

Grosse Pointe Sail Club

GPSC 55th Annual Tuesday Sundown and Fall Series

2016 Notice of Race

The 55th annual GPSC Tuesday Sundown Series and Fall Series are open to all DRYA rated or one design seaworthy monohull sailing yachts. The Sundown Races are comprised of 2 series (*Spring and Summer*) of 6 races each on Tuesday evenings. The Fall Series is comprised of 4 races on Tuesday evenings. Each series has its own overall award for each class. All races start and finish off Windmill Pointe Marina, located in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Awards are presented in the fall at a party where boats placing 1, 2 or 3 in a series overall receive invitations with a number of door passes for entry. Extra entry passes may be purchased at the door.

Spring Series: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28

Summer Series: July 5, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23

Fall Series: September 6, 13, 20, 27

Management Rules: All races will be governed by the GPSC Sundown Race Sailing Instructions and *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*, including US Sailing Prescriptions, except as stated herein. The races will be managed by the GPSC Race Committee, which will have the authority to establish the racing conditions and interpret the racing rules. **Registration:** All entrants must register for the current year GPSC Series Races. The completed Registration Form, Registration Fee Form, and payment of those fees must be received by the GPSC Race Committee to complete the registration process. No retroactive scoring of races will occur for non registered boats. You must register before you race. Sailing Instructions and Registration Forms can be found on the GPSC website www.gpsc.org. Questions are to be directed to gpsc.racechair@gmail.com. The Fall Series will have separate Sailing Instructions

Race Results, Changes, Handicapping: Race results (subject to protests) will usually be posted on the GPSC Web Page race results section the day after each race. The QuickScore Race Scoring Program utilizing its high point scoring method is used for calculation of race results and tie breaking. Handicapping is calculated using 'time on distance'. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the same GPSC website race section. If there are errors or omissions in the results or registration information, contact the Race Chair (gpsc.racechair@gmail.com).

Membership in DRYA is encouraged, handicapping of non one design class boats by DRYA is required. Roller furling credits will be consistent with DRYA standards. DRYA information is available at www.drya.org.

Classes and Starts: This years class splits and start times will be posted and available for downloading on the GPSC website at least one week prior to the first race of a series. Early registration by participants aids GPSC in determining fair and reasonable class splits. Consult the website sailing instructions for any class changes 1 week prior to the first race. The sailing instructions have a revision date on them for the purpose of tracking changes.

Courses: Course/Class assignments are set forth in the Sundown Series Sailing Instructions. An illustrative map of the Sundown course with relevant approximate GPSC or Navigation buoy locations is available for download from the GPSC Sundown Series web page race section.

Special Signal for Freighter Traffic: The "F" Flag Signal, with an audible alert, will be displayed whenever a freighter or restricted vessel is in the vicinity of the starting line and course. While the "F" signal is displayed, boats waiting to start will vacate the shipping channel. *Please note S.I. #1 and #11 regarding GPSC responsibility to the U.S. Coast Guard and enforcement of flag "F". A GPSC patrol boat will be on station to ensure adherence of these rules by all entrants. Race entrants who interfere with commercial river traffic may be asked to immediately discontinue racing based on severity of the infraction. The Sailing Instructions will have more details.*

Waiver of Liability: Refer to RRS Appendix K, paragraph 20 and Appendix L, instruction 29. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

Com. Denise Cotter, Principal Race
Officer

Mike Sherwood, Race
Chair