

2016 Quantum® Freshwater Cup Notice of Race and Entry Form

This regatta series is organized and supported by the Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club and Little Traverse Yacht Club, and sponsored by Quantum Sails.

1. Series Description

The Quantum® Freshwater Cup series includes the following four regatta events:

Boyne City Yacht Club Mark Madness – June 25-26, 2016

Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta (aka “Ugotta Regatta”) – July 30-31, 2016

Grand Traverse Yacht Club Invitational (aka “Hound Dog”) – Aug 13-14, 2016

Charlevoix Yacht Club Red Fox – Sep 3-4, 2016

2. Purpose

To promote sailing and racing in Northern Michigan, encourage fellowship among Northern Michigan racers and yacht clubs and cross participation in our signature regattas.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Participation in three of four regatta events is required for entry.

3.2 Competitors are responsible for meeting all eligibility requirements for each individual event, as prescribed by the organizing authority of the event, and also for meeting such class rules and any special requirements their fleet has for each event and/or this championship series.

3.3 Boats must have a current LMPHRF Certificate to participate.

4. Fees

4.1 Entrants will be charged no entry fee for participating in the series, apart from the entry fees charged by each hosting yacht club for each regatta event.

5. Entry

5.1 All yachts entering the series must sign up at on the Yacht Scoring website.

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=2848>

5.2 Note: Each regatta event in the series will also require its own registration.

5.3 All entrants must pay entry fees for each individual regatta event individually to each hosting yacht club..

5.4 Participant information, from completed Entry Forms, may be shared with Quantum Sails, the series sponsor. Series results may be posted to one or more websites, including the identification of participant yachts. Participants agree to information sharing between the participating yacht clubs and with the sponsor, Quantum Sails, for information, scoring, and promotion use.

6. Rules

6.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

7. Scoring

7.1. Series scoring will be based on the finish position for each entry in each event based on total Fleet Results points.

7.2. RRS A9 is in effect.

7.3. When three or more events in the series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her three lowest event scores (excluding her worst score if more than 3 events are sailed). This modifies RRS A2.

7.4. The winner of the Cup will be based on the total score of all events using the low point system. A participant's finish in each event regatta will be based on the low point system, using fleet finish position to score the series or race. Entrants sailing different course lengths shall have their corrected time adjusted to reflect differences in course length. Ties will be scored with accordance with RRS A8.2.

7.5. Registered participants MUST attend 3 of 4 events to qualify.

7.6. The winner of the Cup will be based on the top 3 scores from the 4 events per Appendix A using the low point system.

7.7. Scoring for the series follows the boat, not the skipper.

8. Prizes

8.1 The first place winner will receive free entry into all four regatta events for 2017.

The first place winner will receive a prize from our sponsor, Quantum Sails. The yacht club of which the first place winner is a member will receive for display until the following year's Quantum® Freshwater Cup, a perpetual trophy provided by Quantum Sails, with the first place winner's name engraved. This perpetual trophy is to be passed to the home yacht club of the first place winner each year.

Winner will also receive the following –

Personal trophy to keep

\$300 service certificate for Quantum® Sails in Traverse City.

30% discount voucher toward the purchase of 1 new Quantum® sail

Quantum® gear (hat and shirt) for the entire crew present for the final event.

LMSRF Area 5 Boat of the Year flag.

8.2 Prizes will be awarded during the Charlevoix Yacht Club Red Fox Regatta Awards Ceremony.

9. Understanding and Liability Waiver

- 9.1 In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Quantum® Freshwater Cup, and being fully aware of the dangers that may befall mariners, each of the undersigned, for themselves and their heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, hereby waives any and all claims which he, and any of them may have against all organizing authorities, including but not limited to, Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, Little Traverse Yacht Club, Quantum Sails, and their Boards of Directors, Flag Officers, employees, Race Committees, committee boat participants, Protest Committees, race sponsors, members and agents involved in the organization, supervision and conduct of this racing series or the individual events in this series, or arising out of the participation of the undersigned in the Quantum® Freshwater Cup and its related activities. This waiver is not intended to preclude claims by an individual contestant against another contestant arising out of any alleged negligent conduct of said contestant.
- 9.2 My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this racing event entirely at our own risk.
- 9.3 I acknowledge and agree that the Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, Little Traverse Yacht Club, Quantum Sails, and their Boards of Directors, Flag Officers, employees, Race Committees, committee boat participants, Protest Committees, race sponsors, members and agents involved in the organization, supervision and conduct of this racing series will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any person participating in this racing event, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this racing event sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing event.
- 9.4 I agree to the Conditions of the races and state that the yacht identified in this entry will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with these Conditions and that the rating filed with LMPHRF is the applicable rating for this yacht at the time she starts the series. I specifically agree that it is my responsibility to see that this yacht is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear, and that she is competently manned. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, and provision my yacht in accordance with the safety regulations specified by the organizing authority for each series event. I accept and agree to all Notices and Conditions of each of the races and any additional Sailing Instructions concerning the Quantum® Freshwater Cup and the four regatta events comprising the series. Further, I fully understand that entry deadlines and Conditions have been established, and entries will not be accepted that do not comply, and it is my responsibility to comply with these requirements.
- 9.5 I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew and the entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.
- 9.6 I understand this document has important legal consequences and have consulted such legal and other advisors as I deem appropriate before signing.

