

2019
Commodores Invitational Race
Grand Haven to Muskegon
First Start 1200 EDT, Aug 17, 2019

Notice of Race

The organizing authorities are Grand River Sailing Club (GRSC),
219 N. Harbor, P.O. Box 214, Grand Haven MI 49417, grandriversailingclub.com
and
Muskegon Yacht Club (MYC), 3198 Edgewater, Muskegon MI, 49441 (231) 755-1414,
race.myc@muskegonyachtclub.org

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RULES The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including US prescriptions, the Sailing Instructions and any applicable class rules. Also, the rules of the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap

1.1. Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) and the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls.
1.2. Certain rules may be changed. These changes, if any, will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1. The regatta is open to all boats with valid LMPHRF certificates.
2.2. One design and multihull classes will be accepted with a minimum of 5 entries to constitute a class.
2.3. Entry and registration will be via Yachtscoring, www.yachtscoring.com

3. **FEES**

3.1. Entry fee is \$45 per entry, regardless of boat size.
3.2. Entries will be accepted up to 1000 Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019.

4. **SCHEDULE**

4.1. Date of Race is Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019.
4.2. Competitors Meeting will be held at 1030 at GRSC Clubhouse, 2019 N. Harbor, Grand Haven, MI.
4.3. The scheduled time of the first warning is 1155, with the first section start at 1200. Subsequent starts will be at 5-minute intervals

5. **MEASUREMENT**

5.1. Competing vessels shall have a valid LMPHRF certificate, except as provided in the Sailing Instructions.
5.2. Each boat shall conform to US Coast Guard safety standards. Boats may be subject to inspection prior to or postrace for compliance with safety requirements.
5.3. Measurer(s) may be appointed by the race committee to review any certificates or inspect a boat. Rating assignments or adjustments may be made at the discretion of the race committee.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be emailed to all registered competitors by 1800 on August 16, 2019, will be available at the competitors meeting, and will be posted on Yachtscoring. The official Notice Board will also be on Yachtscoring.

7. **RACING AREA**

- 7.1. The race will take place on the waters of Lake Michigan between Grand Haven and Muskegon, MI.

8. **THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The course will be from a designated mark approximately 1 mile WNW of the Grand Haven, MI pier head to a finish mark approximately 1 mile WSW of the Muskegon, MI pier head. The course may involve at least one turning mark. Approximate distance is 12 nautical miles.
- 8.2. The position of turning mark(s), if any, and actual course headings and distance will be announced at the competitors meeting.

9. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1. RRS Rule 44.1 is modified. Substitute One-Turn Penalty for Two Turn Penalty.

10. **SCORING**

- 10.1. The race will be scored under LMPHRF for Spinnaker and Jib & Main classes.

11. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to cellular devices. Courtesy broadcast will be made via VHF channel 69. Failure to hear these broadcasts shall not be an opportunity for redress.

12. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows: First, Second, and Third for each division. Additional awards: First Overall in the Spinnaker fleet (the "Commodore's Trophy") and First Overall in the Jib & Main fleet (The "Vice Commodore's Trophy"). Location for awards will be the Muskegon Yacht Club at approximately 1600 after the race.

13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities and race committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

14. **INSURANCE**

- 14.1. Each Participant shall carry and provide proof of valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or equivalent.

15. **PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

- 15.1. Limited Parking will be available at the Muskegon Yacht Club. Overflow and overnight parking is available adjacent in the South/East lot of Torresen Marine.

16. **MOORING**

- 16.1. It is recommended that pre-race mooring be at Grand Haven Municipal Marina (616-847-3478). Reservations may be made at [https:// www.midnrreservations.com](https://www.midnrreservations.com) Temporary tie up on the seawall in Grand Haven is available on a first come, first served basis.

16.2 Post-race mooring, which may include rafting, will be available without charge at the Muskegon Yacht Club for the night of August 17, 2019. A nominal mooring charge will apply for longer stays.

17. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 For additional information, please contact (for GRSC) Nate Beighley, nathaniel.be@mac.com, or the Muskegon Yacht Club at race.myc@muskegonyachtclub.org.