



S2 7.9 Lake Erie Championship Regatta Ford Yacht Club

Fleet 15 - Grosse Ile

August 22-24, 2025

Notice of Race



1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the S2 7.9 Class Rules.
- 1.2. Other RRS and S2 7.9 rules changes may be made in the *Sailing Instructions*
- 1.3. Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.4. The races will be under the management of the Ford Yacht Club Race Committee, which will have full and final authority in establishing the racing articles and in interpreting the rules.

2. Entry and Eligibility

- 2.1. The Regatta will be open to all S2 7.9 Class boats as defined in the S2 7.9 Rules
- 2.2. Each helmsperson must be a current member of the S2 7.9 Class Association. A membership application is available at <http://www.s279.org/membershipapp.php>.
- 2.3. Participants may enter the regatta by filling out an entry form at www.s279.org or <http://www.noticeofrace.net/eventpage.aspx?&ID=1229>

3. Fees

- 3.1. Entry fee \$60.00

4. Schedule (*More information on specials and events for the racers to be announced*)

Friday

All Day - Setup, Launch, & Enjoy the club

7:30pm – 9pm – Registration Open (FYC bar area)

Saturday

9:00am – 10:00am - Final registration

10:00am – Skipper's Meeting

12:00pm – First Warning gun

6:00-8:00pm- Come join us at the FYC clubhouse to share stories and enjoy the fine menu

Ford Yacht Club has to offer.

8:00pm – Daily awards

Sunday

9:00am – Daily skipper’s meeting

10:30am- First Warning gun

2:00pm- Final warning gun

~1 hour After boats return to harbor- Final awards and refreshments

5. Measurement

5.1. Boats will be expected to meet all One Design rules set forth by the S2 7.9 class.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of registration.

7. Venue

7.1. The regatta venue will be at ***Ford Yacht Club in Grosse Ile, MI***. Please contact the regatta chair if you intend on parking a RV at the club.

7.2. The racing venue will be on the waters of the Detroit River and Lake Erie. (Please make sure to bring your outboard, Yacht Club rules require motoring in and out of the harbors.)

8. Courses

8.1. The courses will be windward -leeward. The first leg will be approximately 1NM and a maximum of approximately 2NM

8.2. There will be an option for Sunday of a “vintage distance race” if there is interest and conditions are acceptable. This distance race will be between 10 and 18 miles.

9. Scoring

9.1 Rule A2 will be changed so that when fewer than six races are sailed, a boat’s score shall be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.2 A DSQ may not be excluded per S2 7.9 Rule 3.9.2 and modifies RRS A2.

10. Support Boats

10.1 Support boats shall display a prominent yellow flag and shall be restricted to the port side of the race course. Support boats shall not communicate with boats racing.

11. Launching, Berthing, Hauling

11.1 Ramp launching will be available at Ford Yacht Club

11.2 Trailer storage will be available at Ford Yacht Club or nearby

11.3 Berthing is available at Ford Yacht Club

11.4 RV parking and camping sites are also available free of charge on the Ford Yacht Club property to entrants of the race

12. Haul-Out Restriction

12.1 Boats shall not be hauled out or laid on shore after 0900 on 8/23/2024 until the conclusion of the regatta, except in cases of accident or for necessary repairs by permission of the Regatta Committee or Judges.

13. Diving Equipment

13.1 Ford Yacht Club does not allow any swimming in the harbors

14. Radio Communications, Courtesy Broadcasts, and Recalls

14.1 All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio per S2 7.9 Rule 2.9 (11)

14.2 The Race Committee may make periodic broadcasts by VHF Radio. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

14.3 While racing, except in an emergency, there shall be no electronic communications between boats participating in the regatta or from support individuals unless the information is available to all boats. This includes radio, mobile phones, and Internet devices.

15. Prizes

15.1 Prizes will be awarded for the top 5 yachts in the regatta

15.2 The S2 7.9 Lake Erie Championship Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the regatta, which will remain at Ford Yacht Club on display.

15.3 Awards may also be given to best finish for a Beginner S2 7.9 sailor, farthest distance traveled to attend the regatta, etc.

16. Disclaimer

16.1 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.

16.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

16.3 FYC, S2 7.9 Fleet 15, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.

16.4 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

17.0 Contact Information

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