



2013 7.9 Class MBYC Season Championship

S2 7.9 Class Fleet # 1 & Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Macatawa, Michigan

Notice of Race

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and
- 1.2 Other RRS and 7.9 Rules changes may be made in the *Sailing Instructions*.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The championship will be open to all S2 7.9 Class boats as defined in the 7.9 Rules
- 2.2 Each helmsperson must be a current member of the S2 7.9 Class Association. A membership application and instructions are available on the S2 7.9 Class Association website.
- 2.3 Entry into the 2013 Season Championship is included by entry in the individual events listed below.

3.0 Fees

- 3.1 There is no separate entry fee for the Season Championship. There are separate entry fees for each event in the schedule.

4.0 Schedule

- 4.1 The championship will include the results of the individual races of the following events:

MBYC Offshore #1	May 25
MBYC Tuesday # 1	May 28
MBYC Tuesday #2	June 4
MBYC Tuesday #3	June 11
MBYC Commodore's Cup	June 15 – 16
MBYC Tuesday #4	June 18
MBYC Tuesday #5	July 9
MBYC Smith Regatta	July 20
MBYC Tuesday #6	July 23
MBYC Tuesday #7	July 30
MBYC Tuesday #8	August 6
MBYC Tuesday #9	August 12
MBYC Tuesday #10	August 20

5.0 Modification of Class Rules

5.1 Consistent with previously established Fleet 1 protocols, 7.9 class yachts shall keep their keels in a fully-down position and outboard engines will be carried on the stern motor mount.

6.0 Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of registration.

7.0 Venue

7.1 The series venue will be Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

7.2 The racing venue will be defined by the Sailing Instructions of the events in the series.

8.0 Courses

8.1 The courses will be windward – leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 Penalty System

9.1 Per prior 7.9 Class practice, Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty for infractions taking place “outside the zone.”

10.0 Scoring

10.1 The Championship will score the individual races of the events specified in this NOR. To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete (i.e. come to the starting area for) a minimum of 10 Races.

10.2 Race Scores: Define “N” to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

Finishing Place	Score
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Each Place Thereafter	Subtract 1 point

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored.

10.3 Series Scores: The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100. Exclude her worst score. An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for the series, but not as one of the scored races. The qualified boat with the highest series core is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

10.4 Ties and Other Rules: Race ties will be handled using rule A7. Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1. Rules A1, A3, A5, A10 and A11 also apply.

11.0 Haul-Out Restriction

11.1 There are no restrictions on haul-out.

12.0 Radio Communications, Courtesy Broadcasts, and Recalls

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This includes mobile phones and internet devices.

12.2 The Race Committee may make periodic broadcasts by VHF radio. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and shall not in any way alter

the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a). All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio (7.9 Rule 2.9(11)).

11.0 Prizes

- 11.1 Trophies will be provided for the first three boats in the series.
- 11.2 For the purposes of awards, competitors will be split into Gold and Silver Fleets per the 7.9 Class Rule 3A 4.5. Trophies will be awarded to the first 3 Silver Fleet boats.
- 11.3 The Series Champion will be added to the Jack Smith Trophy which is permanently displayed at MBYC.

12.0 Disclaimer

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to race). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 17.3 MBYC, S2 7.9 Fleet 1, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.
- 17.4 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

5.0 Further Information

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