



**Gull Lake Sailing Club  
presents:**

# 2025 Gull Lake Holiday Racing Series

**MEMORIAL DAY,  
INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY**  
NORTH AMERICAN PORTSMOUTH YARDSTICK  
HANDICAP SCORED SAILBOAT RACES  
ONE RACE PER DAY - 2:00 PM EDT WARNING

**May 26, July 4, & September 1, 2025**

Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions,  
and Entry Information at:

[www.gulllakesailingclub.org](http://www.gulllakesailingclub.org)

**Post Race Refreshments Too!**







**2024 Gull Lake Sailing Club  
Holiday Series  
May 26, July 4, September 1, 2024  
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.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix V Alternative Penalties shall apply.
- 1.3 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed to:  
if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but
  - (i) she was not involved in it
  - (ii) did not see the incident, or

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions follow this Notice and shall be available at [www.gulllakesunfishclub.org](http://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 monohull boats of any one-design class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee (payable to Gull Lake Sailing Club), to Gail Turluck, 1245 W Gull Lake Dr, Richland, MI 49083, before competing in its first race. Current Gull Lake Sailing Club members are automatically entered.
- 4.3 Boats shall notify the Commodore by email to [gulllakesunfish@gmail.com](mailto:gulllakesunfish@gmail.com) by 5:00 pm EDT three days before each race of their intent to start. Current Gull Lake Sailing Club members shall make same notification.
- 4.4 Late entries will not be accepted, that is, entry form and fees shall be submitted in advance 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: May 26, July 4, September 1, 2025.
- 6.2 Number of races: One race per day.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1400.

**7 COMPETITORS MEETING**

- 7.1 A Competitors Meeting shall be held electronically by Zoom at 5:30 pm on May 23, 2024. Boats that have notified intent to race shall receive the Zoom meeting invitation.

**8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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

**9 VENUE**

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

**10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The course to be sailed will be a triangle. Appendix A shows the course area. Marks to be passed to port.

**11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

**12 SCORING**

- 12.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring System per Appendix A4.
- 12.2 Each race shall be scored using the North American Portsmouth Rating Handbook:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-North-American-Portsmouth-Yardstick-Handbook.pdf>
- 12.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.4 All races shall be scored by a boat to qualify for series scoring.
- 12.5 Missed races may be rescheduled.

**13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 All participants shall meet Michigan DNR Safety Rules. See <https://tinyurl.com/MIDNRRules>.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**14 RISK STATEMENT**

- 14.1 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.

**15 INSURANCE**

- 15.1 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.

**16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1 For further information please contact Gail Turluck, [gulllakesunfish@gmail.com](mailto:gulllakesunfish@gmail.com), 269.447.1130. Our weekly email newsletter will have updates.



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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

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

**1.2** RRS Appendix V Alternative Penalties shall apply.

**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** The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1400 each day.

**4.2** To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound about one minute before a warning signal is made.

**5 FLAGS**

**5.1** The Gull Lake Sailing Club burgee, a maroon outlined, blue field with Gull Lake white shape triangular flag shall serve as the class flag.

**6 RACING AREA**

**6.1** The Start/Finish line shall be between a red or orange mark and Race Committee boat in the north end of Gull Lake.

**6.2** The racing area is the natural body of Gull Lake, Michigan from the north end to the northern side of Gull Island.

**7 COURSES**

**7.1** The diagram below shows the course area. Marks to be passed to port.

**8 MARKS**

**8.1** Marks are 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** 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 THE FINISH**

**10.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the red or orange buoy at the other end.

**10.2** 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.

**11 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

**11.1** 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
Portsmouth	30 min.	2 hr.	20 min.	1 hr 30 min.

**11.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

**11.3** 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.

**11.4** Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**11.5** Should 14 or more boats enter the series, the Class designations may be split into Class 1 and Class 2.

**12 SCORING**

**12.1** Low Point Scoring System per Appendix A4.

**12.1** All races shall be scored using the North American Portsmouth Rating Handbook:

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-North-American-Portsmouth-Yardstick-Handbook.pdf>

### 13 HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 The protest time limit is 2000 the same day of racing.

12.2 Hearing request forms are available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gullakesailingclubgroup> or from the Race Committee. Hearing Decision forms are available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gullakesailingclubgroup> or from the Race Committee.

