

Detroit Model Yacht Club

Policies and Procedures for Membership and Class Administration

Definitions:

Guest Skipper: An individual who does not have membership status with the Detroit Model Yacht Club (DMYC) according to Section 1 below.

Sunset Series Event: an individual day of racing for a DMYC sanctioned class consisting of one or more races constitutes an event.

Section 1 - Membership:

A DMYC Membership Application and applicable dues are payable annually before the first day of racing. Members joining the DMYC are encouraged to join the AMYA as well. Reference paragraph 2 of the current DMYC Bylaws for details related to member status and voting eligibility. Annual membership and applicable fees are according to the following schedule:

Membership Status	Membership Dues	Voting Eligibility	Notes
Junior Member (up to age 20)	FREE	NO	A single individual not covered under a Family Membership
General Member	\$30.00 Annually	YES	Includes Sunset Series Race fee
Master Member	FREE	YES	DMYC dues paid for 30 years or more. Includes Sunset Series Race fee.
Family Membership	\$35.00 Annually	YES	One vote per household. Includes Sunset Series Race fee

Section 2 - Sunset Series Racing:

1. Guest Skippers are welcome and will not be required to join the DMYC for up to two Sunset Series events in the same class. Upon sailing in their third event, a guest skipper will be required to submit a DMYC Membership application and pay the applicable membership dues according to the table in section 1 of this document.
2. Only DMYC members in good standing will be scored for the event. This includes Junior Members.

Section 3 - Special Event Race Fees

1. Special Events are those not considered part of the Sunset Series racing schedule and do not count towards Sunset Series season points. Examples of a Special Event regatta include the Brass Monkey Regatta, Frosty Antler Regatta, etc.
2. Special Events do not include regattas hosted by the DMYC on behalf of another club or organization and any regattas the DMYC hosts on behalf of the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) or other nationally recognized model yachting authority.
3. Guest Skippers are welcome and will be required to pay a Special Event Race Fee.
4. At the discretion of the Fleet Captain, a special event race fee may be collected from all participants wishing to enter the event. The amount of the race fee shall not exceed \$10.00.

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Section 4 - Class Administration:

1. The DMYC will recognize as an official sanctioned class of yacht approved by the Board of Directors that is represented by eight or more DMYC members in accordance with local, national and international class rules.
2. To register a yacht in any class the owner must be a DMYC member in good standing.
3. In order to maintain its official sanctioned status, a class must maintain a roster of eight or more registered yacht owners for the entire racing season each year.
4. A class that maintains their official sanctioned status and conducts at a minimum three Sunset Series Events shall be eligible for season trophies provided by the DMYC.
5. A Fleet Captain for a sanctioned class shall be a member of the Board of Directors in accordance with paragraph 5 of the DMYC Bylaws. A Fleet Captain can become a member of the Board at any time throughout the calendar year provided sections 4.1 and 4.2 above have been met.
6. Each sanctioned class shall be provided a \$50.00 stipend annually on the 1st day of the calendar year. The stipend shall be used at the discretion of the Fleet Captain to promote camaraderie among the fleet members (examples are pizza or sandwiches at a fleet event). The Fleet Captain shall submit receipts to the Treasurer within thirty days (30) of the incurred expense to receive the stipend. Any unspent monies on the last day of the calendar year shall be forfeited (*no carry over of funds*).

Section 5 – Sunset Series Event Administration

1. Participation in Sunset Series events

- a. Each yacht shall be properly registered as defined by section 4.2.
- b. Guest skippers shall be allowed for up to two Sunset Series events in the same class. Upon sailing in their third event, a guest skipper will be required to register their yacht with the class as defined by section 4.2 and be subject to section 2.2.

2. Scoring Sunset Series Events

- a. In order for a Sunset Series event to qualify towards season points there shall be a minimum of four (4) registered yachts in the same class participating in the event. NOTE: “Participation” in the above context means that four yachts have started in races in the event. Mere registration or presence at the event location shall not be deemed sufficient to qualify the event.
- b. Guest skippers shall not be included in the four registered yachts participating in the Sunset Series event.
- c. Scoring for Sunset Series Season weekly events shall be Low Point Scoring. Scoring for Development and One Design Classes when an owner/skipper changed hulls/boats shall be in accordance with section 5.3.c. and 5.3.e.

