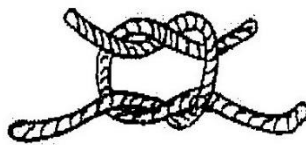
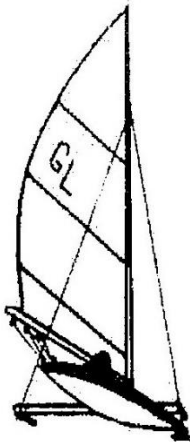


# GULL LAKE ICE YACHT CLUB

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## CONSTITUTION

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BY-LAWS, RACING RULES

AND

DEED OF GIFTS

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The following is the constitution of the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club. It is comprised of the By-Laws, Racing Rules and Deeds of Gifts of the club. It is being published in this form to serve as a useful reference to all members of the club. It is the responsibility of each member to become familiar with all aspects of this document, especially the Racing Rules.

The Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club was founded in 1901. The fine reputation of the club has today become a part of the wonderful heritage of this area. While the constitution can only define the framework within which the club operates, it is our hope that the continued integrity and high caliber of sportsmanship of each individual member will protect the goodwill of the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club.

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GULL LAKE ICE YACHT CLUB

Richland, Michigan

CONSTITUTION  
BY-LAWS, RACING RULES AND DEEDS OF GIFTS

ARTICLE I

Name

The club shall be known and designated as the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club. Richland, Michigan.

ARTICLE II

Object of the Club

The object of this Club shall be to encourage ice yachting, to promote social interests and good fellowship of all persons and to promote skill in sailing under uniform rules governed by the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club.

ARTICLE III

General Requirements

Section 1 – Class of Membership

There shall be four classes of membership: regular, junior, honorary and social. Definitions of each are as follows:

- (a) Regular – One who pays dues after obtaining age seventeen, actively participates in functions sponsored by the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club. He or she may vote, hold office, or act on committee.
- (b) Associate – Non-voting.
- (c) Junior – Until he or she reaches age seventeen, he or she will be exempt from paying dues, actively participates in junior class sponsored by the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club. He or she may vote, hold office, or act on committee.
- (d) Honorary – Shall consist of benefactors of Club. He or she may not (incomplete)

Section 2 – Application for Membership

May be made to any member or officer of the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club.

Section 3 – Suspension and Expulsion

A member may be expelled for cause by a two-thirds vote of the active senior membership.

#### Section 4 – Membership Cards

Signed by the treasurer and delivered to each member annually upon payment of dues. The membership card shall have type of membership noted thereon.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Meetings

##### Section 1 – Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting should be held, if possible, not later than two weeks after election of officers meeting, which should be held no later than one week after the last official weekend of season racing.

##### Section 2 – Regular Meetings

All regular meetings are to be held on the first Tuesday night of the month, starting with November, at 7:30 P.M. The first meeting in the Fall will be devoted to proposing amendments to the constitution, by-laws and racing rules for the present season and discussing same. All proposed changes will be printed and made available to the membership. These proposed changes will then be voted on at the following December meeting, and cannot be altered during the current season. Signed proxy votes from active members shall be accepted in voting on by-law changes.

##### Section 3 – Quorum

All members present at any regular meeting will constitute a quorum to transact club business.

##### Section 4 – Order of Business

Shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call of members in good standing.
2. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Reports of Officers.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Old Business.
8. New Business.
9. Discussion of Matters of Club Interest
10. Set Date and Place of next meeting
11. Adjournment

Parliamentary procedure shall govern all meetings.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers of Club

#### Section 1 – Elective Officers and their Duties

(a) Commodore: The Commodore shall preside at all meetings, appoint a chairman for each special committee, act as ex-officio member of all such committees; act as chairman of the executive committee; rule on procedure; jurisdiction; summarize decisions; request secretary to notify members of first Fall meeting of season. Both the Commodore and Treasurer must be signatories on the Club's bank account(s).

(b) Vice Commodore: The Vice Commodore shall perform the duties of the Commodore in the absence or disability of the Commodore.

(c) Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the record of the Club and record accurately the proceedings of all meetings; collect and disburse funds upon order of the Club, keep all records and accounts in the books belonging to the Club, notify any member of their suspension or expulsion; in the absence of both Commodore and Vice Commodore the Secretary-Treasurer shall appoint a chairman for that meeting. Any individual holding office of Secretary-Treasurer will be exempt of paying club dues as long as in office; will, upon request of Commodore, notify members of date and place of first Fall meeting; will keep record of all sail numbers for each boat; shall notify all members of previous year when dues are payable. These duties may be split into separate officers: Secretary, Treasurer.

(d) Race Committee Chairman and Race Committee Assistant Chairman.

See Racing Rules, Part III, Section B.1; Racing Rules, Part III, Section E.1, 3, 4, 5; Racing Rules, Part III, Section F.1, 3; Racing Rules, Part III, Section G.1, 2, 3; Part III, Section J.4; Part III, Section K.1.

#### Section 2 – Tenure of Office

The term of office for any officer of the Club shall be one year or until their successor has been duly elected; they shall assume their duties September 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Section 3 – Voting

Shall be done by secret ballot for all offices of cases involving suspension and expulsion in Club.

