 1966 Midge Verplank took over and held the association together with consistency and vitality until retiring in 2003, with Joan Manny replacing him.

To this day the foundation of the WMYA is based on encouraging, promoting, conducting and supervising amateur yachting and yacht racing on the inland lakes. Its' long history has perpetuated through generations of sailing families and will continue to do so in to the future.

(Taken from excerpts of the WLYC History by Dan Yakes and Roger Scharmer, and excerpts from the WMYA history with reminiscences of Mrs. Bruce Wathan and letters from Mrs. Freda Tremble.)

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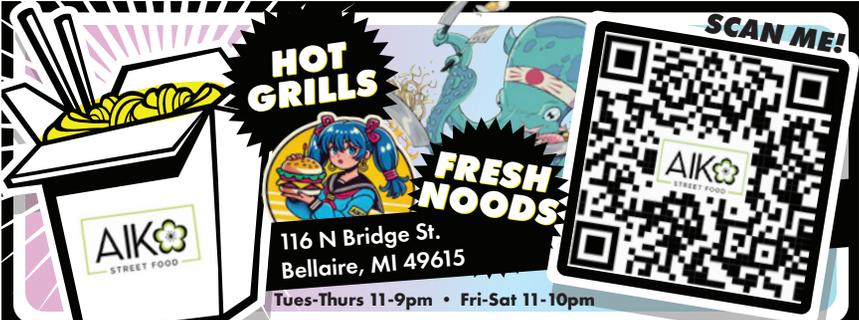
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WMYA Commodores 1930-2025

1930	No Commodore	1979	Spencer Weersing, WLYC
1931	C.D.R. Mulder, WLYC	1980	Bill Waring, GRYC
1932	C.D.R. Mulder, WLYC	1981	Larry Hall, CLYC
1933	Ken Welch, SLYC	1982	Carl Reuter Dahl, SLYC
1934	H.E. Baxter, GRYC	1983	Paul Wickland, Jr., MYC
1935	Charles F. Hibbard, TLYC	1984	Duane Pierson, WLYC
1936	A.E. Jacobson, SLYC	1985	Dana Baldwin, GRYC
1937	R. Wallace Hook, GRYC	1986	Rick Morris, CLYC
1938	Alvin E. Youngquist, WLYC	1987	Dan Bowen, SLYC
1939	Smith B. Taylor, SLYC	1988	David Freye, MYC
1940	Clarence E. Pitkin, WLYC	1989	Karl Jacob, WLYC
1941	Robert Bennet, GRYC	1990	Curt Bradley, GRYC
1944	Irving Quimby, SLYC	1991	Jeff Hoch, TLYC
1945	Hugh Schaddalee, MBYC	1992	Terry Lang, CLYC
1946	Gregg Maxfield, MYC	1993	Tad Welch, SLYC
1947	Paul S. Christie, WLYC	1994	Peter Price, MYC
1948	Fritz Van Brunt, GRYC	1995	Dave Bedau, WLYC
1949	Charles Jacobson, SLYC	1996	Bob Ward, GRYC
1950	Howard Priddy	1997	Art Brereton, TLYC
1951	Howard Tremble, GRYC	1998	Rob Terry, CLYC
1952	Howard Tremble, GRYC	1999	Bruce Cassady, SLYC
1953	Alvin Youngquist, WLYC	2000	Steve Schiller, MYC
1954	John Seabury, WLYC	2001	Joan Manny, WLYC
1955	Frank Veit, SLYC	2002	Fred Stevens, GRYC
1956	Bob Turk, TLYC	2003	Peter Comfort, WLYC
1957	Charles Young, SLYC	2004	Walker M. Wynkoop, CLYC
1958	Bob Ward, GRYC	2005	Ross Reuter Dahl, SLYC
1959	Bruce Wathan, MYC	2006	Larry Larsen, MYC
1960	James Spencer Jr., MBYC	2007	Jack Rillema II, WLYC
1961	Don Bolling, SLYC	2008	Brian Wrase, GRYC
1962	Ted Hibbard, TLYC	2009	Ted Keller, TLYC
1963	Klemm Harvey, WLYC	2010	Kevin Haviland, SLYC
1964	Tom C. Bloodgood, GRYC	2011	Mark Wipper, CLYC
1965	Harold M. McClure, Jr., CLYC	2012	Ken Griswold, MYC
1966	William R. Munroe, MYC	2013	Tom Munroe, WLYC
1967	Midge Verplank, SLYC	2014	Carl Reid, GRYC
1968	Co. Com. Bob Metric, LFYC	2015	Casey Christensen, TLYC
1968	Co. Com. Dick Anderson, TLYC	2016	Andy Hubbard, SLYC
1969	Tom McMurray, WLYC	2017	Mike Terry, CLYC
1970	Chuck Harrett, GRYC	2018	Josh Wallace, MYC
1971	Mike Huck, CLYC	2019	Don Nelson, WLYC
1972	Ken Kornoelje, SLYC	2020	Dan Lorimer, TLYC
1973	Gordon Tousey, MYC	2021	Beth Windemuller, SLYC
1974	Jacques A. Chatain, WLYC	2022	Tony Pugh, CLYC
1975	William B. Metcalf, GRYC	2023	Mark Burns, MYC
1976	Walker E. Wynkoop, CLYC	2024	Cam McNeil, WLYC
1977	Gary Verplank, SLYC	2025	Kris Hallett, TLYC
1978	Paul Wickland, Sr., MYC		