3. Changing hulls/yachts during a racing season

- a. In an effort to promote growth and development within the class, an owner/skipper shall be permitted to change hulls up to one time per racing season. This rule may be waved at the discretion of the Fleet Captain, and agreement of the majority of members with registered yachts for a particular class.
- b. In order for an owner/skipper to change hulls a minimum of five Sunset Series Events shall have been completed. In the event the racing season is split into multiple series, an owner/skipper shall only be permitted to change hulls after the completion of a series. In the event a race is cancelled it shall be considered completed for the purpose of this procedure.
- c. Scoring for an owner/skipper that has changed hulls shall be combined towards their overall season standings.

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- d. An owner/skipper shall be permitted to change any other aspect of their yacht, excluding the hull, at any point during the racing season. With the exception of the rig/sails, all changes shall be made prior to the start of the first race of a Sunset Series Event and remain for the entire event.
- e. Scoring for an owner/skipper that has changed their yacht for an event shall be combined towards their overall points for the Sunset Series Event in which the change occurred.

4. Course Layout

- a. Course layout for weekly Sunset Series racing shall consist of a standard windward/leeward orientation as illustrated on the approved DMYC Course Layout diagrams.
- b. The Fleet Captain of the fleet(s) specified on the optional course layout diagram shall be permitted to set a start/finish line within the windward/leeward course so long as due diligence is applied in setting the longest first weather leg possible. The start/finish line shall not be set more than 25% the length of the course from the leeward mark.
- c. At the discretion of the Fleet Captain, an offset mark can be used at the weather end of the course. When setting an offset mark, efforts should be taken to ensure the mark is set within the four boat length circle of the primary mark. Offset marks should be set slightly to weather of the primary mark. Both marks shall be considered one mark and establishing a new overlap at the offset mark shall not be permitted.
- d. At the discretion of the Fleet Captain, a gate can be used at the leeward end of the course. Efforts should be taken to ensure a boat rounding either mark does not have an advantage over a boat rounding the opposite mark.
- e. Racing shall be conducted where all boats will start to weather and finish to leeward except where a start/ finish line exists within the windward/leeward course. In this case, all boats shall finish to weather.
- f. At the discretion of the Fleet Captain a one minute start sequence may be used in place of a standard two minute sequence.

5. Use of a Roll Call

- a. At the discretion of the Fleet Captain, a roll call may be used to determine if a sufficient number of boats will be present to count the event towards season points. A roll call can be conducted via email or by phone. The recommended method for a roll call is by text message.
- b. If a roll call is used, it shall be initiated two (2) days prior to the scheduled event and completed the day before.
- c. An announcement to cancel a Sunset Series Event shall be communicated to all members of the fleet following the completion of the roll call. The recommend method to communicate an event is cancelled is by text message.

6. Race Start Time

- a. The start time for each fleet shall be published in the club calendar and on the club website.
- b. Once start times are established for the series, the time cannot be changed except for slight adjustments due to available daylight.
- c. Should the start time be changed due to available daylight, the Fleet Caption shall communicate the change to all registered fleet members three (3) days in advance of the scheduled race at a minimum. Communication of the change can be via email or text. The recommended method for the change is a text message.
- d. The Fleet Captain may change the defined start time only if a majority of registered fleet members agree with the change.

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- e. All efforts must be taken to include the preference of all registered fleet members and the impact on participation, including impact on potential new members.
- f. The Fleet Captain shall obtain approval from the Board of Directors for a change to the start time prior to communication to the registered fleet members

Section 6 - Procedures for Scoring and periodic reporting of standings

1. General Guidelines:

- a) The low point scoring system shall be used for all weekly Sunset Series racing and Special Events per section 3 conducted by the Detroit Model Yacht Club (DMYC). The High Point Scoring System shall be used to determine overall Sunset Series season points.
- b) Scoring for DNF, DNS and DSQ will be scored for racing conducted by the DMYC according to the current US Sailing rules.

