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A Message From the Commodore

97th Annual WMYA Regatta

Our family has a long-standing connection to this event and organization. My Uncle Midge Verplank proudly served as Commodore in 1967, and a decade later in 1977, his brother—and my father—Gary Verplank also served in that role. Nearly 50 years later I have the distinct privilege to serve as Commodore and welcome sailors and their families to the Spring Lake Yacht Club.

The WMYA has held a special spot in our family for over 70 years, and it was the basis for many of my fondest childhood sailing memories. My grandparents attended every regatta for nearly 50 years, supporting their children and grandchildren while enjoying the camaraderie and relationships that define this great event. It was and continues to be a family reunion for us and many others.

For 130 years Spring Lake Yacht Club has served generations of families in their pursuit of on the water activities while fostering lifelong relationships and connections. The WMYA, celebrating its 97th anniversary, has been an integral part of our history. We are proud to have been one of the Association's founding clubs dating back to 1929.

The competition defines us on the water but it's the people we meet and the friendships we create that connect us long after the regatta is over. This is what makes the event so special and it's what keeps us coming back year after year. The stories continue to perpetuate across the generations, and we are confident you'll find a whole new set of stories to tell long after this regatta wraps up. Spring Lake Yacht Club and its members are here to help you create new lifelong memories; so lean in, have fun and sail fast.

Kyle Verplank

WMYA Commodore 2026



Joyce V. Hatton, Gary Verplank, Midge Verplank, Lydia Verplank, Vernon Verplank
WMYA 1987



Kyle Verplank & Nils Reuterdahl.
WMYA 1985



Heading to the Commodores Ball.
Gary Verplank, Joyce V. Hatton,
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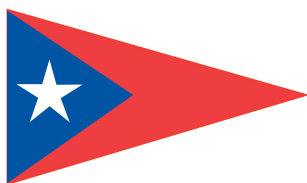
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Regatta Schedule

Registration

Wednesday, July 52:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
On-site registration, sailing info, and meal ticket pick-up.

Thursday, July 6 Registration Open 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 31 7:00 p.m.

Competitors Briefing

Thursday, Aug. 6
All Fleets8:30 a.m.

Racing Schedule

Thursday Aug 6

Racing Schedule – Posted times are for the warning signal.

10:00 a.m.	MC / M-15; Opti – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 11:30 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	C; Laser and Butterfly – Second race for both immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 1:50 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	E- Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 4:30 p.m.

Friday Aug 7

Racing Schedule – Posted times are for the warning signal.

10:00 a.m.	E – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 11:30 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	MC / M-15; Opti – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 1:50 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	C ; Laser and Butterfly – Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Aug 8

All Fleet schedules for Saturday 8/8/26 will be determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee will post the days schedule no later than 8:30 p.m. the prior day on the Official Notice Board. If all prior scheduled races for all fleets have been sailed the tentative schedule will be:

10:00 a.m.	C; Laser and 10:05 a.m. – Butterfly – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 11:30 a.m.
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2:30 p.m.	MC / M-15; Opti – Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 4:30 p.m.

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2026 WMYA Social Schedule

Lean In Welcome Party

8/5 - Wednesday

Happy Fox, Pete Price, Scott Harestad

At the Spring Lake Yacht Club

Family Night

8/6 - Thursday

Rob & Monica Kimball, Ben & Carly McNeil

At the Spring Lake Yacht Club

Commodores Ball

8/7 - Friday

Samantha Verplank

At the Spring Lake Country Club

Trophies

8/8 - Saturday

Immediately following races

SLYC Clubhouse

Breakfast

8/6 to 8/8 from 8:30am to 10am

Complimentary at the SLYC Clubhouse

Lunch

8/6 to 8/8 from 11am to 2pm

Available at the SLYC Clubhouse.



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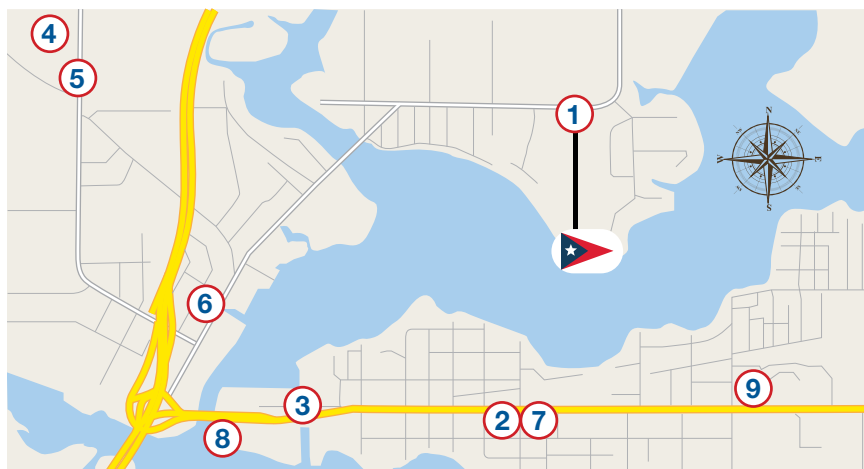


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Spring Lake Area Map:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Spring Lake Yacht Club | 6. Pine Street Cafe |
| 2. Stan's Bar | 7. Grand Finale Bistro & Cafe |
| 3. Hamburger Mikey | 8. Holiday Inn |
| 4. Leppinks Grocery Store | 9. Village Baker |
| 5. Greek Tony's Pizza | |





