



SPRING LAKE YACHT CLUB

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41st Annual MC Blue Chip Regatta

October 2 - 4, 2026

Venue Headquarters: Spring Lake Yacht Club

17500 West Spring Lake Road, Spring Lake, MI 49456

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NOTICE OF RACE

Preamble – The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a protest or request for redress under this rule is invalid. This changes *Rules* 60.4(a) and 61.3 as stated below. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be more or less than a single disqualification. This changes *Rule* 60.5(c).

1. RULES

1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. In addition to other *rules* changed in this document and the Sailing Instructions, the following *rules* are changed:
 1. RRS 41 adds: "(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided that, after return on board, the boat returns to the approximate location of the recovery.
 2. RRS 60.4(a) adds, "(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."
 3. RRS 60.5(c) adds, "(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification."
 4. RRS 61.3 adds, "or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."
 5. RRS 78.1 deletes "While a boat is racing," and replaces that language with "From the time of arrival through all periods while racing,"
 6. RRS A5.4 is added: "A boat that is scored TLE by the Race Committee shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the number of boats that sailed the course prior to the finishing window expiration.
 7. RRS A10 adds: "TLE – Finishing Window Time Limit Expired. This changes RRS A10

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board on CLUBSPOT

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. This is an invitation-only event
2. Each skipper must declare his/her age on the first day of racing and will compete in the associated division(s):
 - Open (25-49 years)
 - Master (50-59 years)
 - Grand Master (60-69 years)
 - Mega Master (70-74 years)
 - Old Salt (75 + years)
 - Youth (24 and under)
 - Women (any age)
3. Entry fee is \$160.00/ Youth \$100.00
4. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at CLUBSPOT.
5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, pay all fees, and complete the on-site check-in process.

4. COURSES

1. Courses will be windward/leeward courses with offset marks and gates.

5. SCORING

1. Two races must be completed before a Blue Chip Champion is recognized, and one race for perpetual trophies is awarded. One race constitutes a regatta for purposes of awarding keeper trophies.
2. There will be a maximum of 6 races with no throw-outs.

6. EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 2, 2026

1. Launching: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; ramp, hoist, and/or elevator options (dry sailing only).
2. Registration: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
3. Appetizers and drinks included for all participants/guests/crew, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Saturday, October 3, 2026

1. Registration 7:30 am to 9:00 am; light breakfast is included from 7:00 am to 9:00 am.

2. Competitors' briefing at 9:30 am; first race warning signal approximately 45 minutes after the briefing.
3. The number of races will be left to the race committee's discretion, weather permitting.
4. Lunch is included for all skippers and crew.
5. Steak dinner at SLYC; extra dinners for family and crew are \$35 per person. Button-down shirts and blazers are highly **encouraged**; cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, entertainment immediately following.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

1. Breakfast 7:45 am to 9:00 am.
2. Up to three (3) races may be scheduled; look for **notices on the bulletin board**. First race warning signal at 10:00 am; no race warning signals after 1:00 pm.
3. Lunch and trophies immediately following the last race.

7. HOUSING

1. Limited housing will be available and provided on a first-come, first-served basis; please contact Scott Harestad at (616) 844-8434 via phone or text to inquire.
2. At this time of year, there are plenty of hotel options in Spring Lake, Grand Haven, and Fruitport, less than seven miles from the SLYC.