



2025 Gull Lake Sailing Club Season Series
May 14-September 17, 2025
Gull Lake, Michigan
Notice of Series

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions follow this Notice and shall be available at www.gulllakesunfishclub.org.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at <http://gulllakesailingclub.freeforums.net>.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of any one-design class with 3 or more boats and monohulls sailboats with a Portsmouth Handicap rating whose owners are 2025 members of Gull Lake Sailing Club.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the membership application and entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to Larry Carter, Gull Lake Sailing Club Treasurer, 263 S Gull Lake Dr, Richland, MI 49083, before competing in its first race.

4.3 Boats shall notify the Commodore by email to gulllakesunfish@gmail.com by Tuesday at 5:00 pm EDT **EVERY** week of their intent to compete the following day.

4.4 Late entries will not be accepted, that is, membership application, entry form and dues shall be submitted for races sailed to count.

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

5.1 The following crew limitations apply: limitations as provided in Class rules for competing boats.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Dates of racing: Wednesdays, May 14, 2025 through September 17, 2025.

6.2 Number of races: The goal shall be to have four (4) races per day. This may be shortened due to weather and/or daylight.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1830. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the last scheduled day of racing is 1800.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1915.

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Each boat shall be in compliance with its current Class Rules.

8 VENUE

8.1 The launch site is at Prairieville Township Park-Gull Lake, 15475 S. M-43 Hwy., Hickory Corners, MI 49060.

8.2 The racing area is Gull Lake, Hickory Corners and Richland, Michigan.

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring System per Appendix A4.

11.2 Twelve races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 Twelve races shall be completed by a boat to qualify for season scoring.

11.4 For every six races sailed by a boat, a worst race score shall be discarded.

11.5 When twelve or more races have been sailed by a boat, her series score will be the average of her counted race scores after discards. Lowest average race score wins.

11.6 There shall be Gold Fleet (experienced racers and any former Silver Fleet two-time champion, once in Gold Fleet may not move to Silver Fleet), Silver Fleet (for developing sailors to build skill and an understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing. A Silver Fleet winner shall be promoted to Gold Fleet after winning Silver Fleet twice), Women's Fleet, and Youth Fleet (does not turn 19 in the calendar year of series).

11.7 Missed races do not count.

11.8 Half season entries must meet the series qualification in 11.2.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 All participants shall meet Michigan DNR Safety Rules. See <https://tinyurl.com/MIDNRRules>.

12.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 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.

14 INSURANCE

14.1 Each participating boat is recommended to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information please contact Gail Turluck, gulllakesunfish@gmail.com, 269.447.1130. Our weekly email newsletter will have updates.



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1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
1.2 Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the Class Association do not apply. It is recommended competitors be members of their Class Association.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be emailed before 1800 the day before the day it will take effect.
2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by verbal announcement from the Race Committee boat.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <http://gulllakesailingclub.freeforums.net>.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1**
- | Weekly Wednesday Night Racing | Time | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Rigging | 1700-1800 | Prairieville Twp. Park-Gull Lake Launch Ramp |
| Race #1 Warning | 1830 | Up to 3 more races to follow |
- 4.2** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with a few sounds about one minute before a warning signal is made.

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1** Sunfish: The Class flag will be a white flag with red Sunfish emblem. Portsmouth: A blue flag with a deep red outline and a white Gull Lake shape on it. Other: Additional Classes shall be designated as added.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1** The racing area is Gull Lake, Hickory Corners and Richland, Michigan.

7 COURSES

- 7.1** The diagram below shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Courses may be set with marks to be passed to port or starboard.

8 MARKS

- 8.1** Marks are orange or red balls or orange cylinders.

9 THE START

- 9.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
9.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the opposite end starting mark.
9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
9.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1** Courses will not be changed during a race except to shorten as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 32.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finish line is between a staff displaying an orange or blue flag on the signal boat and the buoy at the other end.
11.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her position in relation to nearby boats to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 12.1** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Mark 1 time limit	Race Time limit	Finishing Window	Target total race time
Sunfish	25 min.	1 hr.	20 min.	25 min.
Portsmouth	25 min.	1 hr.	20 min.	25 min.

- 12.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
12.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
12.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1** The protest time limit is 2200 the same day of racing.
13.2 Hearing request forms are available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gulllakesailingclubgroup> or from the Race Committee. Hearing Decision forms are available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gulllakesailingclubgroup> or from the Race Committee.
13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 1200 the following day at <http://gulllakesailingclub.freeforums.net> to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the patio at the Turluck Residence in Richland, Michigan, beginning at 1830 that same following day.