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Secretary:	Tom Munroe Jr – WLYC
Treasurer:	Annie Harris-Lerew – TLYC
Past Commodore:	Kris Hallett – TLYC
Executive Secretary:	Brett Hatton
At Large:	Tom Munroe
At Large:	Pete Price
At Large:	Jack Rillema II
At Large:	Mike Terry
Honorary Ex Officio:	Midge Verplank – Deceased
Principal Race Officers:	Steve Schiller Jack Rillema II

Volunteer List

Regatta Commodore:	Kyle Verplank
Lean In Welcome Party:	Price, Fox, Harestad Families
Family Night Party:	Rob & Monica Kimball, Ben & Carly McNeil
Commodore's Cocktail Party:	Kevin & Patty Haviland
Commodore's Ball:	Samantha Verplank
Housing:	Scott Harestad
Breakfast:	Bill & Cindy Knappe
Lunch:	Jill Parker, Amy Bosgraaf, Amy Hough
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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.

1.8 - Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

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 Spring Lake Yacht Club.

3.3 - A designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the race committee on VHF channel 73 (E, M-15, 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.

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:

Thursday 8/6/2026

10:00am – MC / M-15; Opti – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 11:30am

12:20pm – C; Laser and Butterfly – Second race for both immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 1:50pm

2:30pm – E- Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 4:30

Friday 8/7/2026

Racing Schedule – Posted times are for the warning signal.

10:00am – E – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 11:30

12:20 – MC / M-15; Opti – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 1:50pm

2:30pm – C ; Laser and Butterfly – Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 4:30pm

Saturday 8/8/2026

All Fleet schedules for Saturday 8/8/26 will be determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee will post the days schedule no later than 8:30 PM the prior day on the Official Notice Board. If all prior scheduled races for all fleets have been sailed the tentative schedule will be: 10:00am – C; Laser and 10:05am – Butterfly – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 11:30

12:20 – E – Second race immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 1:50

2:30 – MC / M-15; Opti – Second race for all immediately to follow. The warning signal may not be after 4:30pm

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 Optimist 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 ("keep away" buoy) 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 post-race 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 Spring 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, shall 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

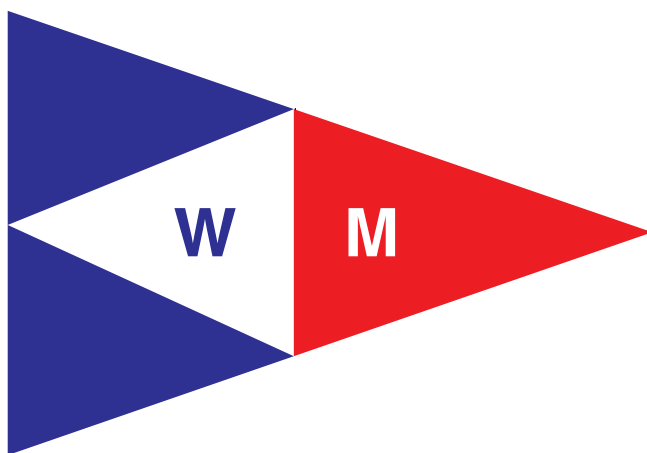
20.1 - Prizes will be awarded as described in the notice of race.

21. RISK STATEMENT

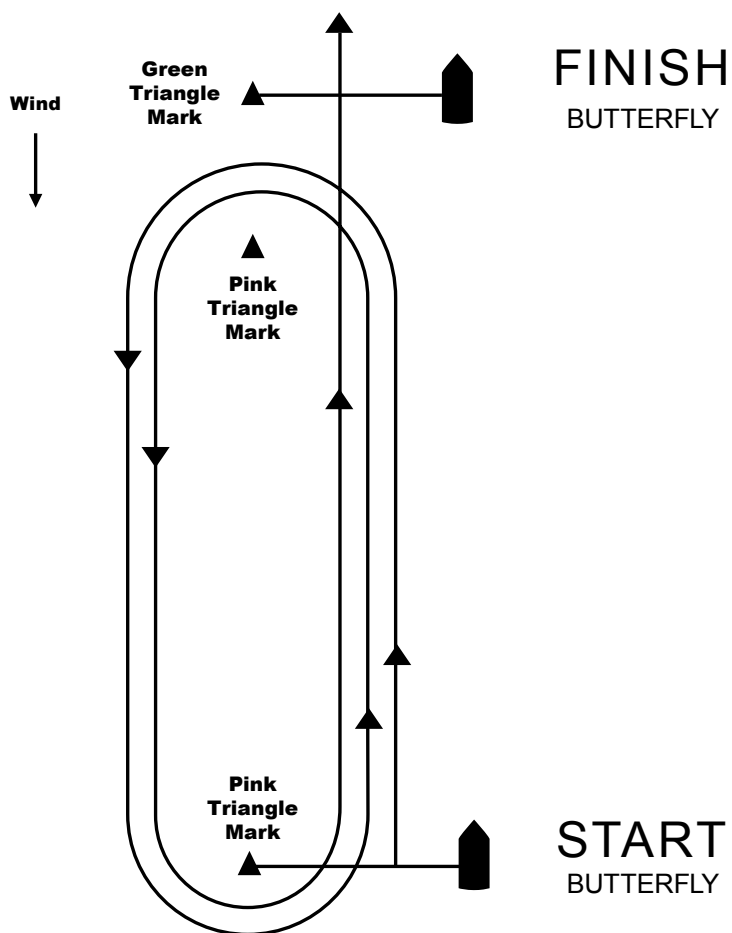
21.1 - RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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.