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In the summer of 1927, Charles Hibbard "discovered" Yacht Club Point. It was then called Larsen's Point and had recently been purchased by a syndicate comprised of Mrs. Maxi Bechtold, Herbert Bechtold, Rudolf Bechtold, Ted McCutcheon, and Herman Beutler. Charles and Ted decided there must be a yacht club here! In February 1928, working along with Herb, they came up with plans, more front footage was purchased and so TLYCC was started with 16 members. The club house, still standing as the original "Moose Room" was built in 1929. These early founders where also our early sailors in the C fleet, started in 1928 and E Fleet in 1929. Early that first summer, E races started and finished off Fairwood Point, one point south. Later in the summer, once the clubhouse was built, races started and finished off our club point. This tradition continued into the late 1990's. That first year, 3 E boats sailed, 2 privately owned, 1 owned by the yacht club. The owners rotated boats and skippers to even out any advantage. Charles (Chick) Hibbard won the E championship.

In 1931, we joined the WMYA and our first sailing school was started by Dr. Aldrich. By 1933, we had 6 E's. Our early skippers were Chick Hibbard, John Richards, Captain Eder, Mr. Ousterhouts. In 1933 we hosted our first WMYA regatta with 13 E's attending, won by Bob Durrett of TLYCC. Boats came from White Lake, Spring Lake, Lake Macatawa and Grand Rapids. By 1934, more skippers and boats participated in club races. Legendary names include Harlow Davock, John (Pappy) DeTar and Newell Ford. In 1936, we participated in Traverse City's Cherry Festival with an exhibition race to hopefully increase interest in the area. Gordon Miller started the Muggers Society in 1939.

In 1940, Nan Ford won TLYCC's first woman's Muger Cup! Post war 1940's, the E fleet grew in size to 8 boats and participation and enthusiasm increased dramatically. Course records were continuously broken. Sailors in this decade were Ted Hibbard, Bill Hibbard, Jake DeTar, Hilt Hunter, Bob Turk, Tom Ford, John Ford, Sally Ford, Barry Miller, and Harlow Davock. In 1941, we hosted the WMYA regatta, Chick Hibbard, T-1, placed 4th.

TLYC History (Continued)

It was painful when 1954 saw the passing of 4 of our founding fathers. Sailing was minimal that season. But then we saw new skippers emerge, Jack Unger, Dave DeTar, Joan Trimmer, Lynn Collins, Kay Comfort, Hartley Comfort, Hillis Schieber, and Lou Roth. In 1956 we sponsored the WMYA. Bob Turk in Trouble V placed 2nd.

