



2025 PAW PAW LAKE SUMMER SERIES

The Organizing Authority is the
PAW PAW LAKE YACHT CLUB
5097 Shoreview Drive
Coloma, Michigan

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including U.S. Sailing prescriptions and the *Rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR)*.
- 1.2 RRS 32 will be changed to provide courses will not be shortened.
- 1.3 RRS 33b will not apply.
- 1.4 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 1.5 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 1.6 RRS A5.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal may be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race without a hearing. Changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.7 STCR 34.3.9 will be changed to allow shorter courses and a greater number of races.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club ("PPLYC") before or during the first day of racing.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Race notices will be delivered via text messaging between club member skippers.
- 3.2 Race Committee failure to notify, delay notification, the order announced, and on the water calls for OCS boats will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of racing each scheduled race day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries are open to all active and life skippers who are members of the Paw Paw Lake-St. Joseph Star Fleet and must be eligible in accordance with STCR 26.1. Boats must comply with STCR 21. Boat owners must be members of the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club and have paid ISCYRA association dues.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by contacting the fleet captain.
- 4.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the WS Eligibility Code are to compete in this series.

5. SCHEDULE

First warning each race day 11.00 hrs. unless noted otherwise. Number of races to be determined by race committee. Schedule may be modified by race committee with 2/3 of actively racing skipper agreement.

SCHEUDLED RACING DATES:

See Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club website for the most up to date event schedule.

Saturday, May 31st

Saturday, June 7st

Saturday, June 14th

PPLYC: Annual Car Show

Saturday, June 21st

Saturday, June 28th

Saturday, July 12th

PPLYC: Annual Paw Paw Lake Triathlon

Saturday, July 26th

Saturday, August 2nd

PPLYC: Boat Parade

Saturday, August 9th

Saturday, August 16th

Saturday, August 23rd

Saturday, August 30th

*Saturday, September 6th**

*Sunday, September 7th**

**Races run during the Pot'Pourri Regatta races will count towards Summer Series scoring. The regatta will be covered in separate NOR and SI documents.*

****No racing July 5th, 24th (unless 2/3 actively racing skippers agree to hold a race).**

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

See event websites or ISCYRA for most up to date schedule.

May 17th-18th—Tulip Time Tune Up @ Gull Lake Yacht Club

June 14th-15th—Crescent ORD @ Crescent Sail Yacht Club

June 27th—South Shore Yacht Club Queen's Cup

July 12th—Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac

July 19th—Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac

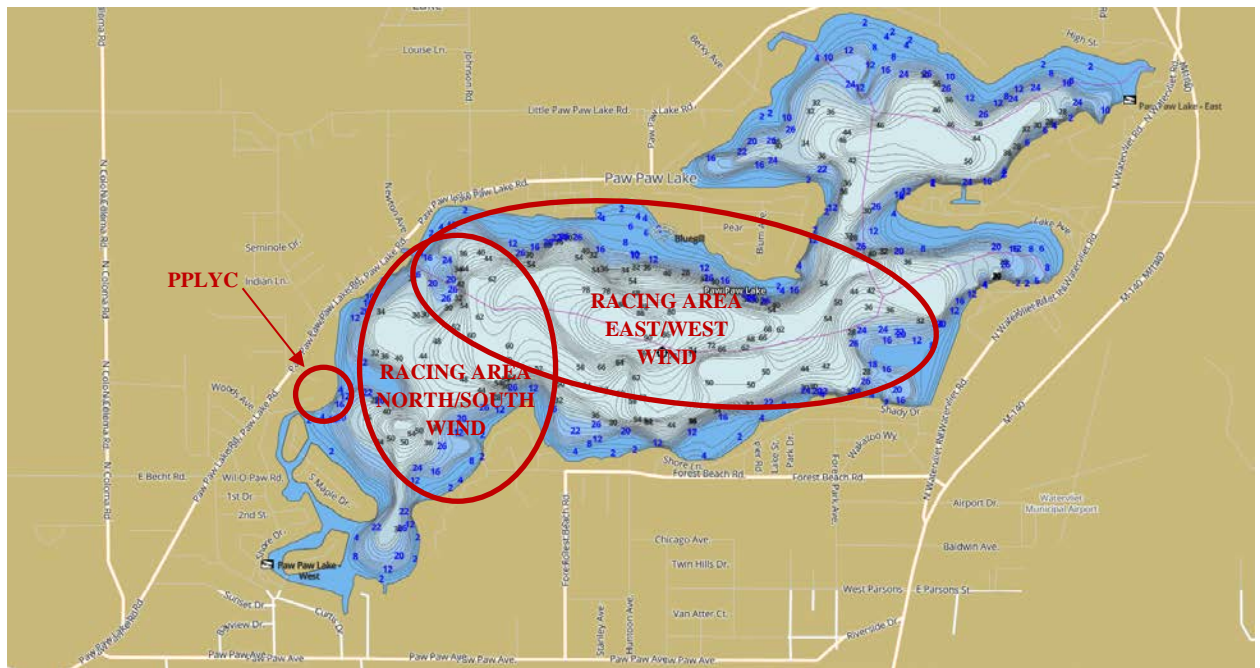
August 2nd-3rd—Racine Regatta

September 27th-28th—Blue Nose Regatta @ Racine Yacht Club

October 1st-4th—Vintage Gold Cup @ Gull Lake Yacht Club

6. VENUE

6.1 The maps below give an overview of Paw Paw Lake including the club location and racing areas.
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7. THE COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.3. However, legs may be shorter than specified to allow for geographical constraints. Moreover, a greater number of races may be sailed in prescribed in STCR 34.3.9. The race committee may elect to set different courses.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 STCR 35.5 changes the Two-Turn penalty in RRS 44.1 to a One-Turn Penalty.

9. SCORING

9.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.

9.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 If four or less races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five or more races completed, a boat's series score will exclude the worst 1/4 of her finishes, rounded

based on the nearest number of total races scaled (e.g. if 15 races are sailed by the end of the season, $15/4 = 3.75$, and a boat's worst four scores would be excluded).

9.4 RRS A5.3 will be in effect.

9.5 **Skipper Scoring:** Series scores will be assigned to individual skippers. If a boat is sailed by different skippers throughout the series, each skipper will be scored separately. Skipper changes must be clearly identified at check-in or prior to the race start.

9.6 **Crew Scoring:** Crew points will be tracked separately from skipper scores for purposes of recognizing consistent participation. To be eligible for scoring in the overall crew series standings, a crew member must sail in at least one-fourth (1/4) of the total races sailed **or** a minimum of eight (8) races—whichever is fewer.

10. CRANE USE

10.1 Boats shall leave the hoist area for sailing or for dry storage as soon as reasonably possible once hauled-in or hauled-out. The crane shall remain off and power locked when not in operation.

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12. INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance (property and injury) with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent covering the person in charge (RRS 46).

13. PRIZES

13.1 Perpetual trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.

13.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the boat finishing first through third.

13.3 The OA reserves the right to award additional prizes at its sole discretion.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 series.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

15.1 Skippers and competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event, where their image or name may appear.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact:

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