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Butterfly Course Diagram



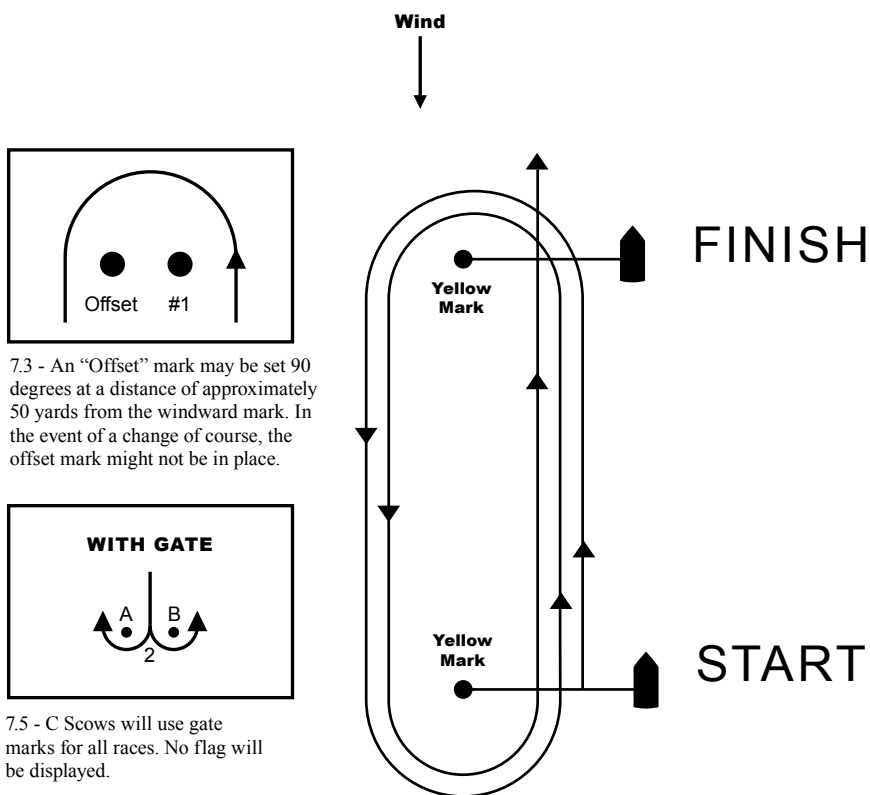
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3 Legs (3)

5 Legs (5) – Shown Above

7 Legs (7)

C Scow Course Diagram



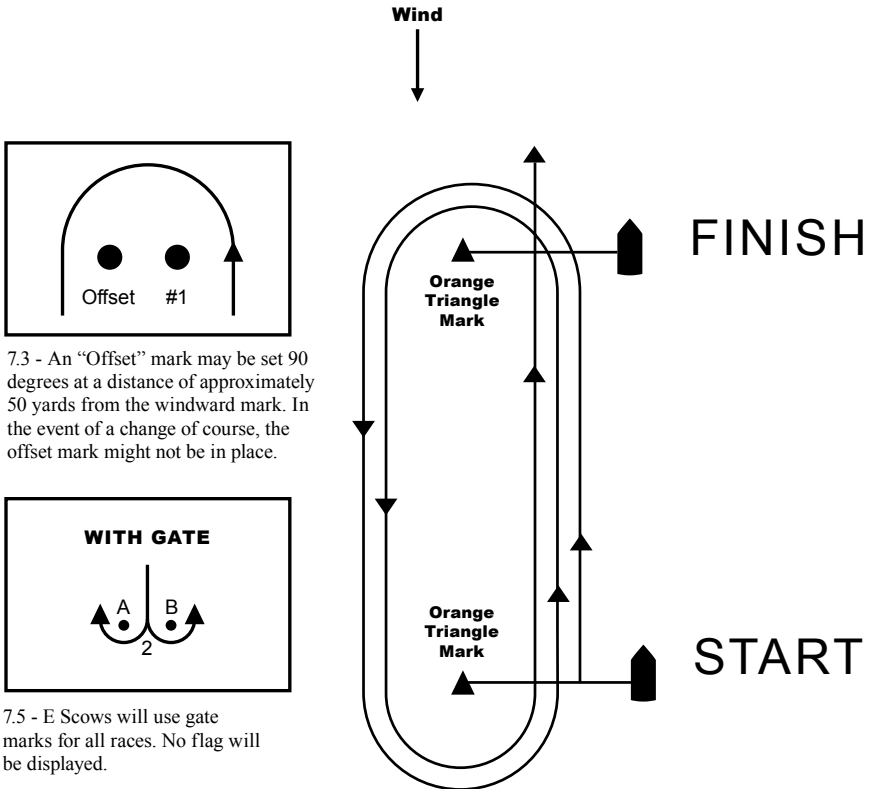
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7 Legs (7)

E Scow Course Diagram



7.3 - An "Offset" mark may be set 90 degrees at a distance of approximately 50 yards from the windward mark. In the event of a change of course, the offset mark might not be in place.

7.5 - E Scows will use gate marks for all races. No flag will be displayed.

