



# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2026 William Tripp Memorial Cup Race June 24, 2026



The Organizing Authority for the William Tripp Memorial Cup Race is Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, with the cooperation of South Shore Yacht Club. **All net proceeds from entry fees will be donated to the LMSRF general operating fund, to help support racing and talent development for LMSRF members in the Great Lakes.**

*[NP] denotes a rule which may not be protested by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.2(a).*

*[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1. The William Tripp Memorial Cup Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing RRS/US, the Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF), and the rules of the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls.
- 1.1. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. This changes 63.5 (c) (1) (2).
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions apply. Part 5 Section B Preamble, 63.1(b).

### 2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The official notice board (ONB) will be online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50529>
- 2.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication with the Race Committee on US VHF Marine channels.
- 2.3. On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
- 2.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 3 MEDIA

- 3.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material as well as representations of their boats in any media world- wide (including television, radio, print, video footage and internet media) for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The race is open to all sailing yachts 24 feet in length or longer with a valid MWPHRF or GLMRA rating. Vessels should enter their "DHCP" in the regular PHRF rating field on Yacht Scoring.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing sign up on [Yacht Scoring](#). Entry deadline is Monday, June 22, 2026 at 1700 EDT.

### 5 FEES

- 5.1. \$70.00 if entered by May 31, 2026 - early registration discount.
- 5.2. \$90.00 June 1<sup>st</sup> or after.

### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration deadline: Monday, June 22, 2026, 1700 EDT. There will be no day-of-race registration.
- 6.2. Date of Race: Wednesday, June 24, 2026.
- 6.3. Competitors Meeting will be held on the lawn of the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Holland, Michigan, at 1700 EDT, June 24, 2024.

- 6.4. Time of the initial warning signal is: 1855 EDT. Successive Classes Warning signals will be in a 5 minute rolling format.
- 6.5. Final class Starting sequence will be posted on ONB by 1600 on June 23. Courtesy copies will be available at the competitors meeting.
- 6.6. Time Limit: **22 Hours**

## 7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. [NP] Each Boat shall have a valid MWPHRF or GLMRA certificate. It is **not** required to submit the certificate with entry. The DHCP rating will be used.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing instructions will be available via ONB at least 48 hours prior to the start of the race, and in hard copy after 1600 EDT at the Competitors Meeting the day of the race.

## 9 VENUES

- 9.1. The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Holland, Michigan, shall serve as the departure host venue for the race. The South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shall serve as the arrival host venue for the race. Slip, dry space availability, and parking is limited. Please plan ahead and work with host yacht club and neighboring yacht basins for accommodations.

## 10 THE COURSE

The race is from Holland, Michigan to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- 10.1. Race Start shall be between the Race Committee Boat and a buoy located approximately one-half mile Northwest of the Holland Harbor Channel.
- 10.2. Race Finish shall be between the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, South Entrance Pier Heads, Light List Nos. 20650 and 20655. **South light coordinates 43-00-27.700N; 087-52-37.800W.**

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V shall apply.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1. MWPHRF and GLMRA will be scored T.O.D. Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Scoring.

## 13 PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes shall be awarded near the South Shore Yacht Club flagpole, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Thursday, June 26, 2026, just prior to the South Shore Yacht Club Queen's Cup Party. Prizes shall be awarded to the overall winner and to yachts finishing first, second, and third in class (subject to the number of boats in each class). Prizes for multihulls will be determined based on number of boats entered.

## 14 EQUIPMENT & SAFETY

- 14.1. [DP] [NP] Every boat shall carry proper safety equipment conforming to government regulations. All boats required to carry VHF radio. Personal flotation shall be worn at the discretion of the Skipper and shall be worn from sundown to sunrise during the race. All boats shall conform to US Coast Guard safety standards and comply with US Sailing Coastal Safety Equipment Requirement, links here: [Multihull SER 2023.1.xlsx \(ussailing.org\)](#) [Monohull-SER-2023.0-Coastal.pdf \(ussailing.org\)](#)

## 15 INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 15.2. A copy of the boat's insurance coverage page shall be submitted prior to or at check-in. Please email to: [Sailing@mbyc.com](mailto:Sailing@mbyc.com).

## 16 RISK and RESPONSIBILITIES

- 16.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 16.2. The Skipper/Owner of each boat is responsible for the conduct of their crew both on the water and ashore. Destruction of property, breaches of good sportsmanship, or failure to comply with reasonable requests from race officials may result in hearing to determine if disqualification and exclusion from the regatta should be imposed.

## 17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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