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees

#### Section 1 – Executive Committee

Shall be comprised of the Officers of the Club and shall hear appeals and sit in judgment on all questions and decisions unable to be obtained through the regular committees assigned to such and shall submit the final interpretation on Racing Rules, Constitution, By-Laws and Deeds of Gifts. They may transact urgent business for the Club. They shall act as trustees for all Club property.

## Section 2 – Race Committee

Shall be composed of one active member from each recognized Class. The Chairman and Assistant Chairman to be elected at the election of officers meeting. Each Class representative to be elected at the first meeting in Fall by each Class recognized by Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club.

## Section 3 – Special Committees

Shall be comprised of a chairman appointed by the Commodore. The remaining member(s) shall be appointed by the chairman.

## ARTICLE VII

### Dues

The amount of dues for active membership shall be fifteen dollars each year to be paid by December 1 and then run to November 30 of the next year. Junior and Associate dues are ten dollars. Honorary is zero.

## RACING RULES

### PART I

#### Definitions

When one of the terms in Part I is used in its defined sense in the definitions or rules, it is underlined. All definitions rank as rules.

ACTUAL WIND – The natural Wind.

WINDWARD AND LEEWARD COURSE – a course sailed around two marks – an imaginary line drawn between the two marks is parallel to the ACTUAL WIND.

ON-THE-WIND – a YACHT HEADING LESS THAN 90 DEGREES FROM THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE ACTUAL WIND is blowing is ON-THE-WIND.

OFF-THE-WIND – A yacht heading more than 90 degrees from the direction from which the ACTUAL WIND IS BLOWING IS off-the-wind.

STARBOARD TACK – A yacht is on a STARBOARD TACK when the ACTUAL WIND is approaching from her right side.

PORT TACK – A yacht is on a PORT TACK when the ACTUAL WIND is approaching from her left side.

WINDWARD AND LEEWARD YACHT – When two yachts are on the same tack, the one on the side from which the ACTUAL WIND is blowing is the WINDWARD YACHT, the other is the LEEWARD YACHT.

TACKING – A yacht is tacking from the moment she is beyond head-to-ACTUAL WIND until her mainsail has filled on the other side.

JIBING – A yacht is JIBING when the ACTUAL WIND aft, the foot of her main sail crosses her centerline until it has filled on the other side.

OBSTRUCTION – Any object a yacht cannot safely sail over.

MARK – Any object which a yacht must round or pass on a required side to properly round the course.

OUTSIDE – In Rule 8 of the Right-of-Way Rules, any yacht to the right of another yacht is the OUTSIDE yacht.

CANCELLATION – A CANCELLED race is one which cannot thereafter be sailed.

POSTPONEMENT – A POSTPONED race is one which is not started at its schedule and which can be sailed anytime the Race Committee may direct.

ABANDONMENT – An ABANDONED race is one which is stopped while it is in progress and which can be re-sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## RACING RULES

### PART II

#### General

##### Rule 1 – Start of Racing Season

The Racing Season is to start as soon as there is proper ice thickness. Sponsored racing on other suitable lakes other than Gull Lake, which freeze much more quickly or are free from snow, may be done on a majority vote of Executive Committee (Class races only, although when suitable conditions exist on Gull Lake, racing will be done on Gull Lake only).

##### Rule 2 – Adverse Sailing Conditions

CANCELLATION or POSTPONEMENT of a race because of adverse sailing conditions will be determined by a poll of the Executive Committee.

##### Rule 3 – Race Cancellation

If any member of the Club goes to the Northwest or N.I.Y.A. International Regatta, all races will be suspended within the realm of his or her eligibility.

##### Rule 4 – Time Limit

The time limit for a complete 4 mile WINDWARD and LEEWARD Race shall be 40 minutes, 6 mile WINDWARD and LEEWARD Race shall be 60 minutes, 8 mile WINDWARD and LEEWARD Race 1 hour, 20 minutes. Wills Trophy, 2 hours, and Beam Wind, 1 hour and 40 minutes. The time limit for each race shall be divided by the number of laps to be run – this period of time shall be the time limit for each lap of the race. Should the leading yacht fail to complete any lap within its lap time limit, the race is CANCELLED.

Any yacht not finishing within 30 minutes of the first yacht shall be designated Did Not Finish (DNF).

Example: 6 mile WINDWARD and LEEWARD Race with buoys 1/2 mile apart, 6 laps would have to be sailed and each laps' time would be 10 minutes. If leading yacht's time at the end of first lap is 8 minutes, race continues; if leading yacht's total time at the end of second lap is 19

minutes, race continues, but, if leading yacht's total time at end of third lap is 31 minutes, race is CANCELLED.

#### Rule 5 – Length of Season

Shall be that as many race be held as possible, unless otherwise specified by Deed of Gift on trophy. No more than 8 races in a day to be counted as official.

#### Rule 6 – Starting Time

Saturday race shall start at 10:00 A.M. Sunday official races shall start at 10:00 A.M. If races cannot start at the above times due to conditions, the Race Committee will POSTPONE races each half hour until 3:00 P.M. on Saturday and 1:00 P.M. on Sunday. If conditions still do not exist, races are to be POSTPONED for that day.

#### Rule 7 – Starting

Interfering within 100 yards of the start shall not be considered as a foul unless in the opinion of the Race Committee handling this race, it was intentional.

