

THE VANDERLEEK CUP HOSPICE REGATTA

Notice of Race

Saturday August 15, 2020

MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

MACATAWA, MI

INTENT

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of (and financial support for) Hospice of Holland. The Race Committee reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions after August 15, 2020 if no races are completed (see "Scoring").

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the "*The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017-2020" as adopted by the United States Sailing Association, Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Macatawa Bay Yacht Club is the organizing authority for the VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta benefiting the Hospice of Holland.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising on hulls and sails of participant's yachts is restricted to the Sponsors of this regatta, unless explicitly approved by the Race Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta is open to all yachts with a valid PHRF certificate.

3.2 Boats without a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a temporary rating by the Race Committee based upon applicable LMPHRF 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 and to have fun!

3.3 Classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker (JAM) and "Comfort Cruisers" will be established by the Race Committee. "Comfort Cruisers" may not use spinnakers, gennakers. PHRF Spinnaker and JAM Fleets will sail a windward/leeward course, "Comfort Cruisers" will sail a triangular course. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place boats based on their corrected finish times for each of the following divisions if racing: Spin 1, Spin 2, VX1, 7.9's, JAM and "Comfort Cruisers".

3.4 PHRF (PLUS) PLEDGE HANDICAP RATED FINISH. Will not effect the result of individual class winners. (Handicapping will be adjusted after the finish of the race 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. Any skipper or crew who wishes to participate in raising funds for Hospice of Holland will automatically be a contestant for this trophy.

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 boats 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 Jib & Main, Spinnaker class.

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 2020 VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta we are hopeful that all entrants will support this effort.

4, FEES

4.1 \$50 for Comfort Cruisers prior to Aug. 8th, and \$80 after Aug. 8th

4.2 \$60 for Jib & Main and Spinnaker to Aug. 8th, and \$90 after Aug. 8th.

4.3 Eligible yachts may enter by going to, <http://www.yachtscoring.com> , vanderleekcup.com or the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Website by August 8, 2020.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Competitors' Meeting will be held at **1000** hours on the east patio adjacent to MBYC Club House.

5.2 First Warning Signal at **1130** hours. Will sail up to 3 races for Jib & Main and Spinnaker fleets and 1 race for Comfort Cruisers. No Warning Signal will be made after **1530** hours.

6 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. All fleets shall race using corrected time on distance. 6.1 One race completed is required to constitute a series. 6.2 There will be no throw outs.

7. COVID 19

At the time of scheduling these races, it is our understanding that races can be run in compliance with all lawful state imposed restrictions. However, each team shall be responsible for taking those measures that may be necessary to be in compliance and shall release MBYC and the Race Committee from any obligations to monitor or enforce such restrictions.

8. SCHEDULE OF SOCIAL EVENTS:

Complimentary Breakfast 9:00 **TBD**

Afternoon Ice Cream Social @ MBYC **TBD**

Awards Ceremony after race @ MBYC **TBD**

Slips available @ Yacht Basin, at no charge, for

MBYC boats attending dinner, (Limited Availability) **CANCELLED**

Dinner 5:00-7:00 @ Yacht Basin Marina **CANCELLED**

Auction after Dinner **CANCELLED**

Live Music 8:00 to Midnight, Square Pegz **CANCELLED**