

# CATAMARAN RACING ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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## A. Purpose

This document exists to define general rules of operation and conduct that are not otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws. In case of conflict, this document shall be subordinate to the Constitution and Bylaws.

## B. Modification

This document may be modified either by a majority vote of the club officers or a majority vote of the membership. Any changes made by the officers can be vetoed/overruled by the membership as defined in section H points 2-5 in our Bylaws.

## C. Publication

The latest version of this document shall be made available at the club website (<https://cramsailing.com>).

## D. Membership Levels & Fees

All membership levels retain the rights granted to them by Section C of the CRAM Bylaws. Membership expires January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Standard Membership

- Priced at \$45 per year.

### Premium Membership

- Priced equal to the standard membership price plus all regatta entry fees in which CRAM is the organizing authority, less two (2) standard two-day regatta fees at the time of schedule approval. Regatta fees will account for Early Registration Discount, Member Discount, and Officer Discount where applicable. Single-Handed Discount is not included.
- Premium Membership still requires registration for individual regattas.
- Any regatta specific camping or hospitality fees are not included.
- When registering for regattas, all CRAM hosted regatta fees will be \$0 for the remainder of the season.

## E. Regatta Fees & Discounts

These are CRAM's standard fees & discounts and are provided as reference. There may be special costs or discounts related to specific events. In case of conflict, the Notice of Race shall prevail. Discounts may be combined.

### Fees

2 Day Regatta	\$85
3 Day Regatta	\$100
RV/Camping Convenience Fee	\$20
Adult Hospitality	\$15
Child Hospitality	\$10

### Discounts

Single-Handed Discount	\$ 5
Early Registration Discount	\$10
Member Discount	\$15
Officer Discount*	\$15

\*Officers must be paid members. Officers receive the officer discount in the year of contribution and the subsequent year.

## F. Contributing Member Vouchers

CRAM members, contributing to CRAM by performing the role of Race Committee Primary, Secondary, or Trainee will receive a voucher equal to the price of a 2-day regatta less member and early registration discounts. The voucher will be valid for one (1) year from issuance.

## G. Cancellations and Refunds

1. Early registration discount deadline is the Thursday at 11:59PM the week prior to the regatta week.
2. A refund may be honored if requested up to the day prior to the regatta. A \$10 cancellation fee applies.
3. Refund requests shall be reviewed by and are at the sole discretion of the Commodore. Refunds are generally reserved for extenuating circumstances and not factors such as unfavorable weather conditions.
4. Hospitality fees are non-refundable after the early registration deadline.
5. If a regatta is cancelled by the Club, prior to the starting day of the event, a full refund will be issued. A cancellation fee would not apply.

#### H. Purchase of Alcohol

Club funds shall not be used to directly or indirectly purchase alcohol at any event.

#### I. Legal Consent

Like any other legal document, the CRAM Terms & Conditions and/or Release/Waiver of Liability cannot be accepted by someone under 18 years of age. Any person under 18 that wishes to register to sail with CRAM must have a separate registration signed by a parent or legal guardian that is legally allowed to provide such consent.

#### J. B Fleet Guidelines

1. B Fleet may exist in any catamaran class where 4 or more B fleet boats are present. A skippers' qualification for B Fleet is determined by the Fleet Captain.
2. Any sailor who finishes 1st overall for the season or wins 3 regattas in B Fleet should advance into A Fleet. Any sailor who feels he/she is prepared for A Fleet (e.g. won 1 or 2 regattas, came in 2nd consistently) may move into A Fleet.
3. If separate A Fleets and B Fleets exist, both fleets may be started together by discretion of the Race Committee.
4. In regattas where there are separate A and B Fleets (and therefore separate scoring and awards) the season points for racing in B fleet will be given 30% of their A fleet face value. This will allow sailors to take their season points with them when/if they transfer from B to A Fleet during a racing season.

#### K. Season Scoring

Classes having a fleet in 50% or more of the regattas held in a season are eligible for season awards. Each race adds points to your season ratings. The better your finish, the more points you gather. In addition, the larger the number of boats in your fleet, the more points awarded for a given finishing position.

In the instance where a boat attends a regatta and there are not enough boats to make a fleet (and that fleet meets the eligibility requirements for season awards), season points may be awarded in the fleet even though the boat(s) raced in the Open Fleet. For example, 2 F-16s show up for a regatta. The F-16s normally make a fleet and they are eligible for year-end season awards. These boats finish 1 and 4 in a 5 boat Open Fleet. Season points are awarded in the F-16 Fleet for these two boats as if all Open boats were F-16s.

In the instance where a one design fleet is present at a regatta, but the fleet does not meet eligibility requirements for season points (i.e. no fleet at 51% of the regattas), the season points accumulated in the one design races may be carried over to the Open Fleet season Points.

A skipper who serves as race committee chairperson will receive, for the purpose of scoring season points, the highest number of points awarded to any skipper in his or her fleet for that regatta.

The formula used in determining season points earned in each race is:

$$X = 100 + 5(N - 1) - \left[ \frac{(100 + 5N)(P - 1)}{N} \right]$$

where N=Number of Boats Registered; P=Finishing Position and X=Season Points. Count all non-finishing scores (except DSQ and DSQ-C) towards season points by awarding that person the number of season points equivalent to the number of points awarded in the scoring for that race. Points table in Appendix.

#### L. Appendix

1. Season Points Table

