

Tawas Bay Yacht Club Cannon Race Series 2026

May 30, 2026 – August 29, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

This racing series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Changes in the sailing instructions will be made at the race meeting at 10:30am on the day of the scheduled race, if necessary.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notice to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board outside the main entrance to the Tawas Bay Yacht Club clubhouse.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore may be written on the bulletin board outside the main entrance to the Tawas Bay Yacht Club clubhouse.

5. Schedule of Races

Race #1 May 30, 2026

Race #6 August 2, 2026

Race #2 June 7, 2026

Race #7 August 8, 2026

Race #3 June 13, 2026

Race #8 August 16, 2026

Race #4 June 21, 2026

Race #9 August 23, 2026 (Makeup or #9)

Race #5 June 27, 2026

Race #10 August 29, 2026 (Makeup or #9/#10)

6. Competitors Meeting

The competitors meeting will take place at 10:30am on the day of the race near the entrance to the Tawas Bay Yacht Club clubhouse and all races will start at 12:00 noon.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be on or near Tawas Bay.

8. The Course

The course for each race will be announced at the Competitors Meeting on the day of the race.

9. Marks

Marks used will consist of temporary inflatable buoys or permanent navigational buoys.

10. The Start

The starting line will consist of temporary inflatable buoys, or we may use a starting boat with a shape on the boat.

The starting sequence will commence with a preparatory signal (five short bursts) six minutes before the start followed by warning signals (one long burst) at five minutes, four minutes, one minute, and at the start of the race.

11. The Finish

The finish will be designated either between inflatable buoys or a race committee boat. If there is not a race committee boat recording times at the finish, it will be the responsibility of the captain (or his/her designee) of the finishing boat to record the time and pass this information along to the fleet captain.

*One useful phone application for recording your time is called EXACT TIME, an app found in the app stores of Android and Apple. A screenshot when this app is

displayed on your phone as you cross the finish line is a simple method of recording and then forwarding this information. This is not required, merely a suggestion.

12. Scoring

The races will be scored using the PHRF Handicap System. Season standings will be determined using the US Sailing Appendix A, Racing Rules, scoring a Long Series, using the High Point Percentage System and having raced in a minimum of four races during the season. For boats that race five or more races in the season, one race can be tossed for scoring purposes.