



Heels & Halyards

Saturday, August 15, 2026

First Warning at 1000

Sailing Instructions

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

1. Rules

1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on <https://gybehub.com/events/f07ac228-8c9a-4f42-96c4-280196898835> website. A link to registration is available on the NSSC website (NorthStarSail.org/Racing).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on Saturday, August 15, 2026, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2100 on Friday, August 14, 2026. 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.

4. Signals made ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the NSSC flag pole. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. Radio Communication

Race Committee will be monitoring VHF 72.

6. Schedule of races

6.1 The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1000 on Saturday, August 15, 2026. 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.

6.2 Skippers meeting will be at 0800 on Saturday August 15, 2026

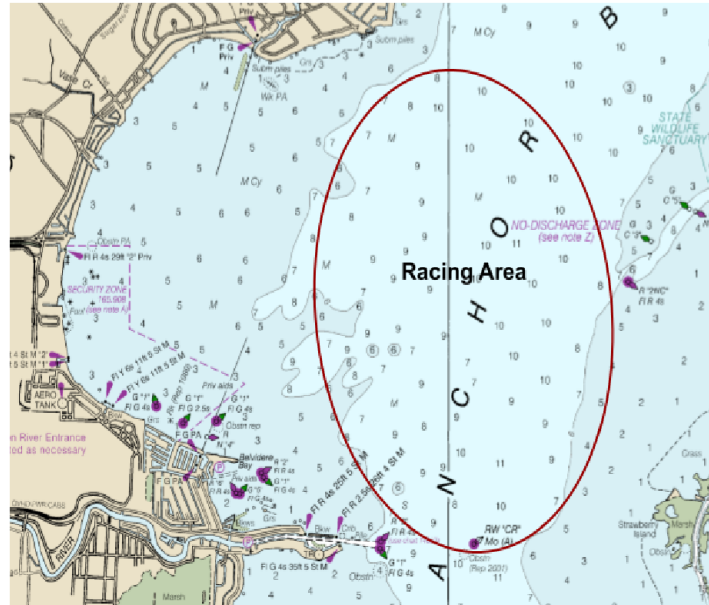
7. Classes and Ratings

7.1 Class splits will be posted on the official notice board. Class flags are assigned to the following order of start:

First Start	Pink
Second Start	White
Third Start	Gold
Fourth Start	Purple

8. Racing Area

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



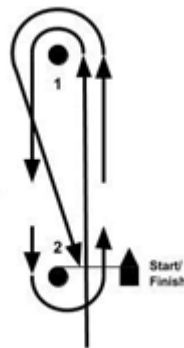
9. Courses

9.1 Windward Leeward Course

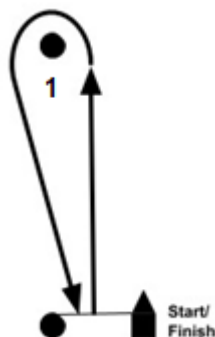
The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark at the port end. The start mark can be either A, B, or D.

9.2 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.

9.3 Spinnaker class will do a 4-legged course as in the diagram below.



9.4 JAM Class will do a 2-legged course as in the diagram below.



9.5 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron.

9.6 Point to Point (Fixed Buoy) Course

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. The start mark can be either A, B, or D.

9.7 No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will designate the course to be sailed.

10. Fixed Buoy Location



Mark	Description	Approximate Position
CR	Government buoy CR	42° 35.64' N, 82° 44.72' W
A	ABYRA race mark A, orange, yellow, or white cylinder	42° 37.01' N, 82° 46.19' W
B	ABYRA race mark B, orange, yellow, or white cylinder	42° 37.27' N, 82° 43.84' W
C	ABYRA race mark C, orange, yellow, or white cylinder	42° 38.64' N, 82° 45.31' W
D	ABYRA race mark D, orange, yellow, or white cylinder	42° 37.14' N, 82° 45.02' W

10. The Start

RRS 26 is unchanged.

11. Shortening or Abandoning Races

RRS 32.1 is unchanged.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the committee boat orange flag and the appropriate buoy.

13. Time Limits

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

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

13.3 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.

14. Scoring

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

15. Further Information

For additional information, please visit <https://www.northstarsail.org/racing.php> or contact regatta chair Melissa White at (248) 425-0365 or missyowwhite@gmail.com