

# **L.T.Y.C. ALERION EXPRESS 28 CLASS RULES**

## **1. Name**

The name of the fleet (the "Fleet") is the L.T.Y.C. Alerion Express 28 Fleet.

## **2. Purpose**

The purpose of these Class Rules is to organize racing and social activities among owners and crew of L.T.Y.C Alerion Express 28 yachts in the Little Traverse Bay area and to preserve the Alerion Express 28's recreational features, including ease of handling, safety, comfort, and equality of performance while controlling cost of ownership and maximizing participation at Fleet events. These Class Rules will apply to Alerion Express 28 yachts competing as a L.T.Y.C. similar design class in 2020 and afterward, regardless of hull displacement variations secondary to periodic manufacturing changes.

## **3. Membership**

A Fleet Member shall be a legal owner or co-owner of an Alerion Express 28 yacht who is a current active member of the Little Traverse Yacht Club.

## **4. Officers of the Fleet**

4.1 The officers of the Fleet shall be the Fleet Captain and the Class Measurer. Both officers will be an owner or owner's representative. An officer shall be elected for a term of approximately one year at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office until a successor is elected.

4.2 The Fleet Captain is the chief executive officer of the Fleet who presides over meetings, appoints special committees, and represents the Fleet at club activities. At the beginning of each season, the Fleet Captain shall compile and distribute a current roster of L.T.Y.C Alerion 28s by yacht name, sail number, and owner(s) contact information. They are responsible for sending notices of meetings, preparing and distributing and maintaining minutes of meetings, including summaries from the sailing committee meetings off season.

4.3 The Fleet Measurer is responsible for keeping records of new sails put into service by each owner, including sailmaker certificates. Owners have the burden of providing the Fleet Measurer with sailmaker's verification of each new sail to be used for the 2016 race season and beyond, keeping in compliance with provisions set forth in Rule 8.

## 5. Fleet Annual Meeting

The Fleet annual meeting shall be held in late June or early July set by the fleet captain who shall first sound the membership for a date that will assure greatest attendance. Appropriate advance Notice of Meeting shall be emailed to owners together with the proposed agenda. Crew members are welcome. The fleet captain shall set the agenda, which shall include specific issues requested by an owner. An issue not on the agenda may be raised as new business at the meeting. There may be a motion, seconded and voted upon at said meeting regarding new business.

## 6. Quorum and Voting

Attendance in person by owner or designated proxy of 50% of the total number of LTYC race-registered yachts shall constitute a quorum for conducting Fleet business. The vote of a majority of race-registered yachts at meetings at which there is a quorum shall prevail. These voting rules apply to the Annual Meeting and special meetings.

## 7. Qualifications of Yachts for Similar-Design Racing

7.1 Yachts shall be Alerion Express 28 sailboats currently manufactured by US Watercraft and by former manufacturers that are similar in hull, deck, keel, rudder, spars, standing rigging, weight and weight distribution, sail plan, equipment and interior furnishings. Except as provided in these Class Rules, no alterations or modifications shall be made to the yacht which may improve its speed, handling or maneuverability.

7.2 Nothing in these Class Rules shall prevent modifications of the yacht for cosmetic or convenience purposes.

7.3 Each owner is responsible for assuring his or her yacht is in compliance with the Class Rule **requirements**:

7.3.1 Standard factory supplied furnishings and equipment, including, but not limited to, jib roller furler, berth and settee bottom panels, floorboards, head or porta- potty, ice chest/step ~~and cushions~~ shall not be relocated or removed when racing.

7.3.2 Each owner has the burden of assuring that his/her yacht complies with safety regulations prescribed by the applicable L.T.Y.C Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and USCG minimum requirements.

7.3.3 The jib shall be self-tacking: using either a traveler mounted on the cabin top or the Hoyt Boom.

7.3.4 A sailmaker's verification shall be presented by the owner to the Fleet Measurer before each new sail is bent to the rig.

7.4 The following are **permitted**:

7.4.1 Electronic instrumentation and communication equipment.

7.4.2 An autopilot, but not if the yacht has more than one person on board.

7.4.3 Cruising and day sailing amenities which do not enhance performance.

7.4.4 Changes to the running rigging.

7.4.5 Modifications of older yachts to match features found as factory standard features or factory options on newer yachts.

7.4.6 A boom preventer

7.4.7 A jib whisker pole - provided it is secured to the mast while racing.

7.5 The following are **prohibited**:

7.5.1 Altering rudder or keel profile, provided that surface fairing shall be allowed.

7.5.2 Use of any sails other than the main and jib described in Rule 8.

7.5.3 Use of hydraulic systems, except that the light air jib boom extender is permitted.

**8. Sails & Standing Rig:** [dimensions of sails under evaluation in 2020]

8.1 A 1" black band shall be placed on the mast 33' above the intersection of the mast and boom. A similar band shall be placed on the boom 12.5' aft of the boom/mast intersection. The mainsail shall at all times be flown between these bands. The mainsail shall be constructed to conform to these band limits.

8.2 Mainsail girth dimensions shall not exceed: Upper 1/4 Girth: 4.5'; and Mid-girth: 7.8'. The headboard shall not exceed .4'. The tack ring shall be affixed in the standard tack fitting and the clew shall not be allowed to float free from the boom, although the foot may otherwise be loose. Reef points may be installed. The luff shall be attached to the mast with slides. The class insignia and hull number or sail number shall be affixed on both sides of the sail.

8.3 Jib dimensions shall not exceed: Luff Length 29.1', Headsail Top .3', Leach 26.6', LPG 8.20', Upper girth cannot exceed .25 of LPG; Mid-girth cannot exceed 1/2 of LPG. Lower girth cannot exceed .75 of LPG.

8.4 The jib shall be operated on the standard roller furling system.

8.5 A yacht may race with sails made of any material.

8.6 Any sail destroyed and unrepairable during normal sailing or racing may be replaced at any time, with new verification given to Fleet Measurer.

8.7 [Moved to 4.3 and 7.3.4]

8.8 The sail limitation rules (8.1- 8.3) shall apply to sails built for the 2016 season and afterward.

## **9. Crew Positioning**

Crew may go forward for sail handling purposes. Legs over the side for hiking is prohibited.

## **10. Driver and Crew Eligibility**

The Driver of the yacht is the person who steers the yacht. The Driver may be an owner, a regular crew member or person designated by the owner. But no boats shall have professionally certified sailors drive their boat ~~or have Cert III sailors as crew~~. A yacht may be raced without the owner being on board.

## 11. Enforcement

The Fleet Captain along with the Fleet Measurer on request by any owner shall determine if there has been any violation of these class rules and shall file a protest on behalf of the Fleet. An officer shall not participate in any proceeding in which his/her yacht or the yacht on which he/she crews is being considered.

## 12: Season Awards

Appropriate awards may be awarded to owners for cumulative 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes in spring, summer and fall series racing.

### IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

These L.T.Y.C. Alerion Express 28 Rules are hereby adopted upon the majority vote of owners at the Fleet Annual Meeting held this 26 day of June 2016.

Fleet Captain: s/ Bryan Burley

Fleet Measurer: s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: June 21, 2021