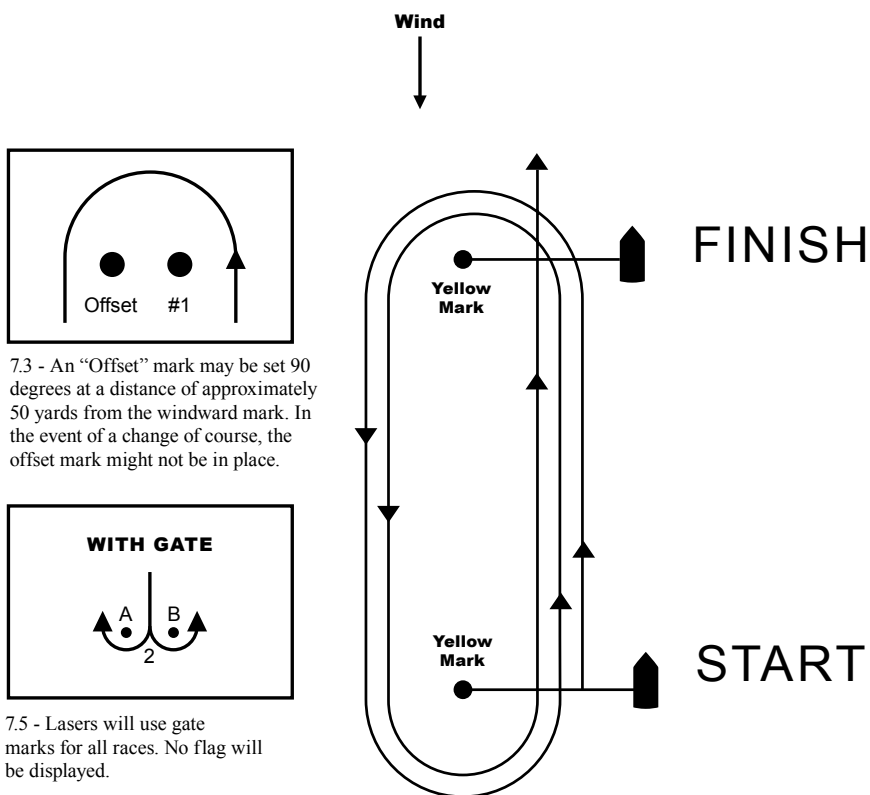
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5 Legs (5) – Shown Above

7 Legs (7)

Laser Course Diagram



7.3 - An "Offset" mark may be set 90 degrees at a distance of approximately 50 yards from the windward mark. In the event of a change of course, the offset mark might not be in place.

7.5 - Lasers will use gate marks for all races. No flag will be displayed.

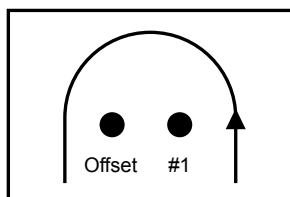
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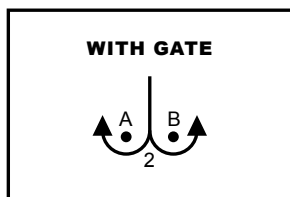
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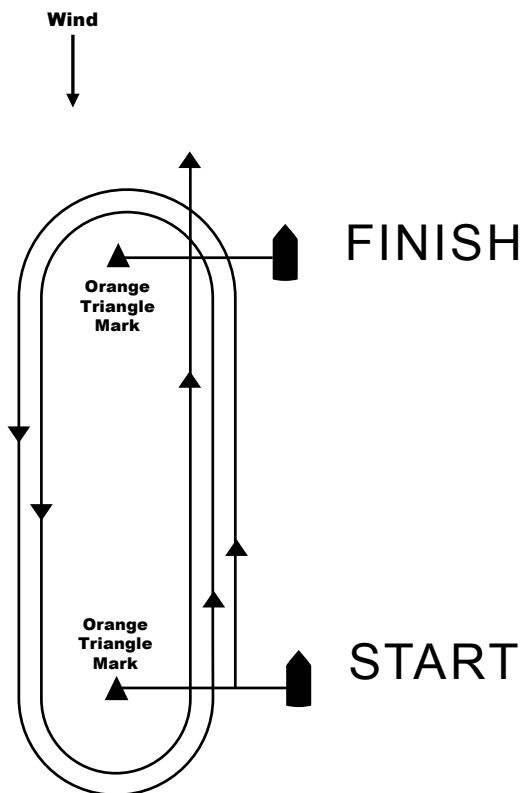
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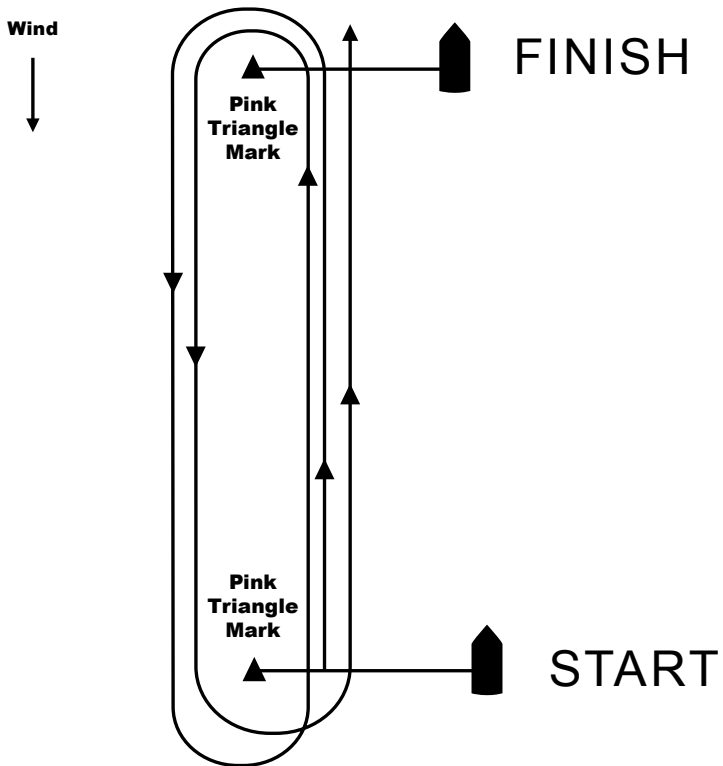
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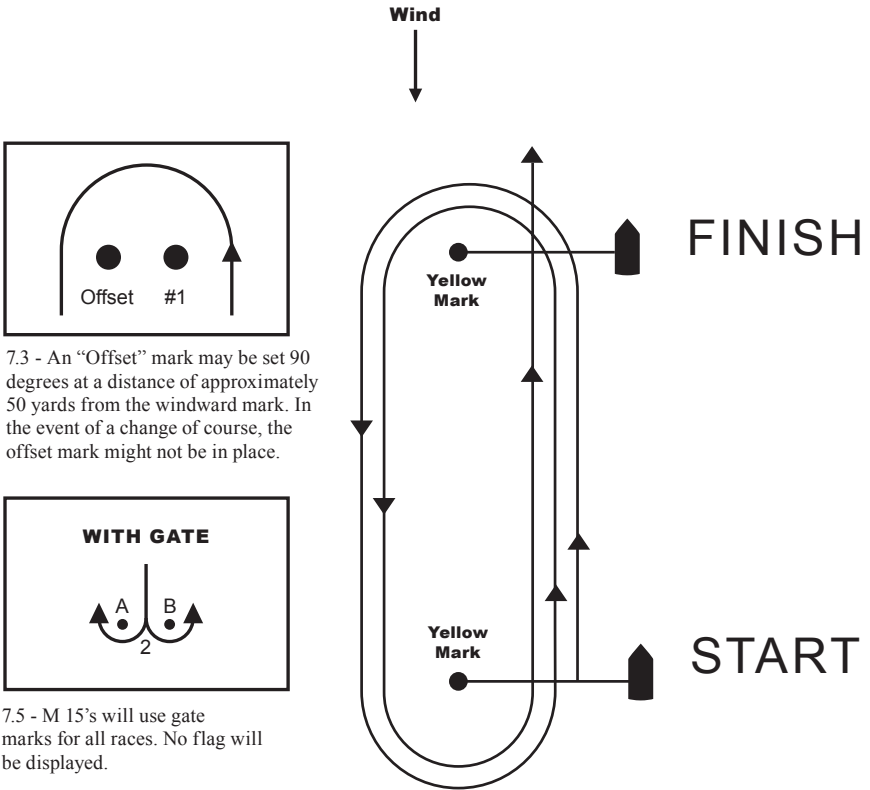
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- 3 Legs (3)**
- 5 Legs (5) – Shown Above**
- 7 Legs (7)**
- 9 Legs (9)**

