

GRSC / HTYC

2009 COMMODORES INVITATIONAL

Saturday August 29, 2009, Grand Haven, MI
Notice of Race

Boats will participate in two Divisions, "Spinnaker" and "Jib & Main".

The Spinnaker Division is limited to boats with current LMPHRF ratings; race distance is approximately 11.5 miles (actual distance to be determined on race day). Section(s) within the Division will depend on the number of entrants. This Division competes for the Commodores Trophy. Awards will be given thru third place in each section(s).

This Jib & Main Division is intended as a catchall Division for yachts that may or may not have a current rating, with handicaps based on a distance of approximately 11.5 miles (actual distance to be determined on race day). "Assigned Ratings" may be given by the Race Committee as deemed necessary to maintain the integrity of the Division. Section(s) within the Division will depend on the number of entrants. A Novice Section may be created. This Division competes for the Vice Commodores Trophy awarded to first in Division.

Starting Sequence

Spinnaker Division – Will be the first group to Start, with the (Yellow) **Warning Flag UP at 1150 hours**. Warning Flag **DOWN** at 6min. to first start. 5min. to start - **Red Flag UP** (in absence of starting section(s) flag, the starting section(s) will be announced by Race Committee). 1min. to start - **Red Flag DOWN**. **START: Blue Flag UP**. 5min. to next start, same sequence of flags.

Jib & Main Division – Will be the second group to Start, immediately following the Spinnaker Division starts. The starting section will be announced by Race Committee. The (Blue) Start Flag **UP** of the last Spinnaker Division start will be 5min. to your start. Again, 1min. to start, **Blue Flag DOWN**. **START: Blue Flag UP**. If more than one sections - 5min. to next start, same sequence of flags.

- The Starting Area will be located approximately ¼ mile Northwest (approximate bearing of 315 degrees) from the north Grand Haven pier head with the Starting Line being between the Race Committee Boat and an inflatable mark. In the event an inflatable mark cannot be set, the Starting Line will be between the Race Committee Boat and an imaginary line running approximately 50 yards due West (270 degrees) of the Committee Boat.
- The Finishing Area will be located approximately ¼ mile Southwest (approximate bearing of 225 degrees) from the south Muskegon pier head with the Finishing Line being between the Race Committee Boat and an inflatable mark. In the event an inflatable mark cannot be set, the Finishing Line will be between the Race Committee Boat and an imaginary line running approximately 50 yards due East (090 degrees) of the Committee Boat.
- Finishing Times and Time Limits. The time limit for all boats is 1700 hours. As a backup measure, all boats are requested to record their own finish times, and to take note of the names (or description) of boats immediately ahead or behind.
- Auxiliary Power Usage. In event of a slow race, boats in the Jib & Main Division-Novice Section may use up to one-hour of auxiliary power subject to a time penalty of 2 minutes for each minute of power used and a minimum penalty of 30 minutes. Boat using auxiliary power should notify the race committee as soon as possible after finishing the Race.
- Radio Channel 69. The Race Committees will monitor Channel 69. In contacting the GRSC or HTYC race committees, be sure to specify which committee you are calling as Muskegon Yacht Club also uses this channel. Drop-out starters, must notify the Race Committee directly or indirectly to avoid Coast Guard Search and Rescue activity.
- An Awards Ceremony will take place after the race at HTYC. Decisions by the Race Committee are final for award purposes. The permanent Commodores Trophy is the property of GRSC and will be displayed in accordance with their Rules and Regulations. The permanent Vice-Commodores Trophy is the property of the HTYC and will be displayed in accordance with their Rules and Regulations.

Skippers Meeting: 9:00 AM at the GRSC Clubhouse. Please Attend.

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ENTRY FORM

Owner/Skipper: _____

Yacht Club: _____

Boat Name: _____

Make/Length: _____

Hull Color: _____ Sail No _____

Rating*: _____

Circle Rating Division: (**Spinnaker**) or (**Jib & Main***)

(*Boats given an Assigned Ratings by GRSC or HTYC must race Jib & Main)

Race Applications along with a \$25 fee in cash or check made payable to GRSC may be submitted to GRSC PO Box 214, Grand Haven, MI 49417 Attn: Denny Dryer , or to HTYC at the Harbor Towne Yacht Club. After August 21, make contact by phone, e-mail or in person. Late Applications will be accepted up to 0900 hours Saturday, at the GRSC Clubhouse Skippers Meeting.

2009 COMMODORES INVITATIONAL RELEASE STATEMENT

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Commodores invitational and being fully aware of the dangers that may befall mariners, the undersigned, for him/herself, his/her heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, hereby waives any and all claims which s/he and any of them, may have against the Grand River Sailing Club & Harbor Towne Yacht Club, their officers, members of the Board of Directors and members, employees and agents arising out of the participation of the undersigned in the Commodores Invitational and their related activities.

I agree to the conditions of the race, and state that the yacht identified on this form will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with these conditions and that the rating filed with the committee is the applicable rating for this yacht at the time she starts the race or races. I specifically agree that it is my responsibility to see that this yacht is seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear and she be properly manned. I further accept and agree to all the Covenants and Instructions concerning this race or races.

I agree that by participating in a race conducted by the GRSC / HTYC, each competitor and the yacht owner agree to be governed by the 2009-2012 International Yacht Racing Rules including the US Sailing prescriptions and the GRSC / HTYC sailing instructions.

Proof of liability insurance, proper fee payment and a signed release statement are required **PRIOR TO RACING**. A valid 2009 PHRF certificate is required for scoring. If a 2009 PHRF certificate is not verified, you will be penalized six seconds per mile against your old (or race committee determined) PHRF rating.

Signature: _____ Date: _____