14 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 14.1** Official vessels will be identified as follows: a motor boat with a blue Race Committee flag.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Sunfish Gold Fleet	First to third place
Sunfish Silver Fleet	First to third place
Sunfish Womens Fleet	First place
Sunfish Youth Fleet	First place

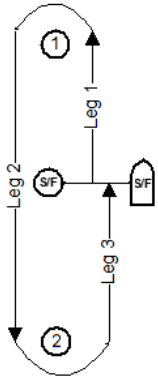
Experienced racers may self-elect Gold Fleet.

Developing racers may self-elect Silver Fleet.

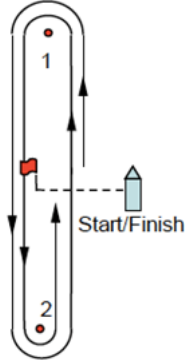
A Silver Fleet winner shall be promoted to Gold Fleet after winning Silver Fleet twice.

Other Classes will compete for similar prizes according to their Fleet size.

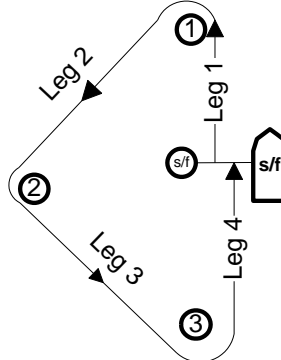
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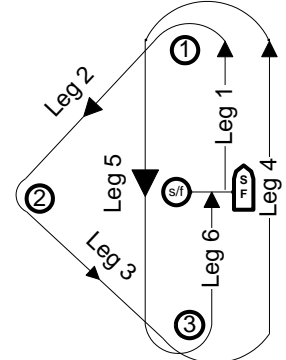
Course #1
Windward-Leeward
Once Around



Course #2
Windward-Leeward
Twice Around



Course #3
Triangle



Course #4
Gold Cup

Course #1: S – 1 – 2 – F

Course #2: S – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – F

Course #3: S – 1 – 2 – 3 – F

Course #4: S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – F



2025 Application for Membership
Gull Lake Sailing Club
Richland, Michigan

Membership is open to sailboat sailors and their supporters.

I hereby apply for membership in Gull Lake Sailing Club (please print neatly).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Mobile ☐ Home ☐ Work

Email: _____ Sail # _____

Boat Type: ☐ Sunfish ☐ Portsmouth (fill in Class) _____ ☐ Other (fill in Class) _____

Fleet ☐ Gold ☐ Silver ☐ Womens ☐ Junior

Gold Fleet is for experienced racers confident in their knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Silver Fleet is for developing sailors. An individual that has won Silver Fleet twice shall be a Gold Fleet sailor.

Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Member w/spouse or single adults, and their Junior aged children)
<i>(Add additional sailors with fleet choice and sail number on back of form)</i> | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | \$220 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collegian (Under age 26, must provide photocopy of valid Student I.D.) | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (Non-sailing Members) | \$ 30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (not age 19 or older this calendar year) | \$ 30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Season Regular (after July 15) | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Season Collegian (after July 15) | \$ 55 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Season Junior (after July 15) | \$ 15 |

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

All participants shall meet Michigan DNR Safety Rules: <https://assets.kalkomey.com/boater/pdfs/handbook/michigan-handbook-entire.pdf>.

All participants shall comply with current health and safety laws as prescribed by the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

A RELEASE OF LIABILITY SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

The undersigned, fully recognizing and acknowledging the inherent risk in sailing activities hereby releases the Gull Lake Sailing Club, its officers and agents, any municipalities, any park officers or their agents, from any and all liabilities arising out of, or as a result of, any accident or injury while participating in activities that are sanctioned, promoted or sponsored by the Gull Lake Sailing Club whether deemed through negligence or not on the part of any of the aforementioned persons or entities.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED IF AN APPLICANT IS A MINOR:

The undersigned Parent or Guardian, fully recognizing and acknowledging the inherent risk in sailing activities, hereby releases the Gull Lake Sailing Club, its officers and agents, any municipalities, any park officers or their agents, from any and all liabilities arising out of, or as a result of, any accident or injury while participating in activities that are sanctioned, promoted, or sponsored by the Gull Lake Sailing Club whether deemed through negligence or not on the part of any of the aforementioned persons or entities.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Complete form, sign, and send it with your check payable to Gull Lake Sailing Club,

Mail to: Larry Carter, GLSC Treasurer, 263 S Gull Lake Dr, Richland, MI 49083.

NOTE: Prairieville Township Park-Gull Lake ramp permits must be acquired separately, available here: <https://tinyurl.com/25GLRampPass>.