



2026 GOUGEON BROTHERS GREAT LAKES MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

AUGUST 28 – 30, 2026

BAY CITY YACHT CLUB

Organizing Authority

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for amendments or notices. www.yachtscoring.com. (Event **50911**)
- 2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted:
 - (a) Before 0900 on the day it will take effect or,
 - (b) In the event of AP posted ashore, no later than 15 minutes before AP is lowered ashore or,
 - (c) By 2000 on the day before a schedule change will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board is on line at: www.yachtscoring.com, event **50911**.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio on **CHANNEL 72**. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

3.4 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RC trailer in the harbor marina.

4.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the Race Signals AP

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

5.1 No Warning after 1300 on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag for Section 1 will be Numeral Pennant 1.

6.2 The class flag for Section 2 will be Numeral Pennant 2.

6.3 Assignment of Sections will be made no later than the Competitors Meeting.

6.4 Boats need not display section flags.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course.

7.2 The course diagrams are shown in Exhibit A – Course Diagrams.

8. MARKS

8.1 The BCYC lettered marks are orange and/or white cylinders about ten inches in diameter projecting about three feet above the water. Black letters identify the mark.

8.2 Marks G1 and R12 are fixed government aids to navigation.

8.3 The “Black Hole” mark used for the long distance race will be an orange or yellow inflatable mark.

8.4 The Start and Finish mark for buoy races only will be the BCYC “S” mark. The Start/Finish Line is “open” during the race and is not a required gate for leg 3.

8.5 The Start and Finish mark for the Distance Race will be the BCYC “D” mark.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 Mark 1 Time Limit – Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1 in buoy races is 30 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 11.2 Race Time Limit – Time limit for the first boat to sail the buoy race course is 120 minutes.
- 11.3 Finishing Window – Time limit for boats to finish a buoy race after the first boat sails the course is 60 minutes.
- 11.4 Race Time Limit for Distance Race – The time limit for the first boat to sail the distance race course is four (4) hours.
- 11.5 Finishing Window for Distance Race – The time limit for boats to finish the distance race after the first boat sails the course is 120 minutes.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest hearing requests shall be lodged with the Principal Race Officer within one hour of the return of the signal boat to BCYC.
- 12.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

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Exhibit A

To

Sailing Instructions

2026 Gougeon Brothers Great Lakes Multihull Championship

Course Diagrams

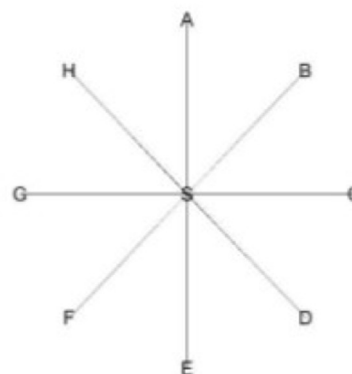
Buoy Courses – Posted on signal boat

- Windward Mark – First Letter (A,B,C,D,E,F,G or H)
- Leeward Mark – Second Letter (E,F,G,H,A,B,C or D) – always 180 deg reciprocal bearing
- Number 1 or 1.5 to indicate number of laps

All marks will be taken to PORT

Buoy Courses

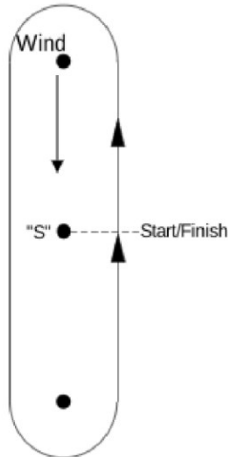
Windward	Leeward
A	E
B	F
C	G
D	H
E	A
F	B
G	C
H	D



Mark	Latitude			Longitude		
A	43°	43.9087'	N	83°	51.5120'	W
B	43°	43.5420'	N	83°	50.2878'	W
C	43°	42.6594'	N	83°	49.7820'	W
D	43°	41.7720'	N	83°	50.2878'	W
E	43°	41.4090'	N	83°	51.5120'	W
F	43°	41.7720'	N	83°	52.7292'	W
G	43°	42.6594'	N	83°	53.2410'	W
H	43°	43.5420'	N	83°	52.7292'	W
S	43°	42.6594'	N	83°	51.5120'	W

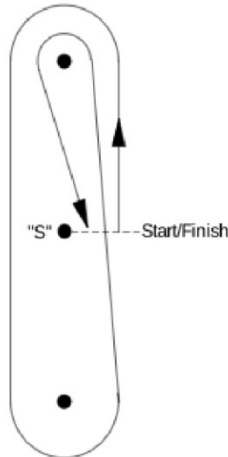
Course Number Designations

Course Number 1



1 lap, 5 nm

Course Number 1.5



1.5 laps, 7.5 nm

Distance Race – The Black Hole Course

Race Committee shall post the Long Course or Short Course prior to the Warning, however, Race Committee may change the course designation at the Black Hole mark by flying code flag “C” and posting either “R8” or “G1”.

Long Course: 22.2 nm

Start at “D” Buoy ($43^{\circ}41.7720'$ – $83^{\circ}50.2878'$) then to the Black Hole drop buoy ($43^{\circ}48.800'$ – $83^{\circ}52.400'$) then to G1 Saginaw River Chancel Tower ($43^{\circ}48.330'$ - $83^{\circ}43.157'$) then finish at “D” Buoy.

Short Course: 16.7 nm

Start at “D” Buoy ($43^{\circ}41.7720'$ – $83^{\circ}50.2878'$) then to the Black Hole drop buoy ($43^{\circ}48.800'$ – $83^{\circ}52.400'$) then to R8 Saginaw River Chancel Tower ($43^{\circ}43.940'$ - $83^{\circ}46.997'$) then finish at “D” Buoy.

Bearings (TRUE): From D to Black Hole drop buoy is 341°

From Black Hole drop buoy to G1 is 94°

From Black Hole drop buoy to R8 is 141°

From G1 to D is 213°

From R8 to D is 214°

