



One Design Racing

No Ratings....No Excuses



Throwdown in Motown

North Star Sail Club

August 29-30, 2026

First Warning at 1030

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

North Star Sail Club, Harrison Township, MI, USA, is the organizing authority and will provide race management.

1 RULES This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and as modified by the 2026 Fleet 11 J35 One Design Class Rules and the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association, the notice of race, and these sailing instructions for this regatta.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Official notices to competitors will be posted on <https://gybehub.com/events/aecb3bda-3a9a-4138-a6f9-5236e30b30c7>. A link to registration is available on the NSSC website (NorthStarSail.org/Racing).

2.2 Notices and communications on the water may be made by the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat on VHF channel 72 from one hour before the warning signal for the first start each day until one hour after all boats have finished. Boats shall not receive any communication not available to all competitors.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 of the day on which they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Per RRS 90.2(c), when RC flies Code "L" flag, ("come within hail"), verbal changes may be given altering any part of these instructions. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE Signals made ashore will be displayed at the NSSC flag pole. RRS Race Signals AP is changed as follows. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes."

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration, shall be made on the official race page in Gybehub.com.

5.2 Skippers' meeting, Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 0800, at North Star Sail Club clubhouse riverfront.

5.3 The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1030 each day. A sequence alert, consisting of four or more sounds, may be sounded one minute ahead of the warning signal. The absence of a sequence alert shall be disregarded.

5.4 The intention is to run as many races over the two days as possible.

5.5 No races will be started after 1500 on Saturday or after 1430 on Sunday.

6 CLASS FLAGS

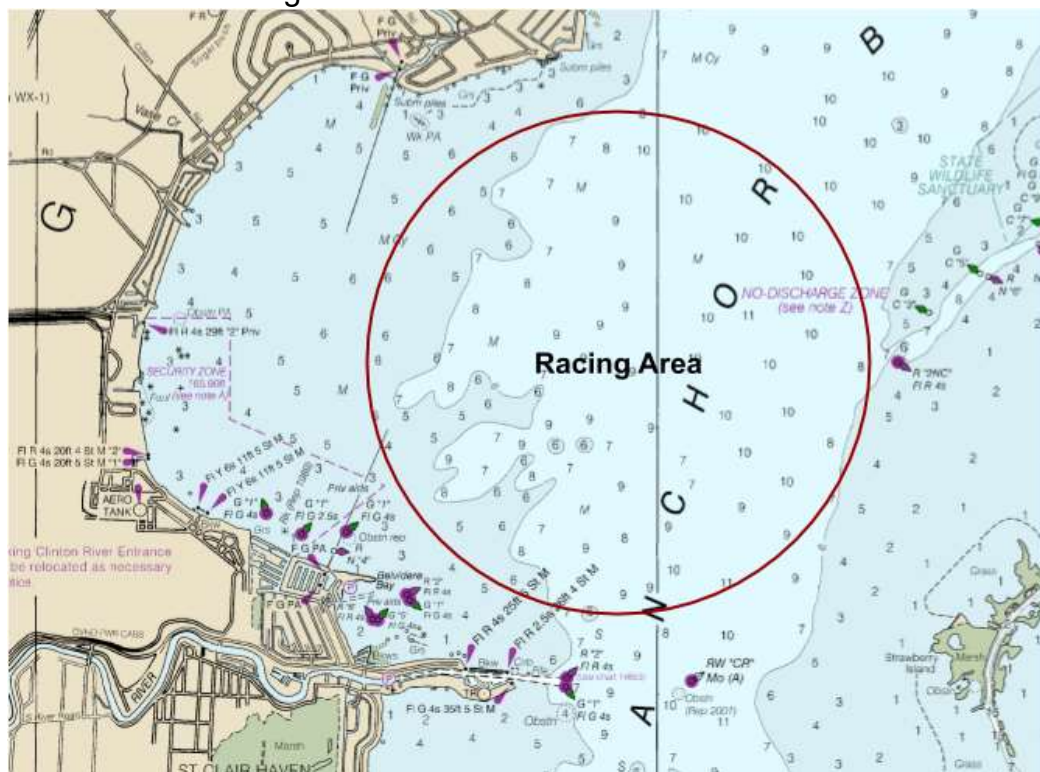
6.1 The class flag for the J/35 will be a pink flag

6.2 The class flag for the Catalina 27 will be a white flag

6.3 The class flag for the Catalina 22 will be a yellow flag.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be Anchor Bay, Lake St. Clair. The chart shows the approximate location of the racing area.