M 15 Course Diagram



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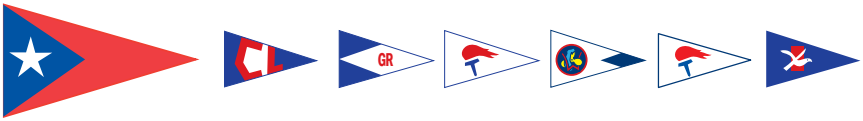
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WMYA History

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.

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.

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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, Cresent, 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 form the WMYA history with reminisces of Mrs. Bruce Wathan and letters from Mrs. Freda Tremble.)

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WMYA Commodores 1930-2026

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 Reuterdaahl, 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, TLYC
1957	Charles Young, SLYC	2004	Walker M. Wynkoop, CLYC
1958	Bob Ward, GRYC	2005	Ross Reuterdaahl, 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 Kornoele, 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	2026	Kyle Verplank, SLYC

History of the Spring Lake Yacht Club



As early as the 1870s local residents enjoyed viewing regattas put on by the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Rowing Associations. The shores of Spring Lake were lined with spectators watching the four classes of entries compete: Double Sculls, Six Oared Shells, Barges, and Junior Single Shells. Among the entrants from time to time were the Chicago Scullers, the Chicago Athletic Club, the Grand River Boat Club of Lansing, the Detroit Boat Club, the Excelsior Boat Club of Detroit, the Farragut Boat Club of Chicago, the Pilot Rowing Club of Grand Haven, and the Spring Lake Boat Club. The only local winner in these regattas was H. W. in the Pater shell Millie.

Pearson, competing for the first time, won the Junior Single Sculls. These activities set the stage for the Spring Lake Yacht Club. Formed in 1897 with William Savidge as the first Commodore and George P. Savidge as Secretary and Treasurer, the Club had 47 boats registered the first year. The two Savidge brothers owned a 55 foot schooner, the Sallie, built by William Barrett, which was the Yacht Club's first flagship.

Other charter members included William H. Loutit, Nathaniel Robbins, Chauncey M. Blakeslee, William Barrett, Len R. Patterson, James P. Armstead, George Wyman, James Campbell, and Lloyd Buckley. Barber School,



SLYC History (Continued)

which had been moved from the southwest corner of Park and Mason Streets in Spring Lake to the Savidge property, was used as the first club house. In 1914 motorboats were accepted as a legitimate part of the Club's activities.

The first Yacht Club race was won by Rev. David Spencer, sailing a boat owned by local contractor Chauncey Blakeslee. In 1905 club members acquired seven 28 foot Class B sloops, which represented the state of the art in racing at that time. The seven boats were precisely alike, putting the burden of winning on the crew's skill. The boats were rigged and fitted by William Barrett at a cost of \$500 each.

