



Bayview Yacht Club's
Women on Water Regatta

Hosted by Bayview Yacht Club (BYC)

Sunday, August 9, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The regatta shall be sailed in the BYC Club Fleet Ultimate 20s. All participants must adhere to the Bayview Yacht Club Ultimate 20 Club Boat Handling Policy.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, INFORMATION MEETING(S), AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 An official notice board will be maintained at BYC (Mackinac Room).
- 2.2 There shall be a mandatory competitors' meeting at Bayview Yacht Club on Sunday, August 9 at 1000 hrs. This will include a greeting, pre-race briefing, and boat/crew assignments. Boat preparation, rigging and tutorial immediately following.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 2.4 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the US public VHF channels.
- 2.5 While racing, 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.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced at the competitors' meeting.
- 3.2 RRS 90.2(c) may be invoked by the race committee for an on-the-water change to the sailing instructions. Flag L will be displayed by the race committee, followed by a broadcast hail of the change on VHF channel 68. Failure to hear a broadcast or see the signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b)(1).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the south flagpole at BYC along the river.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes RRS Race Signals*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The first warning signal shall be at approximately 1055hrs.
- 5.2 The Race Committee (RC) shall attempt to run as many races as possible.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.
- 5.4 Flag AP over A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means, "No more racing today."

6 RACING AREA

In the Detroit River, in front of Bayview Yacht Club.

7 THE COURSE

The diagram in Attachment A shows the course.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1 and, leeward gate marks 4S and 4P shall be **orange** inflatable marks or MarkSetBots.

8.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, shall be yellow inflatable marks or yellow MarkSetbots.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS –

9.1 Boats shall not sail within 150 ft of any shoreline.

9.2 Violations observed by the Race Committee may be subject to actions up to and including disqualification from that race, and are not subject to redress.

9.3 White buoys directly east of the Bayview Yacht Club seawall are considered obstructions. They are placed there due to shallow water depth and debris.

10 THE START

The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and course side of an inflatable orange buoy or an orange MarkSetBot.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of an inflatable orange buoy or an orange MarkSetBot.

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.*

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board locations at BYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC boat docks after the last race of the day or 30 minutes after the RC signals "No more racing today," whichever is later.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at BYC on Sunday at the times posted.

15 SCORING

15.1 One (1) race shall constitute a series.

15.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. Life Jackets required at all times.

17 AWARDS

17.1 The Natalie J O'Neil Trophy will be awarded to the winning boat.

17.2 Awards will take place on Sunday, August 9th after racing.

18 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSE

