

2026 VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta

Saturday August 15th, 2026

Title Sponsor: Next Gen Services

Organizing Authority: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Notice of Race

This event is to raise awareness and support for Hospice of Holland. Please visit [Vanderleek Cup.com](https://vanderleekcup.com) for more information and the full schedule of events.

[NP] The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1, 60.4(a)(2) (and 61.1(a)).

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS/US),
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) benefiting Hospice of Holland.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. This changes 63.5 (c) (1) (2).
- 1.4 RRS 90.3(e) will apply.
- 1.5 The Official Notice Board will be the Event Site on Yacht Scoring. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50870>

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta is open to all One Design, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Jib and Main (JAM) and "Comfort Cruiser" classes. A minimum of 3 boats will need to be registered prior to the deadline to establish a One Design class. A minimum of 5 boats must be entered prior to the entry deadline to establish an individual class start. The race committee will establish class section breaks for PHRF boats that are registered.
- 2.2 **[NP]** All PHRF boats must have a valid 2026 certificate. Boats without a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a temporary rating by the Race Committee based upon applicable LMSRF PHRF data. Accurate boat information must be submitted including any rig and hull modifications. Temporary rating decisions by the Race Committee shall be final and shall not be a cause to protest the Race Committee. Remember, this is a benefit regatta with a fun atmosphere!
- 2.3 **[NP]** Classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker (JAM), "Comfort Cruisers" and One Design classes will be established by the Race Committee. "Comfort Cruisers" may not use spinnakers, gennakers.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter online at Yacht Scoring <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50870>
- 2.5 Entry deadline is August 10th, 2026. Late entry registration is available until August 15th, 2026.

3. 2026 VANDERLEEK CUP HOSPICE REGATTA ENTRY FEES

Sailing Regatta Entry Fees		
Class	Entry Fees Paid on or before August 10 th	Entry Fees Paid after August 10 th
PHRF Boats	\$60	\$90
Comfort Cruisers	\$50	\$80
S2 7.9	\$60	\$90
VX One	\$60	\$90

4. SCHEDULE

Sailing Regatta		
9:00 am	Complimentary Sailor's Breakfast	Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC)
10:00 am	Skippers' Meeting	MBYC
11:30 am	First Race Warning	Lake Michigan
2:30 pm (approx.)	Ice Cream Social	MBYC following races
4:00 pm	Sailing Awards	MBYC

4.1 No warning signal after 1400.

4.2 After consultation with class representatives, the Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

5. ADVERTISING

5.1 Competitor advertising is not restricted.

5.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Yacht Scoring website no later than August 13th.
- 6.2 Modifications to the Sailing Instructions shall be communicated at the Skippers meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board on the Yacht Scoring website.

7. COURSES AND RACING AREA

Course	
Windward Leeward 4 Legs	Spinnaker, Jam and One design
Triangle Course 3 legs [one lap]	Comfort Cruisers

- 7.1 One Design fleets will have their own start if 5 or more boats register and attend the Competitors meeting.
- 7.2 The sailing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 1 - 2 nm from the Holland Pier.
- 7.3 Multiple racecourses may be established by the Race Committee to suit individual class requirements.
- 7.4 The diagram(s) in the SI Addendum show(s) the course(s), including the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 7.5 Marks used may include the following: Autonomous marks or inflatable marks.

8. PENALTIES

- 8.1 Protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical and a courtesy announcement will be made by the Race Committee on VHF.
- 8.2 RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply for all boats.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 All classes will be scored Time-on-Distance. Except for One Design Classes.
- 9.2 The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 9.3 There will be no throw outs.
- 9.4 One race completed constitutes a regatta.

10. EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio for communication with the Race Committee.

11. BERTHING

- 11.1 For our out-of-town competitors, there will be a limited number of slips and/or rafting spaces available at MBYC.
- 11.2 Dry sail space will be available to all trailer launch boats for the duration of the event.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION -

- 12.1 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine frequencies.
- 12.2 On the water, the race committee will communicate with competitors on VHF radio. The information is provided as a courtesy. Any errors or omissions of these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds granting redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 12.3 [DP] While racing, 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. No communications, data, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat is permitted after the race boat departs the dock until after the race boat retires for the day or after finishing the last race of the day.
- 12.4 [DP] All support boats must remain out of the way of Race Committee boats and boats with a Jury or Press flag at all rounding marks, and the start and finish lines, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the request of the boat or at the request of the Race Committee.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 There will be awards given for 1st through 3rd place in each class or section.
- 13.2 PHRF (PLUS) PLEDGE HANDICAP RATED FINISH. Will not affect the result of individual class winners. (Handicapping will be adjusted after the finish of the race, so as to not interfere with the results of the race). PHRF PLUS is not a class, it's an award. Enter the regatta in any class you wish to participate in. Any skipper or crew who wishes to participate in raising funds for Hospice of Holland will automatically be a contestant for this trophy.
- 13.3 How this works: Boats become eligible for this special award by participating in raising additional funds for Hospice of Holland. Participating boats will enjoy a special handicap adjustment to their assigned rating in accord with the amount of additional pledges they receive. For every \$100 in pledge money there will be a 1.5 second per mile additional handicap allowance added to the boat's existing rating (handicapping is adjusted after the finish of the race to determine the winner of this award). (The adjusted handicap is good ONLY for this award. It applies to no other contest held during this regatta). Two trophies will be awarded; one to the Comfort Cruisers class and one to the PHRF Classes.
- 13.4 This is a very special opportunity to support this most worthy cause and generate a healthy spirit of competition. It is a great way to involve your non-sailing friends and family in the success and excitement of the regatta. While not a pre-requisite for participation in the 2026 VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta we are hopeful that all entrants will support this effort.

14. **SOCIAL** - All Social activities will be announced prior to the event and will be compliant with the determinations of the State of Michigan and the laws of physics. Visit VanderleekCup.com For more information.

Auction, Dinner & Band		
12:00pm – 8:00pm	Raffles and Silent Auction	Yacht Basin Marina Boat Barn
4:00pm	Doors Open	Yacht Basin Marina

5:00pm-7:00pm	Dinner	Yacht Basin Marina
5:00pm-11:30pm	Pizza Available For Purchase	Yacht Basin Marina
8:00pm – 12:00am	Dancing to band “The 1985”	Yacht Basin Marina Boat Barn

- 15. MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER** - By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organizing Authority and other sponsors.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. RISK & LIABILITIES

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. 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.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any other information please contact:

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