#### Rule 8 – Parked Yachts

All yachts left on the ice with sails set must be properly anchored or left in charge of a person to prevent taking off.

#### Rule 9 – Saturday Series

Saturday afternoon Class Races will be sponsored, but considered as a Saturday series, so yacht missing race on Saturday would not be penalized for Sunday Class Races.

Condition for Off-Lake races:

- 1) 10 races make up official series
- 2) "A" Fleet must have 5 boats to qualify as official
- 3) "B" Fleet must have 5 boats to qualify as official
- 4) "A" Fleet must have race 3 laps
- 5) "B" Fleet must race 2 laps

#### Rule 10 – Scoring

This system will be used unless specified by Deed of Gift or unless otherwise specified by individual fleet. Prizes shall be awarded on the basis of the total number of points earned. The yacht having the highest accumulated total number of points shall be proclaimed the winner, with each position thereafter determined accordingly downward in number.

#### Rule 11 – Computation of Points

US Sailing Scoring System to be used. This system will be used unless specified by Deed of Gift or unless otherwise specified by Individual fleet.

Legal Race – three boats in "A" Fleet.



Each Starter in each race shall be credited with the number of points assigned her finishing place as indicated in the accompanying table. In all cases no matter how many yachts are racing the first place yacht receives 1000 points and so on according to the table.

Yachts not starting will not receive points. Yachts not finishing, or disqualified will receive points corresponding to one place worse than last place for that particular heat.

If two yachts finish in a dead heat, each yacht shall receive one half of the sum of the points for that place and the next lower place. The next yacht after the dead heat yachts shall receive the number of points for the second position below that of the dead heat yachts. When the dead heat is for first place, each yacht shall be considered the winner as far as prizes are concerned, and the trophy so engraved.

#### Rule 12 – Racing Numbers

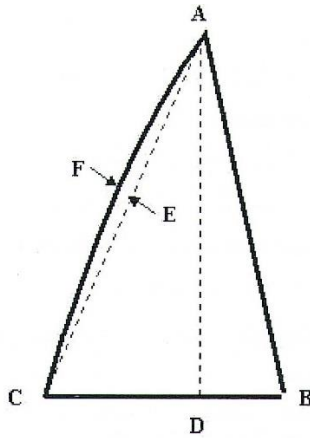
All competing yachts shall display a racing number on both sides of her mainsail. The numbers shall be of a contrasting color, and shall be not less than 12” in height, except in classes when the size is specified.

#### Rule 13 – Sail Measurements and Qualifications

Section 1. In Classes A, B and C, the sail headboards shall not exceed 12” overall, measured perpendicular to the hoist. In Class D, the sail headboard shall not exceed 8” overall, measured perpendicular to the hoist. In all other classes it will be per Class Rule.

Section 2. The sail shall be measured on the yacht when rigged for normal sailing conditions. The method used for measuring sails in Classes A, B, C, and D is as follows: (In all other classes it will be per Class Rule.)

- (a) The hoist eye in the headboard to which a hoist may be fastened shall be the top measuring point.
- (b) With the tape fastened to this top measuring point, shortest distance to the boom will be the perpendicular.
- (c) The length of the sail along the boom shall be measured from the aft edge of the mast or its extension where intersected by the boom to the aft edge of the sail (clew).
- (d) Multiply the perpendicular by the boom length and divide by two. The result is the sail area.
- (e) To determine the allowable amount of roach, fasten the tape to the top measuring point as described under (a) and lead to the aft edge of the sail at the boom. The distance at any point from the leech on the sail to the line AEC in the diagram shall not exceed 4-1/2 percent of the length of the Line AEC.



$$\frac{A D \times B C}{2} = \frac{\text{Sail Area}}{\text{Area}}$$

Distance E, F shall not exceed 4-1/2 percent of distance A, E, C in classes A, B, C, and D nor 12" in class "E"

- (f) Jib Area may be calculated by using either the foot or the luff as the base of the triangle. The point of measurement at the head of the sail shall be the upper edge of the sail, and need not include the cable that may extend above the actual sail.

### Section 3. Sail Qualifications

- (a) All yachts shall be classified by the sail area as follows –
- Class "A" – over 250 square feet of sail
  - Class "B" – over 175 square feet of sail, no more than 250 square feet
  - Class "C" – over 125 square feet of sail, no more than 175 square feet
  - Class "D" – over 75 square feet of sail, no more than 125 square feet
  - Class "E" – no more than 75 square feet of sail

All one design Classes are governed by the Associations they belong to.

### Rule 14 – Skipper Qualifications

1. All skippers shall be members in good standing to receive points or position. Points or position are not retroactive.
2. A skipper may race for two days without paying his Club dues. Annual dues must be paid before the third day he races or his previous and current races will not be scored.
3. Any class in which there are two yachts registered before racing season begins can be recognized by the Club by a majority vote of the active senior and junior members of the Club.

## Part III

### Management of Races

#### A. Sailing Instructions

1. May be written or verbal.
2. Contents:
  - (a) Course location
  - (b) Mark description
  - (c) Starting time
  - (d) Starting and Finishing signals
  - (e) Time limit of race
3. Distribution – Shall be available to each yacht.
4. Changes – Written or verbal changes to the sailing instructions can be made not later than two minutes prior to the starting gun.

