



2026 DICK BABEL CUP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, HIGH NOON

ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI

[GTYC.ORG/RACE2025](https://gtyc.org/race2025)

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. RULES The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. ENTRIES Boats conforming to the ILCA or traditional Laser design are considered eligible.

2.1 Competitors may enter the day of the event in person or online at gtyc.org/race2025 Fees for the Babel Cup will be \$15.

3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

3.1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse opposite the heads.

3.2 Following the display of the Individual Recall Flag, the RC will attempt to verbally announce the sail numbers of all boats identified as OCS. Such an announcement is a courtesy and failure of the RC to make the announcement or of competitors to hear or understand shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3.3 Signals Made Ashore - Will be displayed from the GTYC flagstaff and will be communicated to competitors over VHF Channel 69.

3.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

3.5 Additional communications from the RC may be made by text prior or after racing as a courtesy.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 hrs on Friday, 6/21. These posted changes may also be communicated to the competitors on the water via loud hailer prior to the 1st warning. The RC boat will display Code Flag "L" when a change has been posted and is to be communicated.

4.2 Changes may be made on the water and will be accompanied with the display Code Flag "L" and a verbal communication, Competitors may request a written copy from the Signal Boat

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES —

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Saturday, 8/29	11:00 - 11:45 hrs	Registration
	11:45	Competitors Meeting
	High Noon	Boats Launch
	<i>First Warning Signal As Soon As Practical, five races max, consecutively</i>	
	1430	No Warning Signal Past This Time, Awards to Follow

6. THE COURSE

6.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward. The Race Committee will use a yellow inflatable tetrahedron for the windward. The leeward mark will be an orange inflatable “tomato”. The pin end of the starting line will be an orange cylinder.

6.2 Courses will be 4 legs (primary) or 2 legs. The signal boat will display course direction, number of legs, and distance of legs.

6.3 Alternate windward marks may be used — either an orange inflatable tetrahedron or a green inflatable tetrahedron. These alternates may be used as original windward marks or change marks. If used as change marks they will be announced by mark color at the leeward mark.

6.4 Subsequent races may use the alternative windward marks as the primary windward mark. The signal boat will announce the color of the windward mark as a courtesy and make a visual signal for the designated color prior to each race.

6.5 Communication of Courses on the Water

3.6.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to communicate by hail as a courtesy

3.6.2 The number of legs per windward/leeward will be displayed on the aft end of the signal boat

3.6.3 The compass heading of the windward mark will be displayed on the aft end of the signal boat

3.6.4 The color of the windward inflatable tetrahedron will be displayed by a solid color flag on the signal boat.

7. THE START

7.1 Races will be started using the Appendix Q three-minute audio only sequence

3 minutes - 3 Long Horn blasts

2 minutes - 2 long horn blasts

1:30 - 1 long horn blasts + 3 short beeps

1:00 - 1 long horn blast

:30 - 3 short short beeps

:20 - 2 short beeps

:10 - 1 short

:05 - :04 - :03 - :02 - short beeps

START - 1 long horn blast

7.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange/white checkered flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the start/finish mark for the course.

8. RECALLS If an Individual Recall has been signaled, the RC will attempt to notify On Course Side (OCS) competitors by flag, and by hail as a courtesy.

9. THE FINISH The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an blue shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the nearby start/finish mark.

10. TIME LIMIT – No races shall be started after 1430

11. REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS & ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

11.1 The protest time limit is one after the dock time of the signal boat on the day of the incident.

11.2 Hearings

11.2.1 Hearings will be held in a public space on the GTYC grounds at the discretion of the appointed protest committee

11.2.2 The protest committee will consist of three fleet members unconflicted by the events of the protest

11.2.3 The format of protest hearing will consist of 1 minute of statement by the protestor, 1 minute of defense by the protestee, and one minute of committee's questions. The committee's decision will be delivered as soon as practically possible.

11.3 EXPEDITED HEARINGS

11.3.1 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE

A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee

11.3.2 CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES

This rule applies to all hearings except hearings under rule 69.

(a) If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 60.3 or 61.2.

(b) Rule 60.4 is changed by inserting at the beginning: "At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change]."

(c) Insert a new sentence after the second sentence of rule 63.4: "However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses, and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions."

(d) The first sentence of rule 63.6.b. is changed to: "A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later."

(e) Change the third sentence of rule 63.7 to: "A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening."

12. OPTIONAL PENALTIES - PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

12.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty."

13. POST-RACE PENALTIES

13.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

13.2 A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), but not less than two places. However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

13.3 A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to a Race Officer (PRO or Race Chair) a written statement that she accepts the penalty and where and when the incident occurred.

14. SCORING

14.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply, with the change that there will be no throwout for the series.

14.2 The registered boat, entered by the owner or named representative, is the party scored.

14.3 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A5.2 is deleted and replaced by: "A boat that did not come to the starting area, did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired, was TLE, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished."

14.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

15. SAFETY - Competitors who withdraw from a race shall notify the RC

16. PRIZES - Recognition for all, peanuts for the winner

17. Image & Video Rights — Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

18. DECISION TO RACE RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

19. CONTACTS

Regatta Principal Race Officer: Jordan Owen, jo@gtyc.org, 231.883.5741

END OF RACE DOCUMENT

PARKING - Availability of parking on the grounds of the GTYC clubhouse on Wednesday nights will be according to the standing GTYC parking policy. Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Parking is also available across M-22 behind the Westport building, on Rennie Drive (the entrance road of the former Marathon tank farm) & at the Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Viridian Solutions building parking lot north of the club is allowed after 4:30 pm. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.