A Yacht Club booklet published in 1903 described Spring Lake this way: "Pure water. The Lake has an Outlet. Sewerage is forbidden. The ice taken from this lake has been tested by the Board of Health of Chicago, and received its approval. The bottom of the lake is black, and therefore cannot be seen through the water, but clear water over a white sandy bottom, showing its full depth, may not always be pure, as appears from the fact that ice taken from some of the Wisconsin lakes has been condemned by analysis. No sewage is allowed in Spring Lake, a statute law forbids it. The water is kept pure as its source by a daily discharge into Grand River. Deadly evaporation is not its only drainage, as in land-locked lakes with no outlet.

The same booklet listed 27 entries for the 1903 regatta, including 13 from Spring Lake, two from Grand Haven, five from Grand Rapids, six from Chicago, and one from Saginaw.

In 1931 the Club acquired use of the Thum property on the north side of Spring Lake, somewhat east of Smith's Bayou. Eventually a new clubhouse was built.



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WMYA Champions

Class A Scows

1930	Sadony Bros.	WL	1979	Stu Wells	WBL
1931	A.M. Youngquist	WL	1980	Stu Wells	WBL
1932	A.M. Youngquist	WL	1981	Stu Wells	WBL
1934	Arthur Sadony	WL	1982	Paul Eggert	SL
			1983	Larry Price	SL
			1984	Larry Price	SL

Class E Scows

1930	Geo. W. Cannon	SL	1985	Art Brereton	TL
1931	J.M. Spencer		1986	Bill Walter	CL
1932	Hunter S. Robbins	SL	1987	Paul Eggert	SL
1933	Bob Durrett	TL	1988	Paul Eggert	SL
1934	H.S. Robbins	SL	1989	Peter Price	MYC
1935	Harry Nye, Delavan	WI	1990	Jim Gluek	PEW
1936	H.S. Robbins	SL	1991	Brian Porter	LG
1937	Tie - Bill Dewitt / H.S. Robbins	SL	1992	Andy Burdick	LG
1938	Chas. Jacobson	SL	1993	Peter Price	MYC
1939	Bill Dewitt	SL	1994	Art Brereton	TL
1940	Chas. Jacobson	SL	1995	Peter Price	MYC
1941	Robbie Robbins	SL	1996	Brian McMurray	WL
1942	Doris Johnson	SL	1997	Art Brereton	TL
1943	No Regatta		1998	Art Brereton	TL
1944	No Regatta		1999	Doug McNeil	WL
1945	No Regatta		2000	Rob Terry	CL
1946	Lee Holly	WL	2001	Tom Munroe	WL
1947	Chas. Jacobson	SL	2002	Douglas McNeil	WL
1948	Bob Turk	TL	2003	Art Brereton	TL
1949	Albert Gibson	SL	2004	Rob Terry	CL
1950	Jacobson Bros.	SL	2005	Rob Terry	CL
1951	Paul Eggert	SL	2006	Don Nelson	WL
1952	Paul Eggert	SL	2007	Don Nelson	WL
1953	Paul Eggert	SL	2008	Rob Terry	CL
1954	Haven, Viet, Welch	SL	2009	Art Brereton	TL
1955	Bob Haven	SL	2010	Rob Terry	CL
1956	Welch & Haven	SL	2011	Kimball / Keller / Comfort	TY
1957	Paul Eggert	SL	2012	Mike Dow	CL
1958	Paul Eggert	SL	2013	Brett Hatton	SL
1959	Klemm Harvey	WL	2014	James Kimball	GR
1960	Paul Eggert	SL	2015	Steve Johanson	TL
1961	Bruce Wathan	MYC	2016	Rob Terry	CL
1962	Tie - Paul Eggert	SL	2017	Eddie Cox	LG
	Klemm Harvey	WL	2018	Eddie Cox	LG
1963	Paul Eggert	SL	2019	Robby Wilkins	CYC
1964	Paul Eggert	SL	2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
1965	Jim Coffin	MYC	2021	Rob Terry	CL
1966	Bruce Wathan	MYC	2022	Rob Terry	CL
1967	Paul Eggert	SL	2023	Robby Wilkins	CYC SC
1968	Tie - Kay Larkin	TL	2024	Robby Wilkins	CYC SC
	Paul Eggert	SL	2025	Rob Terry	CL
1969	Bruce Wathan	MYC			
1970	Dave D'Alcorm	MYC			
1971	Harold McClure	CL			
1972	Kornoelje, Verplank				
	Reuter Dahl	SL			
1973	Paul Wickland, Jr.	SL			
1974	Hartley Comfort	TL			
1975	Hartley Comfort	TL			
1976	Hartley Comfort	TL			
1977	Paul Wickland, Jr.	SL			
1978	Skip Johnson	WBL			

Class C Scow - Gaff Rig

1930	Harry Pilinger	WL
1931	Van C. Taggart	WL
1932	C. Wallace Hook	GR
1933	Tie - K. Welch, Jr.	SL
	Harry Torsen	GR
1934	R. McKay Lych	PL
1935	Roger Keeney	GR
1936	Crowe Bros.	GR
1938	John Schemerhorn	GR
1939	P. DeWitt	DL
1940	Leo Backer	GR