2. Sunset Series Racing:

- a) In order for a scheduled event of racing to count towards series points, a minimum of four (4) skippers, with boats in the same class, must be present and complete one (1) race for the event. Racing shall not be cancelled before the defined start time when people have shown up to the pond with their boats ready to race at the appointed start time. Racing may be cancelled without showing up to the pond so long as the Fleet Captain has done due diligence in notifying the entire fleet a minimum of three (3) hours in advance of the defined start time.
- b) Each skipper will be allowed one (1) 5-minute call per event to make repairs, change batteries, etc. Only one (1) skipper shall call a 5-minute hold per each race (in other words, two skippers cannot request a 5-minute hold and get 10 minutes).
- c) Each skipper shall be granted one (1) throw-out for every five (5) races completed during an individual Sunset Series event. Each day of scheduled racing in a Sunset Series for a particular fleet shall be considered a Sunset Series event. This clause also applies to Special Events as defined by section 3.
- d) At the discretion of the Fleet Captain there shall be short breaks during racing to allow for consumption of beverages and socializing. Breaks should be kept to a 10-minute maximum.
- e) The Fleet Captain shall submit a regatta report for each day of racing to the DMYC website via the Google app link which automatically updates the website. Regatta results should be posted to the DMYC website within three (3) days of the completed event. The report should also include a brief summary of racing. Fleet Captains are also encouraged to submit digital photos of the event to the DMYC Webmaster. The DMYC webmaster shall then post the photos to the DMYC website.
- f) The Fleet Captain shall report throughout the year the accumulated season points and current standings without throw-outs to members of the fleet. The results should be communicated to the membership via the DMYC website.
- g) **Scoring for Cancelled Racing** – the fleet captain is responsible for keeping track of who showed up at the scheduled Sunset Series event with their boat ready to race when racing was cancelled. This shall be recorded in the results as a zero (0) in the “Finish” column for that event. At the end of the season, bonus points shall be awarded to those skippers who showed up with their boat ready to race when two (2) or more races were cancelled. The formula for awarding bonus points shall be left to the discretion of the Fleet Captain.

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In the event racing is cancelled without heading out to the pond, no bonus points shall be awarded to any skipper. This is considered a lost day of racing for the entire fleet and shall reduce the number of events counted towards overall season points for each occurrence.

- h) Sunset Series and Special Event **Race Ties** – during the course of a scheduled day of racing, if two or more boats are tied at the finish line during a race, points for the place for which the boats have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally. *For example: Two boats tie for 3rd place in the race, each boat would receive 3.5 points for the race (3rd place + 4th place (7 points) / 2 boats = 3.5 points).*
- i) **Individual Event Ties** – If there is a tie between two or more boats after tallying the total points at the completion of an individual racing event, each boat’s event finishes, *not including throw-outs*, shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best finish(s).

In example below, both boats have 21 pts. and both have the same number of 1st's. Boat A wins the tie breaker with a 2nd beating “B”'s 3rd.

Boat A	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	4
Boat B	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4

If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their finishes in the last race of the event. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats’ finishes in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These finishes shall be used even if some of them are throw-outs.

3. Overall Series Points and Scoring:

- a) Throw-outs for overall season points for the Sunset Series shall be granted to each skipper. The number of throw-outs to be granted shall be determined by multiplying the number of completed events counted in the series by the defined percentage and rounding to the nearest whole number (**see table 1 below**). Missed nights of racing by an individual are considered an automatic throw-out unless racing was cancelled for the event. If racing was cancelled for the event (no races completed), this shall reduce the number of events counted towards the series for each occurrence. There shall be a minimum of three (3) events counted towards the series before throw-outs will be granted for overall season points.
- b) **Sunset Series Ties** -- If there is a series points tie between two or more boats after granting throw-outs, each boat’s Sunset Series event scores, *not including throw-outs*, shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s).

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- c) **Boat of the Year:** Final Sunset Series Season points shall be included in the points used to determine the winner of the Boat of the Year award for the respective fleet. A skipper will also earn 50% of scored points for actual finish position in a Special Event regatta towards the boat of the year. The definition of a special event is found in section 3 of this document.

Table 1: Determination for overall Sunset Series Season Throw-Outs

Sunset Series – Schedule for Granting Series Throw-outs			
Events Counted Towards the Series	Throw- Out %	Result	Throw-out(s) Granted for the Series
1	0.00	0	0
2	0.00	0	0
3	0.00	0	0
4	0.00	0	0
5	0.20	1.0	1
6	0.30	1.8	2
7	0.30	2.1	2
8	0.30	2.4	2
9	0.30	2.7	3
10	0.30	3.0	3
11	0.30	3.3	3
12	0.30	3.6	4
13	0.30	3.9	4
14	0.30	4.2	4
15	0.30	4.5	5