In 1964, Kay Comfort, was the first woman sailor at TLYCC to win a club championship. Later in the 60's she teamed up with her brother Hartley and the Melges, sailed with Mylar sails and used the first aluminum mast. This design went through the deck and was hull stepped. At E Nationals that same year, Kay raced the prototype boat with this new configuration. The E Class voted down this through deck design but did vote for the aluminum mast that was deck stepped. This also is this beginning of Torch boats attending E Nationals regularly.

From the 1960 – 1980's, Bill Christensen, TO-44, and Hartley Comfort II, TO-77 were battling each and every race. Between 1962 to 1983 – Hartley won our club championship 12 times! Bill won it 6 times. Both were very active sailing at E Nationals with Hartley's highest placement being 6th.

In 1980, Art Brereton, TO-101, developed the new vang design that is still used today. Art proposed the asymmetrical spinnaker in 2003 that was approved for an experiment for the 2004 season. The class ultimately voted to accept this, and it was legalized for the 2008 season. He also had the first launcher system for the spinnaker in 2010. Art won 14 club championships between 1978 and 2024. Still sailing, I'm sure we can expect this number to increase! He tied for 1st place at the 2010 E Nationals.

Denny Malone, TO-8, won 7 club championships between the years 1982 to 1991. Jeff Hoch, TO-4, 3 championships between 1999-2001, Neil Gerrity, TO-5, 3 championships between 2003 – 2006. Steve Johanson, TO-33, 6 championships between 2007 – 2017. All remain very active on the national level.

Hartley Comfort, Sr., Denny Malone, Pete Price, and Art Brereton are all past commodores of the NCEA. TLYCC has hosted the National Championship 3 times, 2001, 2011 and 2021. In 2021, 70 boats participated, for 3 days of sailing, and the winner was Harry Melges IV, I-1.

It is fun to take note of multigenerational family winners. The Christensen's, TO-44: John won the Championship in 1959, Bill won 6 times between 1966 - 1995, Casey won 3 times between 2015 – 2020. The Comfort's: Hartley Comfort sailed in the 40's, Kay won in 1964, Hartley II won his 12 championships between 1961 – 1983, and Pete won in 2018.

TLYCC currently has 17 boats in the E fleet and usually gets 12-14 boats on the starting line each weekend. Our history and love of sailing was and remains strong!



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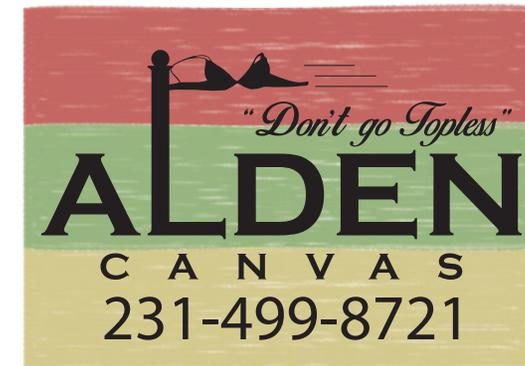
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WMYA Champions (Continued)

2001	Brian McMurray	WL	2018	John McNeil	LT
2002	Chris Eggert	SL	2019	Jack Rillema II	WL
2003	Jamie Kimball	SL	2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
2004	Chris Eggert	SL	2021	Braden Johnson	WL
2005	Jamie Kimball	SL	2022	Frank Frisinger	MYC
2006	Jamie Kimball	SL	2023	Dillon McCormick	LSC
2007	Jamie Kimball	SL	2024	Braden Johnson	WLYC
2008	Jamie Kimball	SL			
2009	Ted Keller	TL			
2010	Ted Keller	TL			
2011	Rob Terry	CL			
2012	Jamie Kimball	SL			
2013	Pete Comfort	TL			
2014	Cam McNeil	WL			
2015	Tony Pugh	CL			
2016	Eddie Cox	LG			
2017	Eddie Cox	LG			
2018	Cam McNeil	SL			
2019	Cam McNeil	SL			
2020	Cancelled Covid 19				
2021	Cam McNeil	SL			
2022	Brett Hatton	CL			
2023	Cam McNeil	SL			
2024	Olivia Windemuller	SL			