#### B. Race Committee Officials – Duties and Responsibilities

1. Race Committee Chairman and Assistant Race Committee Chairman  
They shall preside at all meetings of the Race Committee and make reports to the club. They shall with the rest of the Committee, preside at all races; (if possible) keep an accurate record of all races run by each yacht during season's competition; they may at any time call on any member to assist in running the races. They shall furnish season's results to the Secretary at election of officers meeting, said results shall be initialed as being correct by the entire Race Committee; they shall declare the winners of the season's trophies and present same at annual meeting.
2. Course Men:
  - (a) Determine if conditions (wind, ice, temperature, visibility) are safe; mark dangerous sections of ice.
  - (b) Supply marks and starting blocks.
  - (c) Set Course (marks and starting blocks).
3. Starters:
  - (a) Supply flags.
  - (b) Start race.
4. Timers:
  - (a) Time laps and the race if necessary.
5. Scorers:
  - (a) Supply score sheets and pencils.
  - (b) One or two positioned at top mark to watch for rule infringements.
  - (c) Keep an accurate record of all racing participants.
  - (d) Announce starting positions for succeeding race.
  - (e) Determine final positions in the series.

6. Judges
  - (a) Authority – Have the ultimate authority over all other officials in all incidents involving interpretation and enforcement of the rules governing all aspects of the race.
  - (b) Must enforce all rules.
  - (c) Oversee the race and must protest all violations of the rules.
  - (d) Hear and decide protests.
- C. Courses

All courses shall be Windward and Leeward courses, marks left to Port unless otherwise specified on Deed of Gift on trophy.
- D. Starting
  1. The starting line is to be a line perpendicular to the Actual Wind and set approximately 50 yards to Leeward of the Leeward Mark of the course and consist of marked positions. The center of the starting line shall lie on an extension of an imaginary line through the two Marks of the course. Numbered starting blocks shall be placed along the starting line at intervals of at least 2-1/2 times the length of the runner plank, odd numbers running from the center rightward and even numbers running from the center leftward (sanding facing the course).
  2. The starting blocks do not rank as Marks of the course.
  3. The Leeward Mark does not have a required side until a yacht has rounded the Windward Mark for the first time.
  4. Starting positions for the first race will be determined by lottery (unless otherwise specified). For succeeding races a yacht will start at the position corresponding to her finishing place in the immediate preceding race and DNF's, DSQ's and DNS's shall be assigned positions at the end of the line by the Race Committee.
- E. Starting Procedure
  1. At the starting line the Race Committee shall announce the course, number of laps, time limit for the complete race and for each lap.
  2. Each yacht's spar base is placed at the starting block, odd numbers on Port Tack, even numbers on Starboard Tack.
  3. The Race Committee shall check to make sure all yachts are laid off similarly and the Committee has the authority to require a yacht to alter her heading.
  4. There shall be a preparatory signal approximately one minute before the start – This shall be a visual signal made by the starter standing near the Leeward Mark. He shall raise a checkered flag or his arms. This may be accompanied by audible signal (megaphone or gun).
  5. The starting signal shall be the lowering of the starter's checkered flag or his arms. It may be accompanied by an audible signal. The visual signal governs the start, the audible signal is only a supplement.
  6. After the starting signal, skippers may begin to move their yachts away from the starting line, either by pushing or sailing.
    - a. No yacht may be in forward motion at the starting signal.
    - b. A yacht that arrives at the starting line after the starting signal must come to a stop on the starting line before beginning the race.

7. It is recommended that when one class is lined up on the starting line and another class is racing, Positions #2, #4, #6, #8, and #10 (the first five boats on the Starboard Tack) to be vacated to leave room for yachts finishing to clear the finish line.

F. Finishing

1. The Finish Line is 200 to 300 feet long and perpendicular to the Actual Wind and it lies between the Race Committee scoring the race and the Leeward Mark. The Race committee is placed so that a yacht crossing the finish line from the direction of the Windward Mark shall leave the Leeward Mark on her Port Side.
2. A yacht finishes when her spar base crosses the finish line from the direction of the Windward Mark.
3. The finish of the first yacht shall be indicated by the dropping of a flag by the Race Committee. This may be supplemented by an audible signal.

G. Canceling, Postponing, Abandoning, Changing Course

1. The Race Committee may cancel, postpone or change the course before the start provided it informs all starting yachts.
2. The Race Committee may Cancel or Abandon a race after the start if a Mark has shifted or the course for any reason becomes unsafe.
3. The Race Committee may Cancel or Abandon a race after the start if no yacht makes any lap time limit.
4. The Course may not be altered after the Start.
5. The signal for Canceling or Abandoning a race shall be the placement of a red flag at the Leeward Mark.

H. Dead Heat

In the case of a dead heat in any one race, add the points for the place for which the yachts are tied and place (or places, if more than two yachts are involved in the tie) immediately below the tied yachts and divide equally. Any yacht finishing immediately after the tied yachts shall be awarded the position corresponding to one worse than the number of yachts finishing ahead of her.

