



NOTICE OF RACE

3P

August 11, 2018 about 1:00 PM depending upon your rating

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Port to Port Pursuit

This year to Saugatuck

The Organizing Authority for the race is Macatawa Bay Yacht Club and the whim of the race organizer writing this document.

The purpose of this race is to have fun, get every boat that sails to participate and raft up in Saugatuck for an afternoon of leisure, potentially a stop at Red Dock too.

This is a Pursuit Race:

Let's say your Kettensburg 32 *Flash Dance* has a PHRF rating of 189 You should be able to sail a 1 mile race within 189 seconds of a boat that rates 0.

Therefore in a pursuit race of 1 mile you start 189 (3:09) seconds ahead of the 0 rater

In a 5.75 nm race you get $189 * 5.75 = 1087$ seconds or 18:07 head start on a 0 rater.

Unlike a "regular" race. In this case any boat that is behind you, you're beating. No rating gets applied at the finish, all math errors are made prior to the start, and you get to defend all you can when a boat is trying to overtake. It's FUN.

RULES

- 1.1 The 3P will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) with the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing). Some rules may be stretched or mis-interpreted; this is a non-contact sport so keep it that way.
- 1.2 The rules and regulations of Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) will apply. Assuming some of the racers will have ever read these fleet rules we, as a group of people out to have fun, will make sure no one reads, recites, or references these rules without risk of severe ridicule.
- 1.3 Where a conflict exists between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will govern. Sailing instructions will tell you to sail to Saugatuck and try not to let any competitor pass you, unless you don't really care at that moment.

ADVERTISING

If you must, please fly your favorite advertisement in good taste.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The race is open to all sailing craft (any member with a powerboat that wants to join in please take photos as you pass). All boats will be allowed to race with spinnakers, bloopers, staysails, and any other rag, including obscenely oversized sails as you dare risk your mast, turning blocks, steering gear or pride.
- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and dropping it off at the club by 9PM the evening of August 11. If you don't have a PHRF certificate, we will make a rating estimate for your boat. All estimates are final, unless you ask in a reasonable tone and supply appropriate incentive to rating administrator to re-assess the previously perfectly rational number to a new more rational number.
- 3.3 CLASS DIVISIONS**
Class divisions may be adjusted after receipt of all entries. There will be at least 1 division, perhaps more, so pay attention.

FEES

There are no fees! That means you don't show up at the finish without libation and perhaps a nice snack to share with your fellow racers. The race committee expects to be appreciated, the more appreciated they are the better.

SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Registration deadline: Saturday August 11 by 10:00 AM
- 5.2** Date of Race: Saturday August 11th
- 5.3 START Location: RC Boat location will be .5nm (3036') W of the Holland Pier**
This is a pursuit race: The distance from start to finish will be 5.75 nm.
The Start will be between the RC boat and an orange tetrahedron, which is a shape and therefore has no clever synonyms.
- 5.4** Time Limit: If you are way behind start your engine or flag a tow, we'll hold a spot for you in the raft up. If you get passed, that boat is beating you, pass them back.
- 5.5** Competitors Meeting will be held on the deck of the club at 11:30 AM August 11th if you don't want to be at the skippers meeting to get your start time, you might miss your start by a lot.

MEASUREMENT

Each Boat shall have a valid LMPHRF certificate. It is **not** required to submit the certificate with entry, it will be very helpful if you can fill out the form with an accurate number. We have access to LMPHRF.org.....got it?

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available electronically at least one week prior to the race and in hard copy at the Competitors Meeting venue the day of the race.

VENUES

The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club in Holland, Michigan shall serve as the departure host venue for the race.

The fine harbor of Saugatuck will serve as the venue for the afternoon of revelry at the finish.

THE COURSE

The race is generally from Holland, Michigan to the South until you arrive at Saugatuck piers, then you should stop.

The Race Start shall be between the Race Committee boat and a previously described buoy located one-half mile west of the Holland Channel. The Race Finish shall be between the piers at Saugatuck. If there's no committee boat at the finish the first boat to put their bow between the piers wins, second boat is second, and third is third and so on until we're all there.

Courtesy broadcasts shall be on VHF Channel 69

PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties shall be assessed in accordance with the current World Sailing rules for proper conduct in a fun pursuit race to a swimming venue. Look it up, it's in the appendix.

DECISIONS OF THE JURY

Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule BISS contained in appendix Why?

SCORING

Scoring shall be based upon your boat starting on time or later, early starts will be penalized by making you sail in a neat little course bringing your boat back to the starting line to restart. Ask Petter on WJ he's experienced with this. Later you can observe that course looks a Swiss cow trail on your chart plotter, this means don't be over early. We're using GPS time and we all have GPS so there's no excuse to be over early.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Normal Text Here (Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.)

Nahhh. Use your phone, call your land locked friends, the ones that have a boat but are meeting with wedding coordinator or attending a 6th grade graduation for cousin Becky in Livonia, and tell them they are missing out! ALSO we'll be giving start times for all those that forget how to read a GPS clock telling the exact start time for the ocean racer they've chosen for this day.

VHF Channel 69 is the working channel for this event.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the Party. Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and to yachts finishing first, second, and third in section (subject to the number of boats in each section). Prizes for multihulls will be determined based on number of boats entered x 3. Don't expect much for a prize, this is a free event and Amazon® doesn't carry sailing awards.

EQUIPMENT

Every boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations. Personal flotation shall be worn at the discretion of the Skipper and is recommended during the race.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INSURANCE

All boats should have insurance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Doug Petter at 616 510 1615 call or text & dougpetter@gmail.com

MBYC Run what you bring Pursuit Race

Please print clearly

Name:		Address:	
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:		Work Phone:	
E-mail:			
Please enter the following boat in the 2016 LMSRF Area IV Tripp Memorial Cup Race:			
Yacht Name:		Make/Length:	
Sail Number:		PHRF Rating:	
Entry Fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2018 MBYC Race to Saugatuck			\$0.00
Skipper's Acknowledgment:			
<p>In consideration of acceptance of my entry fee, I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notices of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and all other documents that govern the events covered by this entry. The Owner/Skipper acknowledges and agrees that neither Macatawa Bay Yacht Club nor any member of its Board of Directors nor any members of the race committees assumes or accepts any liability for property damage while participating in the above events, including pre-race and post-race activities and fully and completely releases them from any and all causes of action that may arise out of or relate to their participation in these events. The Owner/Skipper acknowledges and agrees that the decision to start or continue the race is solely the responsibility of the Skipper.</p>			
Signature and date:			
Sign:			Date:

Complete this form and then e-mail, mail, or drop off at the club **RECEIVED no later than 10:30 am before the race (Aug 11).**

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