

2026 NATIONAL BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REGATTA
Torch Lake Yacht Club
Bellaire, Michigan
July 14 – 16, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Boats shall comply with the rules of their class association in regard to the allotment, carrying and size of insignia, letters and numbers.

1.3 Boats that are not clearly identified or not in compliance with these requirements, will be given the opportunity to correct the deficiency prior to becoming eligible for competition, or, failing to do so, be subject to disqualification.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board via clubspot.

2.2 Supplemental sailing instructions will be posted on the TLYCC bulletin board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 a.m. on the day it will take effect.

3.2 Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made from shore will be displayed on the Race committee boat located at the Torch Lake Yacht Club White Dock.

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less 30 minutes' in Races Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

4:00 pm Practice Race Open to all sailors

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

9:30 am Junior Division Races 1 - 3 Back-to-back

1:00 p.m. Open Division Races 1 – 3 Back-to-back

Thursday, July 18, 2024

9:30 am Junior Division Races 1 - 3 Back-to-back

1:00 p.m. Open Division Races 1 – 3 Back-to-back

6.2 Times posted are for Warning Signals

6.3 All races will be started on time unless the PRO determine that safety considerations or proper race management warrant postponement.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, the starting boat will make sound signals one (1) minute before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The official Butterfly class flag will be used.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be the water 1 mile south, north, and west of the Torch Lake Yacht Club

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be determined by the PRO and communicated to the fleet prior to the warning signal of the race based on shown course diagrams.

9.2 A leeward gate will be used for all races.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks are either an orange inflatable buoy or the Mark Set Bots.

10.2 There will be an orange ball offset mark at windward marks. In the event of a course change, there may be no offset in place at the new mark location.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 As a courtesy, the race committee will sound horns 1 minute prior to the warning signal.

11.3 The starting line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, or if two boats are used, the staff displaying an orange flag on a port-end boat.

11.4 The signal boat may attach a buoy to its stern by a line. The buoy and the line are part of the mark and therefore are not an obstruction.

11.4 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 or the order of the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The Race Committee (RC) shall signal an individual recall and may attempt to hail OCS boats, but hailing is strictly a courtesy; it does not relieve the sailor of their responsibility to start correctly.

11.5 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 In the event of an upwind finish, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the race committee boat on the starboard side of the line and the course side of the port finishing mark, or if two boats are used, the staff displaying a orange flag on a port-end finish boat.

12.2 In the event of a downwind finish, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the race committee boat to the port side of the of the starboard finishing mark (e.g., the original starting line).

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 applies.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes (1 ½ hours).

14.2 Once the first boat finishes, all boats must finish within 20 minutes or they will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Hearing request forms are available from the Scorekeeper in the race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks following the last race of the day or when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.3 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, and where the hearings will be held.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

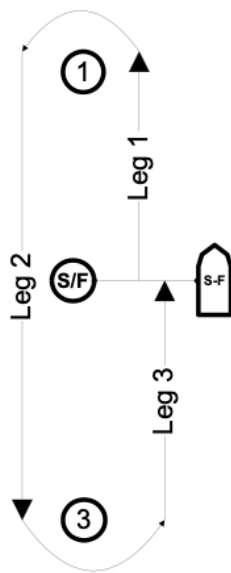
16.2 All boats must have a USCG approved life jacket on board for each crew member.

16.3 A USCG approved life jacket must be worn at all times by every participant under the age of 17.

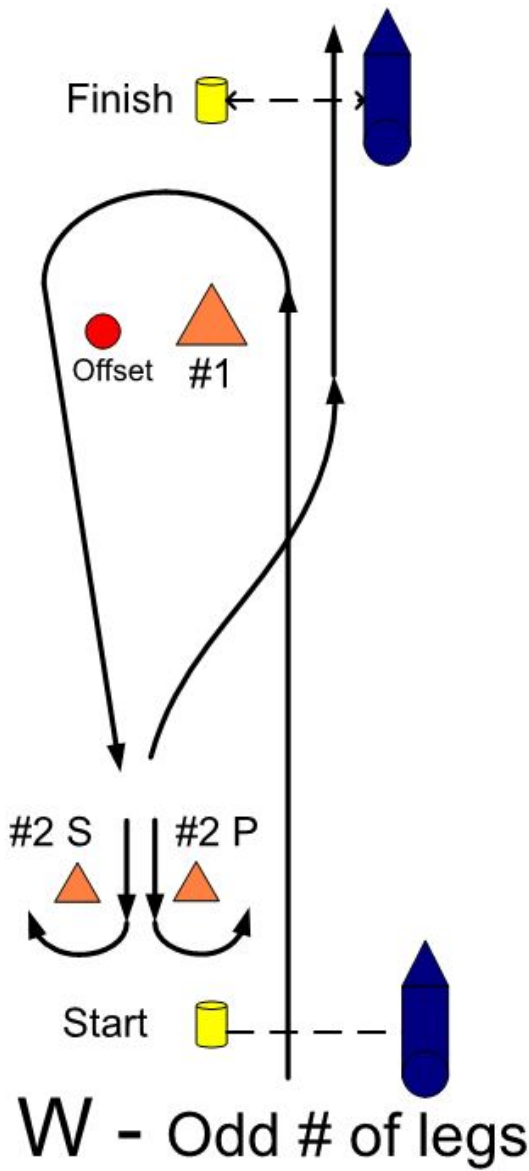
17 Possible Course Diagrams

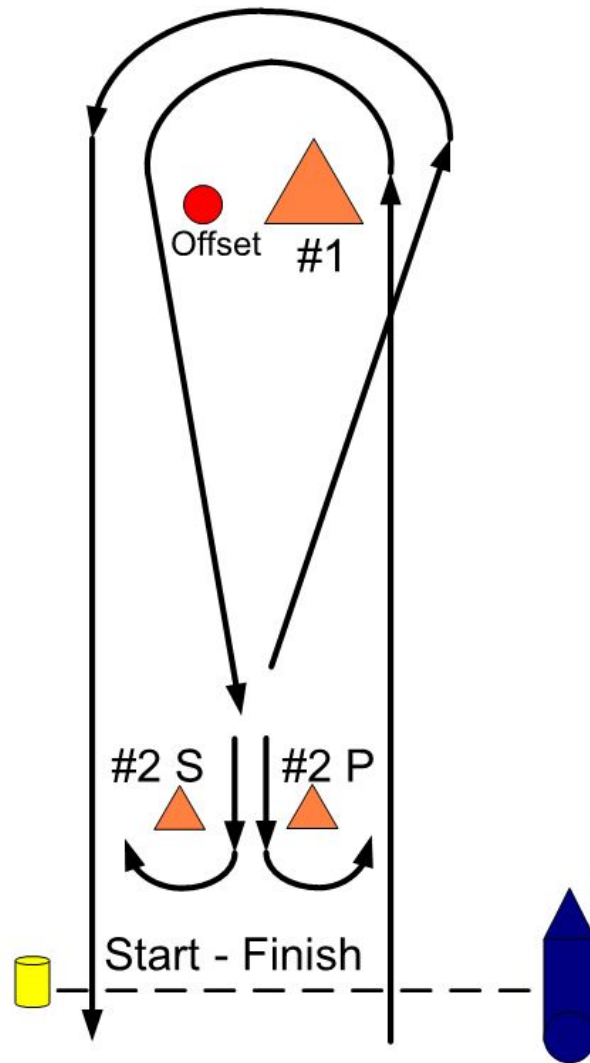
M # OF LEGS

Mid-leg Start/finish



* Contains offset and Gate





W - Even # of legs