



2023 VanderLeek Hospice Regatta

VanderLeek Hospice Regatta August 19th
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Macatawa, MI

Notice of Race

INTENT - The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of (and financial support for) Hospice of Holland.

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), Mid-West PHRF rules, and the class rules of those classes sailing.

1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) benefiting the Hospice of Holland.

1.3 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. Neither the NOR nor the SI shall change nor alter any class rules. **This changes RRS 63.7.**

1.4 COVID-19 - At the time of scheduling these races, it is our understanding that the 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.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The Vanderleek Hospice Regatta is open to all offshore one design classes, PHRF spinnaker, and PHRF JAM. 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 section breaks per registration of handicap boats classes that are registered.

2.2 All PHRF boats must have a valid 2023 certificate.

2.3 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!

2.4 Classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker (JAM) and "Comfort Cruisers" will be established by the Race Committee. "Comfort Cruisers" may not use spinnakers, gennakers.

2.5 Eligible boats may enter online at Yacht Scoring: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16036>

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2.6 Entry deadline is August 13th, 2023. Late entry registration available until August 18th, 2023.

2.7 Fees

Class	Paid by August 13 th	As of August 18 th
PHRF Boats	\$60	\$90
Comfort Cruisers	\$50	\$80
S2 7.9	\$60	\$90
VX One	\$60	\$90

3 SCHEDULE

3.1 Racing on Saturday, August 19th is for all registered fleets.

3.2 Saturday, August 19th: Skipper Check-In 0900-1000 hours; Competitor's Meeting 1000 hours on the east patio adjacent to MBYC Club House. 1st warning signal at 1130 hours. The Comfort Cruiser class will sail one race, all other classes will sail up to 3 races. No warning signal after 1530 hours.

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

4 ADVERTISING

4.1 Competitor advertising is not restricted.

4.2 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.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Yacht Scoring website no later than August 13th.

5.2 Modifications to the Sailing Instructions shall be communicated at the Skippers meeting and posted on the Yacht Scoring website.



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6 COURSES AND RACING AREA

6.1 PHRF Spinnaker and JAM Fleets will sail a windward/leeward course.

6.2 "Comfort Cruisers" will sail a triangular course.

6.3 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.

6.4 Multiple race courses may be established by the RC to suit individual fleet requirements.

7 PENALTIES

7.1 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.

7.2 RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply for all boats.

8 SCORING

8.1 PHRF fleets will be scored Time-on-Distance.

8.2 The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

8.3 There will be no throw outs.

8.4 One race completed constitutes a series.

9 EQUIPMENT

9.1 Each boat shall be equipped and sail in compliance with US Coast Guard regulations and the State of Michigan.

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

10 BERTHING

10.1 For our out of town competitors, there will be a limited number of slips and/or rafting spaces available at MBYC.

10.2 Dry sail space will be available to all trailer launch boats for the duration of the event.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION - Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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12 PRIZES

12.1 There will be awards given for 1st through 3rd in each class or section.

12.2 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. 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 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 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 2021 VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta we are hopeful that all entrants will support this effort.

13 **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.

14 **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 OA and other sponsors.

15 DISCLAIMER

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and host club 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.

15.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Organizing Authority, Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.



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16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 Class contacts:

PHRF - Bob Hughes rchughes19@charter.net

S2 7.9 - Tim Bosma tim.bosma3@gmail.com

VX One - Sam Padnos sam@padnos.com

16.2 For any other information please contact the MBYC Sailing Director Doug Petter Doug@riveer.com