



2026 GOUGEON BROTHERS GREAT LAKES MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

AUGUST 28 – 30, 2026

BAY CITY YACHT CLUB

Organizing Authority

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, or did not see, the incident, or...”
- 1.3 The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4 US Sailing [Multihull SER Nearshore](#) requirements apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online after 1800, Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at:
www.yachtscoring.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is on line at: www.yachtscoring.com.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all multihulls as defined in Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association ([GLMRA](#)) [bylaws](#) between 22 feet and 45 feet in length overall and a valid GLMRA rating certificate.
- 4.2 GLMRA time-on-time handicap ratings will be used. The GLMRA rating certificate shall be submitted at time of entry. Participants who fail to provide a valid GLMRA rating certificate at time of entry shall accept the rating assigned by the GLMRA rating committee with no opportunity for appeal. (<https://glmra.org>)
- 4.3 There is a minimum of 3 crew, no weight minimums.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may only enter the event by completing the entry form and submitting it together with the fee to: www.yachtscoring.com prior to **1800 on Wednesday, August 12, 2026**. Acceptance of a late entry is entirely at the discretion of the event committee for the Organizing Authority.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1 Registration fee is **\$125** per boat, payable at time of registration.

5.2 Onshore tent camping fees of **\$20** per night or RV parking at **\$35** per night.

5.3 There are no additional docking, launch or trailer parking fees,

6. SCHEDULE –

Friday, August 28, 2026	Time - EDT	Location
Registration	Online	www.yachtscoring.com
Competitors' Meeting	1200	BCYC Clubhouse
Buoy Races	1400 First Warning	BCYC "S" Mark
Grill Out – Bring sharable dish	After racing	BCYC Clubhouse
Saturday, August 29, 2026		
Distance Race	1100 First Warning	BCYC "D" Mark
Gougeon sponsored Dinner	After racing	BCYC Clubhouse
Sunday, August 30, 2026		
Buoy Races	1000 First Warning	BCYC "S" Mark
Awards	2 hours after last finish	BCYC Clubhouse

6.1 No Warning after 1300 on Sunday.

7. VENUE

7.1 Racing will be on the waters of Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron, near the mouth of the Saginaw River, in Bay City, Michigan.

8. COURSES

8.1 Buoy courses will be windward -leeward.

8.2 Distance race course will be a combination of fixed and drop marks.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Appendix V – Alternative Penalties – shall apply.

10. SCORING

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 Scoring will be done using time-on-time handicaps.

10.3 Entries will be divided into one or more divisions according to GLMRA ratings. Any division of the fleet will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting. All boats will be additionally scored as one fleet to determine the overall champion.

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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.

12. INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. The organizing authority does not accept responsibility for verifying that a boat has third-party liability insurance.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second and third in each class with five or more entries; and to the first place in each class with fewer than five entries. A single overall prize will also be awarded.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 Event Chairman Pete Pattullo, 903-238-3393, GreatLakesMultihulls@gmail.com.

14.2 Event Website: www.yachtscoring.com/GougeonBrothersGreatLakesMultihullRegatta

14.3 www.baycityyachtclub.com

EVENT INFORMATION – NOT PART OF NOTICE OF RACE

This event is generously supported by the Gougeon Family and the Bay City Yacht Club, including but not limited to usage of the club, docks, slips, launching and parking, plus a Saturday evening dinner and race committee. We are their guests.

Dockage will be assigned based on order of registration online. Dockage for Non-BCYC members is available Wednesday, August 26th, 2026 to Monday, August 31st, 2026, unless approved by BCYC. Every effort will be made to provide wide berths or dock faces, however, later registrants may have to fold when docking and accept a remaining narrower slip.

Limited Camping on site for tents and RVs, with priority set based on reservation, available at time of registration.