I. Accidents

1. Each yacht must render every possible assistance to any yacht or person in peril, even if the person in peril is not racing. If in the opinion of the judges any yacht not responsible for the accident shall have thereby injured her chances of winning any prize, they shall discount the race or order it re-sailed.
2. A skipper of a yacht in distress shall make every attempt to signal all passing yachts and, if possible, signal the judges whether he is seriously injured or not. If he is not, he should get out of his cockpit and stand up and walk around the yacht. If there is no visual action on the part of the distressed skipper, the yachts passing and the judges shall assume injury or a serious nature and cancel or abandon the race.

J. Re-Sailed Races: When a Race is to be re-sailed:

1. All yachts entered in the original race shall be eligible to sail the re-sailed race.
2. Also any new entries may be accepted.
3. Rule infringements in the original race shall be disregarded.
4. The Race Committee shall advise the yachts concerned of the date and time of the re-sailed race.

K. Award of Prizes

1. Before awarding the prizes, the Race Committee shall be satisfied that all prize winning yachts have complied with the Racing Rules, Sailing Instructions and Class Rules.
2. If within a 60 day period from the original date of award the judges shall find that a yacht did not comply with the Racing Rules, Sailing Instructions or Class Rules, they may demand return of the award.

Part IV

Sailing Rules

Any infraction of the following rules is cause for disqualification.

A. Fair Sailing

In all situations the Judges, Race Committee and contestants must act in terms of common sense, safety and good sportsmanship.

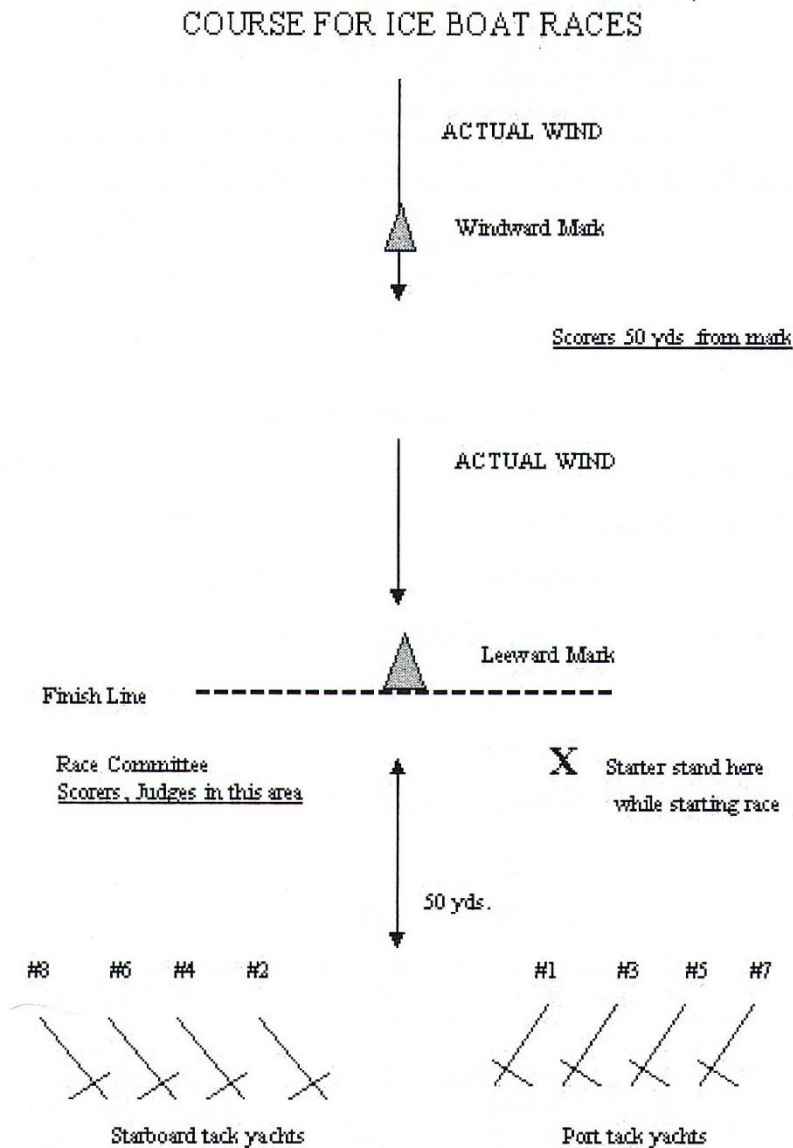
B. Right-of-Way Rules

1. A yacht in motion shall keep clear of a yacht stopped.
2. A yacht sailing Off-The-Wind shall keep clear of a yacht sailing On-The-Wind.
3. When two yachts are sailing On-The-Wind the yacht on Port Tack shall keep clear of the yacht on the Starboard Tack; when two yachts are sailing Off-The-Wind, the yacht on the Port Tack shall keep clear of the yacht on the Starboard Tack.
4. When two yachts sailing On-The-Wind are on the same Tack, the Windward Yacht, shall keep clear. When two yachts sailing Off-The-Wind are on the same Tack, the Leeward Yacht shall keep clear.
5. A Right-of-Way yacht shall not alter her course so as to mislead or prevent a Non-Right-of-Way yacht from keeping clear. When a faster moving yacht approaches another yacht on the same Tack from the rear, the faster yacht must not sail so close that the slower yacht cannot keep clear.
6. A yacht may not Tack or Jibe so as to increase the probability of collision with another yacht which, owing to her position or speed, cannot keep clear.
7. A yacht approaching and unable to clear an Obstruction without fouling or endangering another yacht may signal the other Yacht for room to clear. The signaled yacht shall at once give room and if it necessary for her to Tack or Jibe, the signaling yacht shall also Tack or Jibe immediately thereafter.
8. When approaching or rounding a Mark an Outside yacht shall keep clear. Each yacht shall be entitled to room to cross the finish line.
9. After finishing a race, a yacht shall Keep Clear of the course and yachts still racing.