Laser / Radial

2012	Dirk Phelps	CL
2013	David Griswold	MYC
2014	Justin Lovell	GR
2015	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2016	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2017	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2018	Noah Wolters	SL
2019	Noah Wolters	SL
2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
2021	No Winner	
2022	Claire Considine	CC
2024	Andries Berens	GR

Open Butterflies

1965	Tom Keenan	LF
1966	Brud Harvey	WL
1967	D. Freye	MYC
1968	Don Hood	WL
1969	Steve Novak	WL
1970	Ande Holly	WL
1971	Ande Holly	WL
1972	Steve Novak	WL
1973	Ande Holly	WL
1974	Eric Hood	WL
1975	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1976	Brian McMurray	WL
1977	Brad David	WL
1978	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1979	Jeff Butterfield	WL
1980	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1981	Duane Pierson	WL
1982	Chad Gould	WL
1983	Duane Pierson	WL
1984	Karl Jacob	WL
1985	Ryan Nordberg	TL
1986	Duane Pierson	WL
1987	Warde Pierson	WL
1988	Duane Pierson	WL
1989	N. Weersing	WL
1990	Steven Fox	SL
1991	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1992	Duane Pierson	WL
1993	Warde Pierson	WL
1994	Duane Pierson	WL
1995	Duane Pierson	WL
1996	Duane Pierson	WL
1997	Josh Rotonda	SL
1998	Duane Pierson	WL
1999	Ben Fredricks	SL

Lasers / Standard

1979	Robert Currier	SL
1980	Paul Wickland	MYC
1981	Paul Wickland	MYC
1982	Paul Wickland	MYC
1983	Glenn McMurray	WL
1984	Chad Gould	WL
1985	Mark Eldred	MB
1986	Susie Pegel	MB
1987	Steve Sisson	MB
1988	Karl Jacob	WL
1989	M. Isabell	
1997	Steve Johanson	TL
1998	Ross Reuterdahl	SL
1999	Paul Wickland	MYC
2000	Rob Davis	MYC
2001	Peter Comfort	TL
2002	Peter Comfort	TL
2003	Pat Flood	IL
2004	Rich Grant	GR
2005	Rich Grant	GR
2006	Charlie Knape	GR
2007	Charlie Knape	GR
2008	J.P. Mull	WL
2009	Charlie Knape	GR
2010	Charlie Knape	GR
2011	Isaac Kremers	GR
2012	Isaac Kremers	GR
2013	Isaac Kremers	GR
2014	Bruce Hansen	SL
2015	Steve Johanson	TL
2016	Charlie Knapp	SL
2017	Charlie Knapp	GR

2000	Duane Pierson	WL	2005	Mike Knape	GR
2001	Joe Rotonda	SL	2006	Scott Anderson	GR
2002	Jack Rillema II	WL	2007	Sam Gill	WL
2003	Kevin Anderson	GR	2008	Lauren Hatt	SL
2004	Scott Anderson	GR	2009	Sandi Fredricks	SL
2005	Charlie Knape	GR	2010	Mason Wolters	SL
2006	Jim Knape	GR	2011	Frank Reeg	SL
2007	Eric Rivard	GL	2012	David Griswold	MYC
2008	Ed Hatt	SL	2013	Sam Ralston	GR
2009	Tony Pugh	CL	2014	Sam Ralston	GR
2010	Tony Pugh	CL	2015	Noah Wolters	SL
2011	Michael Madden	GR	2016	Noah Wolters	SL
2012	Adam Hohmeyer	SL	2017	Charlie Parker	SL
2013	Frank M Reeg	SL	2018	Zoe Czadzeck	SL
2014	Eric Rantanen	SL	2019	Bryson Hough	SL
2015	Simone Garratt		2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
2016	Braden Johnson	WL	2021	Nyle Eggert	SL
2017	Elissa Walter	CL	2022	Jack Hubbard	SL
2018	Kasra Lindrup	WL	2023	Max Eggert	SLYC
2019	Zoe Czadzeck		2024	Rhodes Verplank	SLYC
2020	Cancelled Covid 19				
2021	No Winner				
2022	Helaina Howe	TL			
2024	Brooklyn Verplank	SLYC			

