

**Ann Arbor Model Yacht Club
Soling 1 Meter Fleet --- 2008 Sailing Season NOR**

Preamble

The objective of the 2008 Soling 1 Meter sailing program is to make every AAMYC Soling sailor a better sailor as it relates to yacht set-up, the rules of sailing and on the water tactics.

1. The 2008 Soling 1 Meter sailing season will begin on 4 May 2008 and will continue through 21 September 2008 at the pond located in the Dexter Industrial Park on Dan Hoey Road in Dexter, Michigan. The official AAMYC sailing season starts a couple of Sundays earlier and continues a few Sundays afterwards.
2. Activities will begin at approximately 2:00pm (not before) after the Fairwind fleet has completed their race schedule.
3. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 will be observed as printed with exceptions listed in these race instructions, amended racing instructions or official notifications at the pond. One amendment shall be ---- no part of a boat's hull or equipment is to be on the course side of the starting line or its extension during the minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, a 360 degree penalty after the race has started will be required to be exonerated.
4. A fee of \$3.00 will be collected from each participant on or before the first scored racing on 18 May 2008 ---- \$5.00 after 18 May 2008. This fee will be used for the purpose of purchasing trophies and engraving the winner's names on existing trophies. Any excess funds will be turned over to the club treasury for the purpose of maintaining the race equipment.
5. There will be one series of races for the 2008 season. A total of eight (8) Sundays will be scored races with the best six (6) Sundays being used to calculate the overall seasonal winner.
 - a. The season will begin with a Soling 1 Meter work shop on 4 May 2008 where the previous year's seasonal winners will be asked to layout all their secrets about setting up a Soling 1 Meter to sail fast. Time will also be spent on reviewing the basic rules of racing and how these rules lead to on-the-water sailing tactics. There will be time to apply the knowledge learned in races which will be recorded, but will not count toward the seasonal trophy.
 - b. Scored races will be held 18 May, 1 June, 15 June and 29 June utilizing the traditional format. Each Sunday will consist of six (6) scored races. All races will be twice around unless wind conditions dictate otherwise.
 - c. 13 July will be another Soling 1 Meter work shop where all sailors can share with the fleet things they believe make a Soling fast. Rules and tactics will again be discussed. There will be time to apply the knowledge learned in races which will be recorded, but will not count toward the seasonal trophy.
 - d. Scored races will then continue on 27 July, 10 August, 24 August and 7 September utilizing the traditional format. Each Sunday will consist of six (6) scored races. All races will be twice around unless wind conditions dictate otherwise. There will be one (1) throw out per Sunday to determine that Sunday's winner. For the series, the best six Sundays will be used to determine the seasonal overall winner. This is not the same system as was used in 2007.

e. 21 September will be the final planned event for the season and will consist of a final Soling 1 Meter work shop, rules review, tactics discussion and races which will be recorded, but will not count toward the seasonal trophy.

6. Scoring will be a low point system where the first place finisher of a race will be assigned one (1) point, the second place finisher two (2) points, the third place finisher three (3) points and so on. A sailor who shows up to race, but is a DNS, DNF or DSQ will be awarded points equal to the number of boats at the pond that day plus one (1) point. A sailor who does not show up to race on a given Sunday will be awarded points for each race equal to the number of registered boats that have ever raced during the series plus one (1) point. This is the same system that was used in 2006 and 2007.

7. All boats racing must be class legal to the most recent Soling 1 Meter rules as propagated by the AMYA.

8. Guests are encouraged to participate but while a guest's finishing positions will be recorded, it will not be scored for the day, series or season ---- in other words, the official race results will be as though the guest did not participate. If a guest joins the club and pays the race fee (\$5.00 after 18 May 2008) his race results will then be included.

9. The race management will be handled as follows:

- a. The first boat to finish will be expected to record the sail numbers of the race participants in the order of finish on the provided AAMYC race results form.
- b. There will be six races per Sunday ---- therefore six participants will be selected by the Fleet Captain, one for each race on a round robin basis, to perform the starting duties even though they are also participating in the race. Unless there are fewer participants than races, each participant should have to serve as Race Committee for a maximum of one race per Sunday.
- c. The Race Committee will:
 - i. Announce the course and the numbers of times around to the fleet.
 - ii. Announce that the tape (or CD) has been started.
 - iii. Call the line at the start ---- including announcing by sail number any and all boats over early.
 - iv. If necessary, turn off the tape (or CD) player.
 - v. The Race Committee will not be responsible to be involved in any way with any disputes that occur on the race course after the start --- that will be the responsibility of the racers involved and any witnesses to the situation in question.
 - vi. If the first to finish or the assigned Race Committee fails to fulfill the assigned duties, he will receive a DNF for the race.

10. The Policies and Procedures of the Ann Arbor Model Yacht Club and its officers are included in these race instructions by this reference. The same is true for the general spirit of racing as propagated by the AMYA.