C. Sailing the Course

1. A yacht shall be disqualified without protest if she starts prematurely.
2. A yacht fouling a Mark (except when avoiding an accident), not leaving a Mark on the required side, or not rounding all Marks in proper sequence, shall be disqualified.

3. A party entering a protest shall:
- Make his intent to protest known to the Race Committee immediately after the race in which the rule infringement occurred or as soon as an infringement of other than the sailing rules is noted. A protest may be entered at a later time if the protesting party is unable to finish the race, but must be made within two hours of the finish of the day's racing unless the protesting party can prove, to the satisfaction of the Race Committee that he was unable to meet the deadline.
  - Present the protest in writing to the Race Committee at or before the next regularly scheduled meeting, stating the rule violated, a statement of the facts, and a diagram to illustrate the same (when relevant).



4. Sail Protests

Anyone doubting the legality of a sail may protest to the Race Committee verbally, the sail must be measured immediately upon filing of protest. In any warranted protest, disqualification will be applied to the preceding race and cannot be made retroactive.

5. The Race Committee Shall do its best to notify the protested party as soon as possible.

D. Propulsion

A yacht may not employ any means of propulsion other than the action of the wind on the sails. However, the crew (unassisted by anyone except for reasons of physical disability as authorized by the judges) may push the yacht to leave the starting line or to return the yacht to wind propulsion when necessary; other pushing shall be cause for disqualification.

E. Ballast

A yacht must start and finish race with the same ballast and crew.

Part V

Protests and Disqualifications

A. Protests

1. Parties to Protest:

(a) Who may protest:

- (1) Any competing yacht.
- (2) The Race Committee, or any member of the Committee.
- (3) A Judge.

(b) Who may be protested:

- (1) Any competing yacht.
- (2) The Race Committee.

2. It is mandatory for all the parties in 1.(a) above, to protest any infringement of the racing rules. A protest may not be withdrawn.

3. The Race Committee must call a hearing as soon as possible allowing a reasonable time for preparation of defense. Protests from one day's racing should be heard before next day's racing begins. Failure on the part of any interested party to make an effort to attend the hearing may justify the Judges in dismissing the case or in deciding the protest as they see fit.

B. Decisions and Penalties

1. The Race Committee shall make a prompt decision and notify verbally or in writing, the parties involved.

2. If during the hearing any yacht is found to have infringed any of the racing rules, she shall be disqualified from this race only.

3. If the Race Committee is found to have infringed a racing rule and a yacht's chances were prejudiced as a result of the infringement, the Race Committee may order the race re-sailed.

C. Interested persons must not take part in decisions. No Judge may hear a protest involving a yacht he owned or sailed on at the time in question or involving a Race Committee of which he was a member.



## PART VI

### Trophies

#### Section 1 – Trophies, General

All trophies belonging to the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club will never become the permanent property of an individual or group. Perpetual Trophies will be made available for each recognized Class or Group as specified below.

Ten official races the minimum to qualify for trophy presentation at year end. Throw-out is 10%.

1. First Place Perpetual Trophy when Class or Group is recognized by Club.
2. Second Place Perpetual Trophy when number of yachts participating reaches three.
3. Third Place Perpetual Trophy when number of yachts participating reaches four.
4. If for any reason, number of yachts participating falls below number stated above, trophies will not be given out, but held over by the Club until it again reaches the proper number of participating yachts.
5. All Perpetual Trophies are to be returned to the Club prior to the Annual Meeting, so that engraving can be done and paid for by the Club. Officers will set date that trophies are to be returned (Should be set by Election of Officers Meeting).
6. All yachts shall race in their own class.
7. A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded if one or more races are run during any racing season.
8. Any skipper winning a Perpetual Trophy and receiving it at the Annual Meeting is to be held responsible for the safekeeping and the safe return to the Club of the Trophy. This trophy when presented at the Annual Meeting goes to the skipper.
9. The Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club may buy small permanent awards and engrave them to replace those turned in by previous year's First Place Winners. These awards are to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
10. Matches for any Perpetual Trophy shall be sailed under the By-Laws and Racing Rules of the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club.

#### Section 2 – Perpetual Trophy Rules

##### A. Class Trophies

Rule 1. The distance to be sailed in each heat except DN-60 and Junior Class shall be 6 miles Windward and Leeward; in DN-60 and Junior Class, it shall be 4 miles Windward and Leeward.

Rule 2. In all Class Races, scoring will be the Point system unless otherwise specified at beginning of season by individual fleet.

#### Section 3 – Optional Trophies

##### A. General

Club competition may be held for the following trophies at the discretion of the Race Committee and/or Executive Committee. Their decision to hold club races for these trophies should be predicated on membership endorsement and sailing conditions.