M-20

1996	Scott Luce	GR
1997	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka
1998	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka
1999	Ron Schlommer	LG
2000	Rob Davis	LG
2001	Chuck Gorgen	MN
2002	Andrew Tapper	MN
2003	Pete Comfort	TL
2005	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka

Junior Butterflies

1969	Ande Holly	WL
1970	Eric Hood	WL
1971	Eric Hood	WL
1972	Eric Hood	WL
1973	Doug McNeil	WL
1974	Hugh Walborn	SL
1975	Jim Gretzke	MYC
1976	Brad Davis	WL
1977	Paul Christianson	SL
1978	Holly O'Brien	SL
1979	Brian Wrase	SL
1980	Holly O'Brien	SL
1981	Chad Gould	WL
1982	J.P. Mull	WL
1983	Karl Jacob	WL
1984	Chris Eggert	SL
1985	Chris Eggert	SL
1986	Dave Fox	SL
1987	Dave Fox	SL
1988	Brien Fox	SL
1989	Jay Lambiotte	CL
1990	Ross Reuterdahl	SL
1991	Kyle Verplank	SL
1992	Jon McMillan	CL
1993	Matt Cassady	SL
1994	Cameron McNeil	WL
1995	John McNeil	WL
1996	Cameron McNeil	WL
1997	Cameron McNeil	WL
1998	Andy Powell	TL
1999	Joe Rotonda	SL
2000	Joe Rotonda	SL/WL
2001	Kevin Anderson	GR
2002	Charlie Knape	GR
2003	Charlie Knape	GR
2004	Charlie Knape	GR

Melges 17

2006	Brian McMurray	WL
2007	Brian McMurray	WL
2008	Rob Terry	CL
2009	Coye Harrett	LG
2010	Sean Fidler	CL
2011	Tom Munroe	WL
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2015	Rob Terry	CL

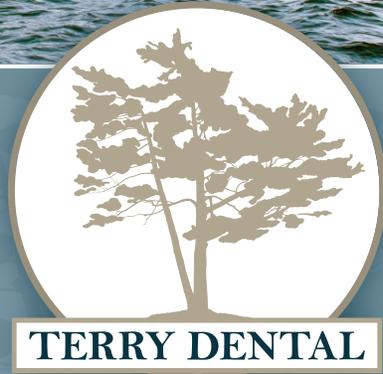
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2008	Ang Riolo	SL
2009	Justin Lovell	GR
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2011	Spenser Todd	GR
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2013	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2014	Spencer Todd	GR
2015	Hazel McGovern	
2016	Quentin Beyer	
2017	Egan McInerney	SL
2018	Ella Towner	GR
2019	Nyle Eggert	SL
2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
2021	Charlie Molesta	SL
2022	Charlie Molesta	SL
2023	Walter Kimball	GRYC
2024	Jake Kimball	GRYC

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Howard Baxter Trophy

Winner First E Boat Race
Howard was a member of both the Grand Rapids and Spring Lake Yacht Clubs. He was still sailing an E boat in his seventies and took fourth at the WMYA Regatta in 1957. Commodore of the WMYA in 1934.

Iver Johnson Memorial Trophy

Winner Second E Boat Race.
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William R. Munroe Trophy

Winner Third E Boat Race
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Davock Memorial Trophy

Winner Fourth E Boat Race
Given in memory of the Davock family who supported sailors and sailing at the TLYC from its inception in the 1920s.

Albert M. Gibson Memorial Trophy

Winner Last E Boat Race
SLYC E boat skipper and Commodore 1955-1956. Won the WMYA in 1949.

Barry Bricker Trophy

Winning E Boat Crew
E boat crew member for Muskegon Yacht Club skippers, Paul Wickland Jr. & Sr.

Muskegon Chronicle Trophy

Winning E Boat
Donated in 1938 and won by Charles Jacobson, SLYC.

Vern Bolling Trophy

Winner First C Boat Race
Vern was a member and former Commodore of the SLYC in 1965. C and E boat skipper. Won WMYA Regatta in C scow class in 1955.

