



Bayview Yacht Club
"established 1915"



~ NOTICE OF RACE ~

History

The North Channel Race was conceived after some good clean fun at the Bayview Yacht Club bar when Joe Matte and Irv Jorgenson, the owners of Cyrene (C-50), challenged Jack Briner, the owner of Caprice (C-64), to a match race from Bayview, up the North Channel, around Russell Island Buoy and back to finish in front of Bayview. An invitation to the other C boats was sent and two other boats participated, Ed Flintermann's Deodar (C-57) and Morrill Dunn's Cayuse II (C-59). The four competitors anchored at the starting line, off the Peche Island Range Front Light, with sails furled and crews waiting below deck. Shortly after midnight the morning of Saturday, June 15, 1940, the sound and flash of the starting cannon released the competitors to start the first North Channel Race.

Although the North Channel Race was the property of and managed by the C-Class Association, eligible boats for the second race included L Boats, as well as C Boats. They raced without time allowance, as a fleet for prize flags in each class and also for the first boat to finish overall. In 1947, the Morrill Dunn Trophy was created and awarded to the first-to-finish in the starting fleet. By 1947, there were four classes of boats racing.

By 1951, the race had grown and the C-Class Association realized that the Association was no longer equal to the task of sponsoring and managing the race. The Deed of Gift of the North Channel Race was offered to and accepted by Bayview Yacht Club. The intent of the race has been preserved. It remains primarily a contest of one-design daysailing boats of 30 feet or less. The Race Committee has opened the race to PHRF rated boats of 30 feet or less, but they are not eligible for the Morrill Dunn or Richard C. Hill Trophies.

Should other classes wish to compete, they may do so by application to the Race Committee of Bayview Yacht Club. Such a request is subject to acceptance or rejection, and the decision rests entirely with the Race Committee of Bayview Yacht Club.

USE OF GROSSE POINTE CLUB FACILITIES

Limited parking for cars is available at Grosse Pointe Club in the lot north of the club on the day of the race. Parking in the lower lot is prohibited. Competitors may moor their boats at Grosse Pointe Club on Friday evening by making prior arrangements to do so with the Grosse Pointe Club Harbormaster, at (313) 885-0400 x 134. Use of the Grosse Pointe Club clubhouse and grounds is prohibited. The Race Committee will report inappropriate conduct to the Protest Committee under RRS 69.1.

77TH ANNUAL Bayview Yacht Club

CHUCK READER MEMORIAL NORTH CHANNEL RACE

53.5 NAUTICAL MILES

Saturday, September 30, 2017

NO ENTRIES EXCEPTED ON THE DAY OF RACE

- 1. RULES** - This Regatta shall be governed by the "rules" as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 2. ENTRY** - This regatta is open to keelboats in the classes listed in Sailing Instruction 12 that are owned by clubs or members of clubs holding current membership in the Detroit Regional Yacht Racing Association (DRYA) and to others on invitation of the Bayview Yacht Club Race Chairman. **The race is not recommended for boats over 30 feet LOA.** Handicaps shall be those assigned as of the date of the regatta by the DRYA, 23915 Jefferson, Suite #1, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (telephone 586-778-1000, e-mail Thedrya@drya.org). Boats need to register on www.yachtscoring.com to be scored in the race.
No entries accepted on the day of the race.
- 3. SCHEDULE** - The first warning signal shall be made at 08:00 hours.
- 4. MEASUREMENTS** - PHRF Handicaps shall be those assigned as of the date of the regatta by the DRYA, 23915 Jefferson, Suite #1, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (telephone 586-778-1000, e-mail Thedrya@drya.org). Please submit this form by fax c/o the DRYA office at 586-778-1000 to DRYA Chief Handicapper David Spiers. Or the preferred process is email to: TheDRYA@drya.org. **Be sure to submit your application by 4:00 pm (EST) on Monday, September 25, 2017, if you wish to be registered for the BYC North Channel Race.** For Questions email David Spiers at spiersdjam@gmail.com. Boats in the PHRF classes are required to display a class flag.
- 5. THE COURSE** - The course shall be from the Starting Line northeasterly to buoy R "2NC" Fl R 4s at the entrance to the North Channel of the St. Clair River. Buoy R "2NC" shall be left to starboard. All red buoys between buoy R "2NC" and Decker's Landing shall be left to starboard and all green buoys shall be left to port. Proceed up the North Channel to its junction with the South Channel north of Russell Island. The junction buoy GR Fl (2+1) G off the north end of Russell Island shall be left to starboard, then proceed downbound in the South Channel, avoiding the St. Clair Cutoff and reentering Lake St. Clair through the St. Clair Flats Canal, then to the Detroit River and the finishing line. **The Peche Island Range Lights are marks of the course and shall be left to port. Boats should give both Peche Island range lights ample room because of unmarked underwater obstructions.**
- 6. RC COMMUNICATIONS** -
Boats shall monitor VHF Channel 72 from the warning signal for the first class until after they have retired or finished. Any flag referred to in these Sailing Instructions may be replaced by a cylindrical shape that resembles the flag it replaces.
- 7. COURTESY BROADCASTS** - An unofficial designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over the VHF channel. Information so reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not alter the competitors' responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions by the observer, or a competitor's failure to hear an observer's report will not be grounds for redress.
- 8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in these regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the DRYA nor the sponsoring club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any of the scheduled regattas.
- 9. INSURANCE** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (U.S.) per incident or equivalent.