B. Lake Championship Trophies

1. Front Steering "E" Class Lake Championship to be sailed for only by Front Steering Class "E" yachts.
2. Rear Steering Lake Championship to be sailed for only by Rear Steering yachts.
3. DN-60 Lake Championship to be sailed for only by DN-60 Class approved yachts.
4. Sprinter Lake Championship to be sailed for only by Sprinter Class approved yachts.
5. Renegade Lake Championship to be sailed for only by Renegade Class approved yachts.
6. All Lake Championship Races are to be scheduled by Race Committee.
7. No more than 6 heats per Championship will be run. Two on Saturday afternoon and 4 on Sunday.
8. Starting time – (See Racing Rules, Part II – Rule 6).
9. In all Lake Championship Races, scoring will be the Point System (See Racing Rules, Part II – Rule 10-11).
10. The distance to be sailed for all Lake Championship Races is 8 miles Windward and Leeward. DN-60 Lake Championship races shall be 6 miles Windward and Leeward.
11. Class Races may be held after Lake Championship Races if conditions and time exist. Left up to discretion of the Race Committee.

C. Wills Trophy

1. This is a Handicap Series, which will be established as follows:
  - (a) All yachts participating in this series shall be timed by the Race Committee Chairman in each race that yacht competes in.
  - (b) All times and positions are to be given to the Secretary by the Race Committee Chairman in the form of a permanent record to be approved by the Club Officers, prior to the last official meeting before the Annual Meeting.
  - (c) The First Race of any Racing Season – Yachts will use Handicap established from previous year. All times of previous year's races will be used to determine each yacht's handicap for this race. If a yacht has no established Handicap, it will start with scratch yacht. Scratch yacht will be on pole, remaining positions for yachts without established Handicap will be determined by lottery.
  - (d) Start – To be lined up 100 yards back from starting buoy.
  - (e) Finishing – To be 90' to last leg of course.
  - (f) If yacht has changed ownership or class, it loses established Handicap. If a yacht has established Handicap, but is sailed by substitute skipper, yacht will start as scratch and be scored as such.
  - (g) The accumulated time divided by the number of races established the individual handicap. Only the last five races will be used to determine handicap.
2. Will Trophy Races are to be scheduled by Race Committee.
3. This is to be a 3 Race Maximum Series. 1 heat to be sailed Saturday afternoon and 2 heats Sunday.
4. In case of tie after completion of series, a sail-off race may be sailed. In the event a sail-off race is not sailed, a toss of the coin will determine the winner, loser next place, only tied yachts will participate in sail-off race, which will be 4 laps in length and they will start under their established handicap.

5. The scoring system for this series is to be horse race and points combination (old N.I.Y.A. Scoring System).
6. This is to be a 3 point course with buoys placed as follows:
  - (a) South Mark – Midway between Grassy Island and Highland Park.
  - (b) North Mark – Midway between Hickory Point and Wildwood Beach.
  - (c) East Mark – 150 yards off from shore in front of Long Beach Farm.
  - (d) The course is to be set the first race of the season and not changed.
  - (e) The starting and finishing buoys are to be determined by the Race Committee. Buoys are to be orange in color for quick identification.
  - (f) All races are to be sailed clockwise.
  - (g) This is to be a 4 lap race.
  - (h) All yachts will start at same time and Handicap will be computed by time take by Race Committee.
  - (i) There are to be 2 sets of Trophies awarded at Annual Banquet; the Original Trophies are to be given to the Actual Elapsed Time winners and the other set is to be given to the Handicap Time winners.
  - (j) Class Races may be held after Wills Trophy Races if conditions and time exist, left up to the discretion of the Race Committee.

D. Beam Wind Trophy

1. Beam Wind Trophy Races are to be scheduled by Race Committee.
2. This is to be a 3 race maximum series. One heat to be sailed Saturday afternoon and 2 heats Sunday.
3. In case of tie after completion of series, a sail-off race may be sailed, in the event the sail-off race is not sailed, a toss of the coin will determine the winner, loser next place. Only the tied yachts will participate in sail-off race, which will be 5 laps in length.
4. The scoring system for this series is to be straight Horse Race. (The yacht that wins most firsts wins).
5. Class races may be held after Beam Wind Races if conditions and time exist, left up to discretion of Race Committee.
6. Course Dimensions and Rules
  - (a) Marks shall consist of any 2 of the permanent Wills Marks affording the truest Beam Wind (Race Committee to determine which 2 are to be used).
    - (1) Yachts shall start 80' to the course and a Beam Wind starting position shall be according to number drawn before each race and Number 1 will be 1<sup>st</sup>, etc.
    - (2) Finish line with be 90' to the course.
    - (3) Right-of-Way Rules shall be as follows:
      - i. Inside yacht as to the course, shall have right-of-way over all yachts regardless of tack. This rule is progressive as such, #1 has right-of-way over #2, #2 has right-of-way over #3, etc.
      - ii. Any yacht may be passed at any time on either side so far as he does not cross the center line of the course (this constitutes a foul).