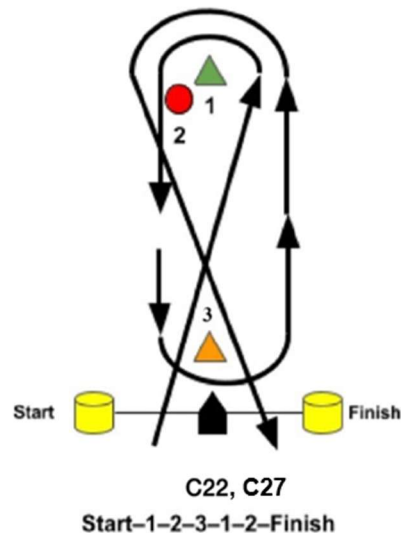
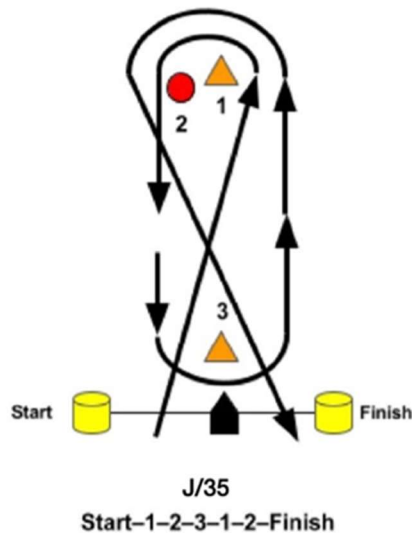


8 COURSES

8.1 The course diagrams below show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed for each class.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will designate the compass heading to the first mark and the distance (NM) from the starting line to mark 1.

8.3 Course legs will be approximately 1.5 NM or less for the J/35 and 1.0 NM or less for the Catalina 22 and Catalina 27 classes.



9 MARKS

9.1 All classes

1. Start and finish mark will be a yellow cylinder.
2. New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be yellow.
3. The RC may set a protection buoy with a line attached to the Signal Boat. Boats shall not touch the protection buoy or pass between the protection buoy and the Signal Boat.

9.2 J/35

1. Marks 1 and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons.
2. Mark 2 will be a red ball.

9.3 Catalina 22 and Catalina 27

1. Mark 1 will be a green tetrahedron.
2. Mark 2 will be a red ball.
3. Mark 3 will be an orange tetrahedron.

10 STARTING LINE - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark at the port end.

11 INDIVIDUAL and GENERAL RECALLS The RC may attempt to hail boats that have not started properly on VHF channel 72. The following are not grounds for redress: failure to hail any or all boats; failure to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats are hailed. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF COURSE To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

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13 THE FINISH - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a boat displaying an RC flag and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit to sail the course is 90 minutes. A boat finishing within the time limit extends the time limit by 20 minutes.

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Protests shall be delivered to the race committee at NSSC within 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks.

15.2 Protest hearings will be conducted by a certified US Sailing Race Officer.

16 SCORING RRS A2 is changed as follows. One race completed constitutes a series. All races will be included in a boat's series score.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS Boats shall be afloat and shall not be hauled out from 0900 on August 29th until the end of the regatta, except with and according to the terms of written permission of the RC.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on VHF channel 72, by cell phone (586-246-4171), or by hailing any RC boat. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the RC Signal Boat on VHF channel 72. There will be no penalty for not checking out or back in.

19 AWARDS Overall awards will be presented following dinner on Sunday August 30th.

20 DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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 regatta.

21 INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.