



2026 GULL LAKE SAILING CLUB HOLIDAY SERIES



MAY 25, JULY 5, AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

OPEN TO ALL MONOHULL SAILBOATS

Notice of Race at
www.gullakesailingclub.org
Questions?
gullakesunfish@gmail.com





**2026 Gull Lake Sailing Club
Holiday Series
May 25, July 5, September 7, 2026
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 (see <https://tinyurl.com/2025-2025-WS-RRS>).
1.2 RRS Appendix V1 Alternative Penalties shall apply.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/GullLakeSailingClub/>.

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 Muliatt, 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 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 Entry form and fees shall be submitted in advance for races sailed to count.
4.5 Unregistered boats shall not qualify to start.

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 25, July 5, September 7, 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 Thursday, May 21, 2026. Boats that have notified intent to race shall receive the Zoom meeting invitation.

8 VENUE

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

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be from the start to a mark to the north of Gull Island and back to the finish. Appendix A shows the course area. Marks to be passed to port.

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 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>
11.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
11.4 A boat's best two race scores shall determine its event score.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 All participants shall meet Michigan DNR Safety Rules. See <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>.
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 Muliett, gulllakesunfish@gmail.com, 269.447.1130.

15.2 Our weekly email newsletter will have updates.



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2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be 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 <https://www.facebook.com/GullLakeSailingClub/>.

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 Class flag will be a blue flag with the word "Portsmouth," small shapes below, and a narrow white field with sailboats at the end.

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 in addition to second sound signal and display of Code Flag X. 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	50 min.	2 hr.	30 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.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/GullLakeSailingClub/> to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the patio at the Muliett 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 POST-RACE SOCIAL

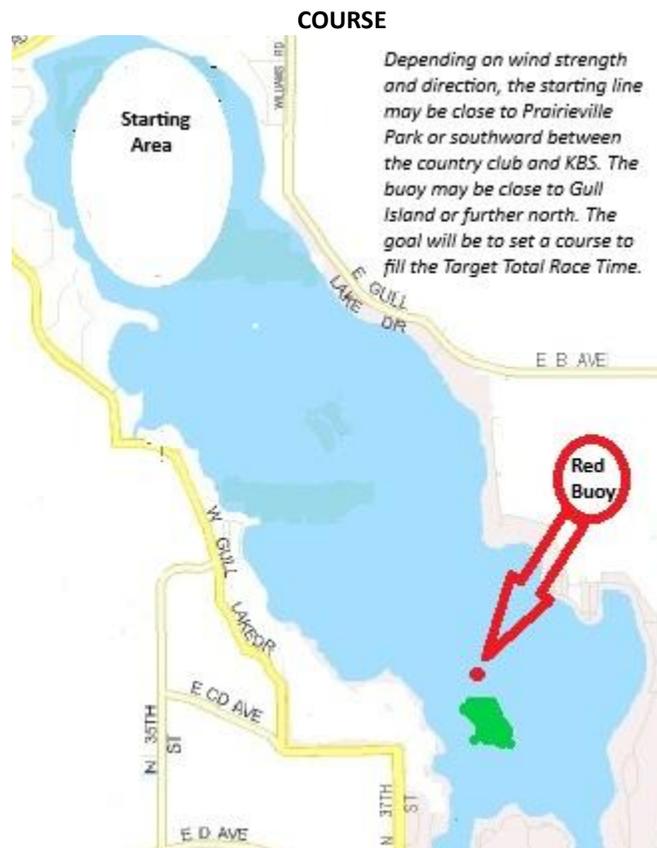
15.1 All sailors are invited to the Muliett residence after racing for refreshing beverages and light snacks.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Top three overall boats.

Prizes to be awarded at Club Banquet in October.





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ENTRY FORM

Series is open to monohull sailboats.

I hereby enter in 2026 Gull Lake Sailing Club Holiday Series (please print neatly).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Boat Type (fill in Class): _____ Sail # _____

Entry Fee

- 2026 GLSC Member entry included in dues, no form required, no cost
Must sign up each race by email as stated \$ 0
- Non-Gull Lake Sailing Club member Series Entry \$100

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

All participants shall meet Michigan DNR Safety Rules. See <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>.

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 Mullett, 1245 W Gull Lake Dr, Richland, MI 49083.

NOTE: Prairieville Township Park-Gull Lake ramp permits must be acquired separately, available here:
<https://tinyurl.com/2026PTLaunch> or single day with payment card at park entrance. Holiday ramp traffic tends to be heavy.