- iii. A yacht may consider it has been passed when such time occurs that the over-taking yacht may pull directly in front of the overtaken, without causing said yacht to alter her course to avoid a collision. At this time, the overtaken yacht must relinquish his position and yield right-of-way accordingly.
- (4) Course Rules and Regulations to be enforced by the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club Race Committee.
- (5) There are to be 10 laps in each race to constitute a heat.
- (6) Two fouls may be accumulated by a skipper before suspension.
- (7) Any sail powered yacht regardless of size, style or dimension of sail or yacht may compete for this trophy.

These Rules and By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Active, Non-Active and Junior members present at second meeting held in Fall.

#### MICHIGAN STATE FLAG

#### REVISED DEED OF GIFT

A committee consisting of three members of the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club, namely Gerald Scott, RFD #1, Richland, Michigan, Harley J. Disbrow, Sr., RFD #1, Richland, Michigan, and Harley J. Disbrow, Jr., RFD #1, Augusta, Michigan, were appointed by Duane Wilton of the Battle Creek Ice Yacht Club, who now holds the Michigan State Flag to revise the Deed of Gift covering the State Flag as the original deed governing this Flag donated by Governor Bliss in 1902 has been lost.

#### ARTICLE I

This Flag shall be known as the Michigan State Flag and shall be preserved as a perpetual challenge Flag for friendly competition between organized Ice Yacht Clubs in the State of Michigan.

#### ARTICLE II

Any organized Ice Yacht Club in the State of Michigan shall always have the right to challenge for the Michigan State Flag and to sail a match therefor, provided that such challenge shall be made and such match be sailed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

#### ARTICLE III

Matches for the Flag shall be limited to Ice Yachts propelled by sail only, of any sail area.

#### ARTICLE IV

All matches for the Flag shall be sailed between not more than one (1) yacht on behalf of each Challenging Club represented. The defending Club shall be allowed two (2) yachts. Clubs shall not be required to name their challenging yacht in advance of the race, but each match shall be sailed to a conclusion between the yachts selected for the sailing of the first race thereof and no substitute of one yacht for another shall be permitted after the preparation signal for the first race has been given. All yachts competing in any match or contest for this Flag shall be the bona fide property of a member in good standing of the Club represented and whose membership therein dates from at least one year prior to the contest or match.

#### ARTICLE V

A match between two or more Clubs shall consist of not less than one, nor more than three, races and shall be awarded to the club whose representative yacht or yachts shall have won one such race or who has scored the best horse race total, except in the case of a tie after three races have been sailed. The Clubs tied shall sail one extra twenty mile race, the winner thereof to be declared the winner. The defending Club, who may have two yachts entered will be scored as follows: After one yacht from the defending Club has finished, the second yacht from the defending Club shall be entirely disregarded in scoring that particular race. After all races have been completed, the best positions of the two yachts from the defending Club will be used in computing the winner of the Michigan State Flag.

(a) One race, if conditions do not exist, will constitute a State Flag Series.

#### ARTICLE VI

The first race of the series is to be sailed at 3:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon. The second race of the series is to be sailed Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. The third race, if necessary, is to be sailed Sunday afternoon at 1:00 P.M.

#### ARTICLE VII

The Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club officers are to be the permanent governing board for the running of the races and enforcing all Articles of the Deed of Gifts. All challenges shall be in writing signed by two officers of the challenging Club and sent through the mails to the secretary of the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club. All challenges must be postmarked before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to be sailed for. No verbal challenge for this Flag will be valid. Challenges will have to be made each year as they cannot be carried over from year to year. No Club may challenge the holder of the Flag more than once during each yachting season. There will be only one series of races held for this Flag during each ice yachting season.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The distance around the course to be sailed in every race for this Flag shall be not less than twenty miles, one half of which shall be to windward, as near as conditions permit. Racing rules of the Northwestern Ice Yachting Association shall govern on all questions of right-of-way. Starts shall be to windward, whenever possible. The time limit of each race shall be one hour and fifteen minutes.

Any race in which one yacht finishes within this time limit shall be scored. No time or allowance or handicap shall be used in any race for this Flag.

#### ARTICLE IX

Should the Club or Skipper holding the Flag, for any reason dissolve, the Flag shall revert back to the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club as trustee and the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club shall immediately announce and conduct an open contest for it in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

#### ARTICLE X

The Club holding this Flag will be responsible for its good keeping. If, for any reason, the Flag becomes lost, the Club holding same will replace it in its entirety.

ARTICLE XI

Matches for this Flag shall be sailed under the auspices of the Gull Lake Ice Yacht Club on Gull Lake, Richland, Michigan, only, except if a neutral course offers better ice conditions.

ARTICLE XII

It is understood that this Flag is to be held by the Club winning it under the terms of this instrument and is not the property of the owner of any yacht winning a match.

ARTICLE XIII

These rules and regulations may not be changed by any one Club, but may be altered only by majority vote of Clubs participating in actual races for Michigan State Flag. These changes may be brought up and discussed at the annual meeting and banquet on Saturday evening.

Governing Board at rewriting of Deed of Gift for the Michigan State Flag:

Lester Noel – Commodore  
John Wessborg – Vice Commodore  
Conrad Miller – Race Committee Chairman  
Harley J. Disbrow, Jr. – Secretary-Treasurer

This Deed of Gift approved by

Duane Walton – Battle Creek Ice Yacht Club  
Jack Walton – Battle Creek Ice Yacht Club  
Dick Walton – Battle Creek Ice Yacht Club