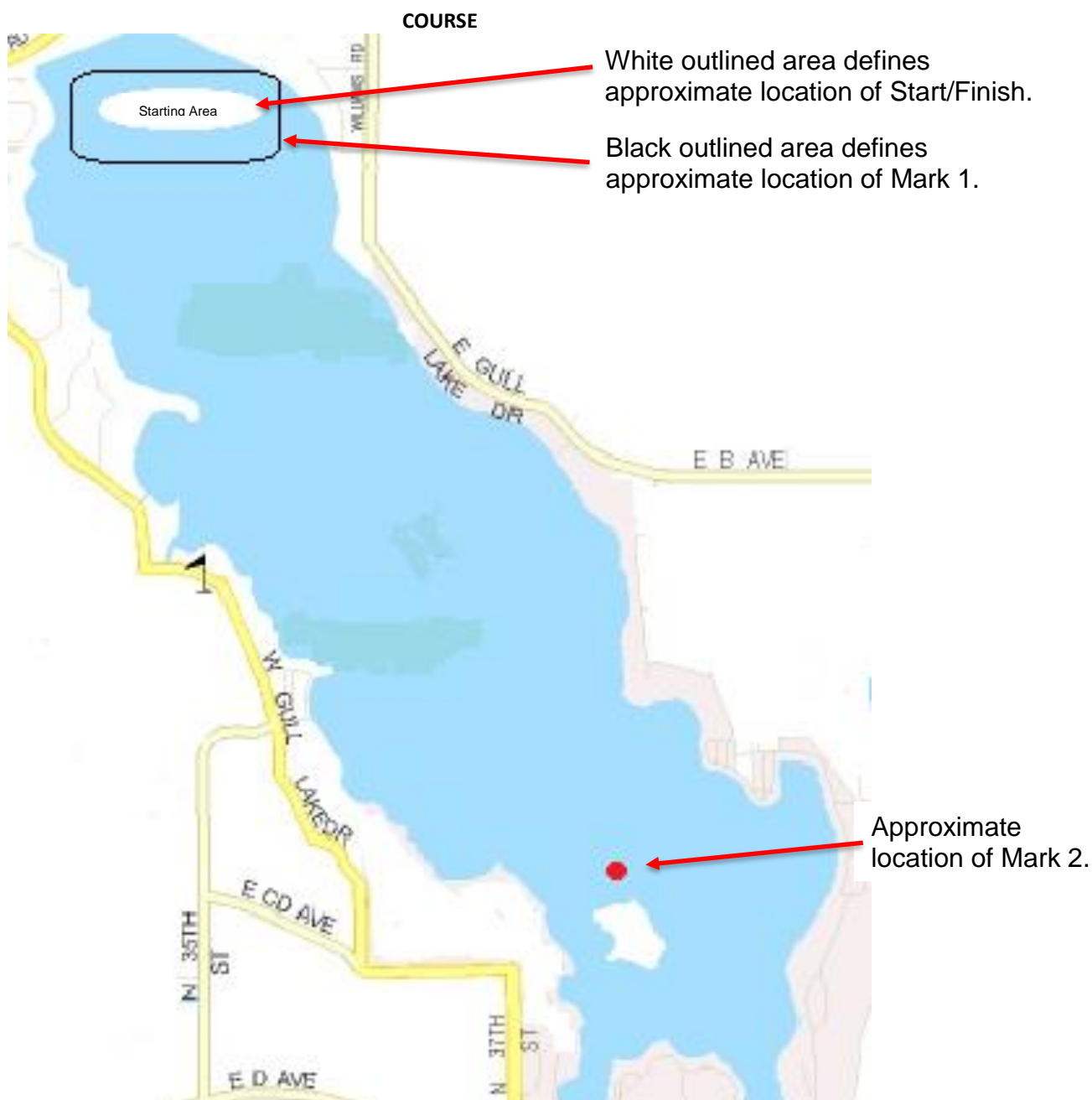
12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 1200 the following day at <http://gullakesailingclub.freeforums.net> to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the patio at the Turluck Residence in Richland, Michigan, beginning at 1830 that same 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:  
Top three overall boats.





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**ENTRY FORM**

Series is open to monohull sailboats.

I hereby enter in 2025 Gull Lake Sailing Club Holiday Series (please print neatly).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Mobile ☐ Home ☐ Work

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type (fill in Class): \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee**

☐ 2025 GLSC Member entry included in dues, no form required, no cost \$ 0  
Must sign up each race by email as stated

☐ Non-Gull Lake Sailing Club member Entry \$100

**Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 submit it before racing with your check payable to Gull Lake Sailing Club,  
Deliver to: Gail Turluck, 1245 W Gull Lake Dr, Richland, MI 49083.

NOTE: Prairieville Township Park-Gull Lake ramp permits must be acquired separately, available here: <https://bit.ly/2Ro49IP> or single day with payment card at park entrance. Holiday ramp traffic tends to be very heavy.

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