Class C Scows

Class C Scows		
1935	Harry Pilinger	WL
1936	Mrs. Harold Dornbos	SL
1937	J. Spencer	SL
1938	James Hook	GR
1939	J. Spencer	SL
1940	James Hook	GR
1941	Neil Manny	WL
1942	Jim Butterfield	WL
1943	Tom Getz	WL
1944	No Regatta	
1945	Hammond Berry	GR
1946	Warren Bolling	SL
1947	Duane Pierson	WL
1948	Howard & Dick Tuthill	SL
1949	Bill Hodgson	WL
1950	Howard & Dick Tuthill	SL
1951	Ken Kornoelje	SL
1952	Craig Welch	SL
1953	Wm. Lowry	SL
1954	Emerson Pugh	CL
1955	Vern Bolling	SL
1956	Grant Brown, Jr.	CL
1957	Ken Kornoelje	SL
1958	Kornoelje, Verplank	SL
1959	Kornoelje, Verplank	SL
1960	Bill Lowry	SL
1961	Bill Lowry	SL
1962	Skip Wynkoop	CL
1963	Tom Getz	WL
1964	Kornoelje, Verplank	SL
1965	Craig Welch	SL
1966	Mike Huck	CL
1967	Bill Metcalf	GR
1968	Tom Getz	WL
1969	Tom Getz	WL
1970	Lee Holly	WL
1971	Tom Keenan	LF
1972	Tom Keenan	LF
1973	Bill Metcalf	GR
1974	Bill Metcalf	GR
1975	Doug McNeil	WL
1976	Bill Metcalf	GR
1977	Charlie Harrett, Jr.	SL
1978	Tom Keenan	LF
1979	Hugh Walborn	SL
1980	Paul Richards	GR
1981	Tom Keenan	LF
1982	Tom Keenan	LF
1983	Doug McNeil	WL
1984	Tom Keenan	LF
1985	Doug McNeil	WL
1986	Jim Gluek	LG
1987	Jim Gluek	LG
1988	Bob Currier	SL
1989	Bob Currier	SL
1990	Doug McNeil	WL
1991	David Koch	PEW
1992	Andy Burdick	LG
1993	Todd Bosgraaf	SL
1994	Todd Bosgraaf	SL
1995	Joe Schaub	MAX
1996	Tom Keenan	LF
1997	Brett Hatton	SL
1998	Tom Keenan	LF
1999	Brett Hatton	SL
2000	Brett Hatton	SL
2001	Brett Hatton	SL
2002	Cameron McNeil	WL
2003	Cameron McNeil	WL
2004	Cameron McNeil	WL
2005	Jamie Kimball	SL
2006	Joe Schaub	MX
2007	Cameron McNeil	WL
2008	Cameron McNeil	WL
2009	Cameron McNeil	WL
2010	Ted Keller	TL
2011	Cameron McNeil	WL
2012	Cameron McNeil	WL
2013	Cameron McNeil	WL
2014	Andy Burdick	LG
2015	Glenn McMurray	
2016	Glenn Walborn	SL
2017	Scott Harestad	SL
2018	Scott Harestad	SL
2019	Cam McNeil	SL
2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
2021	Cam McNeil	SL
2022	Cam McNeil	SL
2023	Cam McNeil	SL
2024	Cam McNeil	SL
2025	Cam McNeil	SL
MC Class Scows		
1973	F. Walker	LF
1974	D. Starkey	SL
1975	D. Starkey	SL
1976	Larry Price	SL
1977	D. Starkey	SL
1978	Brett Hatton	SL
1979	Larry Price	SL
1980	Happy Fox	SL
1981	Larry Price	SL
1982	Larry Price	SL
1983	Gary Verplank	SL
1984	Glen Walborn	SL
1985	Brett Hatton	SL
1986	Brett Hatton	SL
1987	Glen Walborn	SL
1988	Brett Hatton	SL
1989	Doug McNeil	SL
1990	Andy Burdick	LG
1991	Jim Gluek	PEW
1992	Andy Burdick	LG
1993	Doug McNeil	SL
1994	Brett Hatton	SL
1995	Doug McNeil	WL
1996	David Fox	SL
1997	David Fox	SL
1998	Dan Guidinger	WB
1999	Peter Fox	SL
2000	Brian McMurray	WL
2001	Brian McMurray	WL
2002	Chris Eggert	SL
2003	Jamie Kimball	SL
2004	Chris Eggert	SL

WMYA Champions (Continued)

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	2025	Chad Coberly	GTYC
2009	Ted Keller	TL	Laser / Radial		
2010	Ted Keller	TL	2012	Dirk Phelps	CL
2011	Rob Terry	CL	2013	David Griswold	MYC
2012	Jamie Kimball	SL	2014	Justin Lovell	GR
2013	Pete Comfort	TL	2015	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2014	Cam McNeil	WL	2016	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2015	Tony Pugh	CL	2017	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2016	Eddie Cox	LG	2018	Noah Wolters	SL
2017	Eddie Cox	LG	2019	Noah Wolters	SL
2018	Cam McNeil	SL	2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
2019	Cam McNeil	SL	2021	No Winner	
2020	Cancelled Covid 19		2022	Claire Considine	CC
2021	Cam McNeil	SL	2024	Andries Berens	GR
2022	Brett Hatton	CL	Open Butterflys		
2023	Cam McNeil	SL	1965	Tom Keenan	LF
2024	Olivia Windemuller	SL	1966	Brud Harvey	WL
2025	Olivia Windemuller	SL	1967	D. Freye	MYC

