

For All Ages

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SEPTEMBER
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Gull Lake Sailing Club

2026 SAILING SERIES

WEEKLY SAIL RACING FOR ALL MONOHULL SAILBOATS

Get your sailboat together and come and sail with us. Need a boat? A few are for sale or we'll help you find your right fit. Regular racing is the best method to develop your sailing skills!

Racing Notice: www.gullakesailingclub.org

Questions? email gullakesunfish@gmail.com

or call 269.447.1130



2026 Gull Lake Sailing Club Season Series

May 13-September 16, 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 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed to:

A protest is invalid if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in and did not see the incident.

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 boats of any one-design class with 3 or more boats and monohull sailboats with a Portsmouth Handicap rating whose owners are 2026 members of Gull Lake Sailing Club.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the membership application 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 Membership application, entry form and dues shall be submitted for races sailed to count.

4.4 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.

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 13, 2026 through September 16, 2026.

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 VENUE

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

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

8 COURSES

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

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

10 SCORING

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

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

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

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

10.5 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 that fleet.

10.6 For Sunfish there shall be Gold Fleet (experienced racers and any former Silver Fleet two-time champion, once in Gold Fleet may move to Silver Fleet by approval of Board of Directors), 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).

10.7 Missed races do not count.

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

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

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

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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.

13 INSURANCE

13.1 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.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information please contact Gail Muliatt, gulllakesunfish@gmail.com, 269.447.1130.

14.2 Our weekly email newsletter will have updates.



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- 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 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**
- | <i>Weekly Wednesday Night Racing</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Notes</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Rigging | 1700-1800 | Prairieville Twp. Park-Gull Lake Launch Ramp |
| Sunfish Race #1 Warning | 1830 | Up to 4 total races |
| Portsmouth Race #1 Warning | 1835 | Up to 4 total races. |
- 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:** A white flag with red Sunfish emblem.
Portsmouth: A navy blue flag with Portsmouth near the top and the outside part of the flag white with sailboats.
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, in addition to the normal flag and sound signal, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number(s). 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 on the signal boat and a 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:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Mark 1 time limit</u>	<u>Race Time limit</u>	<u>Finishing Window</u>	<u>Target total race time</u>
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/gullakesailingclubgroup> or from the Race Committee. Hearing Decision forms are available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gullakesailingclubgroup> 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 Mullett Residence in Richland, Michigan, beginning at 1830 that same following day.

14 OFFICIAL VESSELS

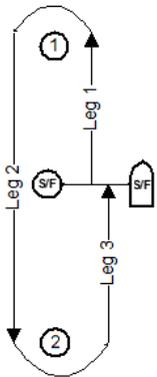
14.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: a motor boat with a blue Race Committee flag.

15 PRIZES

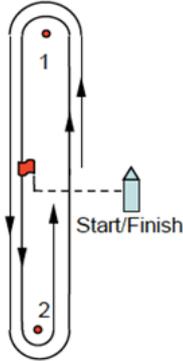
15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Sunfish Gold Fleet	First to third place
Sunfish Silver Fleet	First to third place
	A Sunfish Silver Fleet winner shall be promoted to Gold Fleet after winning Silver Fleet twice.
Sunfish Womens Fleet	First place
Sunfish Youth Fleet	First place
Portsmouth Fleet	First place for up to 3 boats; First to Second for up to 5 boats, First to Third for up to 7 boats
Other Classes	Other Classes will compete for similar prizes according to their Fleet size.

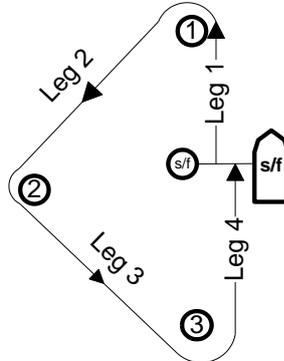
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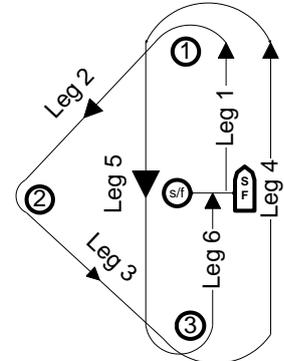
Course #1
Windward-Leeward
Once Around



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

It is recommended an extra copy of this page be printed, the course diagrams and mark listing be cut out and taped to one's boat deck with clear packing tape for season long reference.



**2026 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 _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Boat Type: Sunfish Sail # _____ (Pick fleet) Gold Silver Womens Junior

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

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

Portsmouth (fill in Class) _____ Sail # _____

Other (fill in Class) _____ Sail # _____

Membership

- Family (Member w/spouse or single adults, and their Junior aged children) \$300
(Add additional sailors with fleet choice and sail number on back of form.)
- Regular \$250
- Collegian (Under age 26, must provide photocopy of valid Student I.D.) \$140
- Associate (Non-sailing Members) \$ 50
- Junior (not age 19 or older this calendar year) \$ 50
- Half Season Regular (after July 15) \$150
- Half Season Collegian (after July 15) \$ 70
- Half Season Junior (after July 15) \$ 25

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

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

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.

2026

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
SEASON PASS APPLICATION

1. Please check one:

Prairieville Township Resident \$80____ (Verify Resident Status)

Non-resident \$90____ Commercial/Marina \$175____



2. Applicant Name (Print)_____

3. Business Name (Print)_____

4. Address_____

5. City_____State_____Zip_____

6. Phone_____Cell_____

7. Email Address_____



*This pass is valid from January 1st through December 31st.

*You are issued a rearview mirror hang tag and a PIN number. Your PIN number is used to access the automated gates at Gull Lake and Upper Crooked Lake.

*Your PIN number is to be used by you only and will be subject to electronic monitoring.

*Misuse of PIN number (1st offense) will result in the immediate revocation of your number without notice and without refund.

***Your hang tag or entrance receipt from automated gate, if applicable, must be visible at all times when entering and parked at all boat launch sites. Failure to display tag will result in a \$100 ordinance citation fine.**

*This pass reserves one (1) parking space per entry. It does not permit multiple vehicle entries at one time.

*Prior entry receipts will not be accepted as credit to purchase an annual pass.



I agree to abide with the above requirements and understand that any misuse (including a first offense) will result in the immediate revocation of my pass without notice and without refund.

Signed _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to: Prairieville Township Parks & Recreation Commission



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Check No. _____ or Cash _____ Amount Received \$ _____

Date _____ Issue Date _____ Issued By _____



Your PIN Number _____ Your Hang Tag Number _____