Midge Verplank Trophy

Winner Last C Boat Race
Former Resident Agent of the WMYA, Commodore of SLYC in 1962-1963. Midge has won the WMYA several times in both Es and Cs. Commodore of the WMYA 1967.

Jacques Chatain Memorial Trophy

Winning C Boat
Donated by WMYA and Jacques' widow, Peggy in 1987. Member WLYC and Commodore of the WMYA 1974.

Ken Kornoelje Memorial Trophy

Winner Second C Boat Race
Donated by Midge Verplank in 2003 to honor Ken, Commodore of SLYC and WMYA, C-boat champion in '51, '57, '58, '59 and '64, E-boat champion in '72.

WMYA Perpetual Trophies (Continued)

Gordon Tousey Trophy

Winner First MC Race
Donated by the WMYA in 1989 to honor Gordon, the WMYA Commodore 1973, MYC Commodore, E boat skipper, and WMYA Race Committee chairman from 1970-1985.

Al Dunning Memorial Trophy

Winner Last MC Race
Donated in 1992 to honor Al's many years of assistance to the race committee.

Tower Travel Trophy

Winning MC Boat
Donated by Doug Smith, C-boat sailor and President of Tower Travel Management in 1973 to mark the entry of the MCs into the WMYA regatta.

Dale Frank Trophy

Winning Junior Butterfly
Founder of the Sail Place in Cedar Springs and early promoter of the Butterfly class.

Howard Tremble Trophy

Winning Senior Butterfly
GRYC member, Commodore WMYA 1951 and 1952. Trophy engraved "In loving memory of H.I. Tremble, who, with Freda, greatly served the WMYA." A founder of the WMYA.

Charles Young Memorial Trophy

Winning MC Master
SLYC E boat skipper. Commodore of the WMYA in 1957. Donated by family in 1986.

Charles Jacobson Memorial Trophy

Winning MC Grand Master
Donated by the Jacobson family in honor of Chuck, 1949 Commodore of the WMYA, winner of the E class in 1938, 1942, 1947 & 1950.

Teddy Knape Memorial Trophy

Winning MC Junior
In loving memory of an avid E, MC and Butterfly sailor whose passion for life inspired everyone around him. A true Son of a Son of a Sailor. Donated by the Bylenga and Knape families.

Jack C. Rillema II Perpetual Trophy

Winning Melges 17 boat
Rededicated in 2025 to the Winning Melges 15 boat
Donated by the Jack C. Rillema II family.

Duane Pierson Memorial Trophy

Oldest Skipper to Finish All Official Races in Any Fleet
Past Commodore of the WMYA, he loved sailing in whatever boat he could and still raced competitively in two fleets into his seventies. Donated by his children Joan, Emily & Rob.

Dave Cioe Memorial Trophy

Youngest Junior Butterfly Skipper to Finish All Official Races
Donated by Tad and Lucy Welch in 2003 in memory of their brother-in-law, Dave Cioe, early promoter of the butterfly fleet, avid M-20 skipper and member of Muskegon and Grand Rapids Yacht Clubs.

GRYC Trophies

Winner Laser Standard Rig
Donated by GRYC in 1996 for winning M-20, converted in 2006 for winning Laser (standard rig).

Winner Laser Radial
Donated by GRYC in 2017 for winning Laser Radial class.

Optimist Pram Champion
This perpetual trophy was Donated by GRYC in 2010 to recognize the Champion Skipper of the Optimist Pram Class.

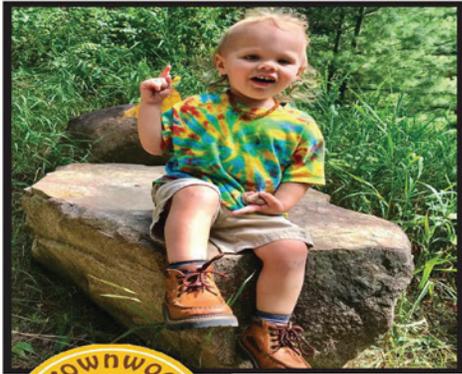



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