Lasers / Standard

1979	Robert Currier	SL	1968	Don Hood	WL
1980	Paul Wickland	MYC	1969	Steve Novak	WL
1981	Paul Wickland	MYC	1970	Ande Holly	WL
1982	Paul Wickland	MYC	1971	Ande Holly	WL
1983	Glenn McMurray	WL	1972	Steve Novak	WL
1984	Chad Gould	WL	1973	Ande Holly	WL
1985	Mark Eldred	MB	1974	Eric Hood	WL
1986	Susie Pegel	MB	1975	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1987	Steve Sisson	MB	1976	Brian McMurray	WL
1988	Karl Jacob	WL	1977	Brad David	WL
1989	M. Isabell		1978	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1997	Steve Johanson	TL	1979	Jeff Butterfield	WL
1998	Ross Reuterdaahl	SL	1980	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1999	Paul Wickland	MYC	1981	Duane Pierson	WL
2000	Rob Davis	MYC	1982	Chad Gould	WL
2001	Peter Comfort	TL	1983	Duane Pierson	WL
2002	Peter Comfort	TL	1984	Karl Jacob	WL
2003	Pat Flood	IL	1985	Ryan Nordberg	TL
2004	Rich Grant	GR	1986	Duane Pierson	WL
2005	Rich Grant	GR	1987	Warde Pierson	WL
2006	Charlie Knappe	GR	1988	Duane Pierson	WL
2007	Charlie Knappe	GR	1989	N. Weersing	WL
2008	J.P. Mull	WL	1990	Steven Fox	SL
2009	Charlie Knappe	GR	1991	Jerry Bakke	MYC
2010	Charlie Knappe	GR	1992	Duane Pierson	WL
2011	Isaac Kremers	GR	1993	Warde Pierson	WL
2012	Isaac Kremers	GR	1994	Duane Pierson	WL
2013	Isaac Kremers	GR	1995	Duane Pierson	WL
2014	Bruce Hansen	SL	1996	Duane Pierson	WL
2015	Steve Johanson	TL	1997	Josh Rotunda	SL
2016	Charlie Knapp	SL	1998	Duane Pierson	WL
2017	Charlie Knapp	GR	1999	Ben Fredricks	SL
2018	John McNeil	LT	2000	Duane Pierson	WL
2019	Jack Rillema II	WL	2001	Joe Rotunda	SL
2020	Cancelled Covid 19		2002	Jack Rillema II	WL
2021	Braden Johnson	WL	2003	Kevin Anderson	GR

2004	Scott Anderson	GR	2010	Mason Wolters	SL
2005	Charlie Knappe	GR	2011	Frank Reeg	SL
2006	Jim Knappe	GR	2012	David Griswold	MYC
2007	Eric Rivard	GL	2013	Sam Ralston	GR
2008	Ed Hatt	SL	2014	Sam Ralston	GR
2009	Tony Pugh	CL	2015	Noah Wolters	SL
2010	Tony Pugh	CL	2016	Noah Wolters	SL
2011	Michael Madden	GR	2017	Charlie Parker	SL
2012	Adam Hohmeyer	SL	2018	Zoe Czadzeck	SL
2013	Frank M Reeg	SL	2019	Bryson Hough	SL
2014	Eric Rantanen	SL	2020	Cancelled Covid 19	
2015	Simone Garratt		2021	Nyle Eggert	SL
2016	Braden Johnson	WL	2022	Jack Hubbard	SL
2017	Elissa Walter	CL	2023	Max Eggert	SLYC
2018	Kasra Lindrup	WL	2024	Rhodes Verplank	SLYC
2019	Zoe Czadzeck		2025	Max Daily	TLYC
2020	Cancelled Covid 19				
2021	No Winner				
2022	Helaina Howe	TL			
2024	Brooklyn Verplank	SLYC			

Junior Butterflies

1969	Ande Holly	WL	1996	Scott Luce	GR
1970	Eric Hood	WL	1997	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka
1971	Eric Hood	WL	1998	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka
1972	Eric Hood	WL	1999	Ron Schlommer	LG
1973	Doug McNeil	WL	2000	Rob Davis	LG
1974	Hugh Walborn	SL	2001	Chuck Gorgen	MN
1975	Jim Gretzke	MYC	2002	Andrew Tapper	MN
1976	Brad Davis	WL	2003	Pete Comfort	TL
1977	Paul Christianson	SL	2005	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka
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 Reuterdaahl	SL			
1991	Kyle Verplank	SL			
1992	Jon McMillan	CL			
1993	Matt Cassidy	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 Knappe	GR			
2003	Charlie Knappe	GR			
2004	Charlie Knappe	GR			
2005	Mike Knappe	GR			
2006	Scott Anderson	GR			
2007	Sam Gill	WL			
2008	Lauren Hatt	SL			
2009	Sandi Fredricks	SL			

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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

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
2012	Tom Munroe	WL
2013	Tom Munroe	WL
2014	Tom Munroe	WL
2015	Rob Terry	CL

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2008	Ang Riolo	SL
2009	Justin Lovell	GR
2010	Justin Lovell	GR
2011	Spenser Todd	GR
2012	Spenser Todd	GR
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
2025	Jake Kimball	GRYC

WMYA Perpetual Trophies

Charles C. Harrett Memorial Trophy

Class Winner With The Most Dominant Performance

Donated in 2007 by Midge VerPlank in memory of Chuck who was WMYA Commodore in 1970 and Race Committee Chairman from 1986 through 2006. This trophy will be presented to the skipper, in any fleet of 10 or more boats, with the lowest total points, using the margin of victory as the tie breaker, and a coin toss if a tie still exists.

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.

Donated by the family in 1976 to the memory of the son of the founder of Johnson Boat Works and early developer of a fiberglass E boat.

William R. Munroe Trophy

Winner Third E Boat Race

Muskegon Yacht Club E boat skipper. Early promoter of E boats at MYC. Donated by his widow, Carol and sons, Bill, Tom and Dave. Commodore of the WMYA in 1966.

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 Knappe 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 Knappe 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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