



Notice of Race GPSC “Lake Huron Cruise Race” 2017

If you are interested in getting North for cruising or you are interested in a “Fun Casual Race,” this may be of interest. The [Grosse Pointe Sail Club](#) is continuing the tradition and will get the race started on [Sunday, July 23, 2017](#) from [Port Huron](#). The race has two stop-overs ([Harbor Beach](#) and [Harrisville](#)) and finishes at [Presque Isle Harbor](#). There is no need to sail all night or in extremely bad weather. No need to sit with no wind or sail on a stripped out boat. You can even tow a dinghy or run your engine. All the boats rest each evening for cocktails, dinner, and a good night’s sleep. The next race segment will start the following morning. The finish is at Presque Isle Harbor with a celebratory awards brunch the morning after the finish. Following the awards everyone is only 30–40 nautical miles from [De Tour Passage](#) or [False De Tour Passage](#) (the North Channel entrances), or a short hop to [Mackinac Island](#).



To participate:

- Provide a 2017 DRYA rating or fill out the attached [Provisional JAM Rating \(PJAM\) application](#) from the Detroit Regional Yacht Association (DRYA) and forward it to Race Chairman **Peter Baumann, 1941 West Spinning Wheel Lane, Bloomfield Twp., MI 48304** (pbau@comcast.net).
- Include a check in the amount of \$ 100 (one hundred) for your entry fee, payable to Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC).

The entry fee covers awards, mementos and the awards brunch for you and your crew. **This year, part of the proceeds will go to a local youth sailing program of your choice.** Sailing instructions (also attached) will be reviewed at a Skippers Meeting to be held at **Atwater in the Park, Lakepointe Ave, Grosse Pointe Park, MI on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 1830 h.**

Questions? Contact Peter Baumann at pbau@comcast.net or cell 248-805-3741.

We hope you can join the fun!

2017 GPSC Lake Huron Cruise Race

Sailing Instructions

1. **SCHEDULE OF RACE** – The first start will be on July 23, 2017 at approximately 0930 hrs. There will be three racing segments. Segments are scheduled for each day, weather permitting, Sunday through Tuesday July 24 - 26. The Race will be scored as a series of three race segments.

2. **RULES & AUTHORITY** - The races will be governed by [The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 \(RRS\)](#), the prescriptions of USSA, and **as modified by these Sailing Instructions**.

The Race Chairman (Peter Baumann) shall have the authority to establish the Race Course, to obtain ratings from the DRYA or assign a rating for the participating yachts and to amend all Sailing Instructions. Any amendment to these Sailing Instructions shall be e-mailed to the participants by **2000 hrs on July 22, 2017** or agreed to at the **daily 0730 hrs** communications each race day.

3. **ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION** - The races are open to any monohull sailing boat that (i) has an engine, a head, & sleeping quarters, and is registered for the Race. Registration forms are available upon e-mail request to the Race Chairman ([Peter Baumann](#)). **A completed registration/rating form is to be received by the Race Chairman the latest Wednesday, July 12, 2017 (Skippers' Meeting).**

4. **SKIPPER'S MEETING** – There will be a skippers' meeting for all participants on **Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 1830 hrs** at [Atwater in the Park, Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, MI.](#) **All skippers or their representatives are to attend.**

5. **STARTING & FINISH PROCEDURES & TIMES** - The following [Table A](#) describes the daily procedures for the start & finish for each day of the Cocktail Cruising Race.

The start: The first day's starting location is at the specified Lat/Lon as shown in [Table A](#) below. The other daily starts will be at a specified Lat-Lon at the "marina of the night" (see [Table A](#)). The trawler "Misselaineous" will be at the specified Lat-Lon and will act as the starting vessel. All competing yachts are to be in the general vicinity and **on the Southern side of "Misselaineous" during the starting sequence.** The starting signals will be sounded from "Misselaineous". There will be no visual signals. "Misselaineous" will also broadcast on channel 71 the Warning, Preparatory and Start Signals, accompanied by a horn, if possible.

The Finish: The finish locations are at specific Lat-Lon's (**using a 0.1 nm arrival circle = 600 feet**) at each nightly marina.

Each participant is to record the specified data in [Table B](#) (below) and report same to the Race Chairman by **2000 hrs** for all segments (races).

Table A – Start & Finish information

Start time	Start Location	Start Procedure	Finish Location	Finish Procedure
			Marina of the night	
Approx. 0930 hrs	Start Line @ Approx. 43 04.46 N 82 25.74 W	Signals as described above from "Misselaineous"	Harbor Beach 43 50.26 N 82 36.52 W	1 . Record finish time using GPS time. 2 . Fill out Table B 3 . Report the information to the Race Chairman.
	0830 hrs		Harbor Beach 43 52.20 N 82 37.94 W	
0830 hrs	Harrisville 44 39.92 N 83 16.28 W	Signals as described above from "Misselaineous"	Presque Isle 45 19.94 N 83 26.70 W	Same as above.

Table B - DAILY LOG

Skipper name and Yacht name	Arrival Time (hh:min:sec) ¹	Engine Start (hh:min) ¹	Engine Stop (hh:min) ¹	Total Engine Run Time (min)
Skipper:	Harbor Beach:			
Boat:				
Skipper:	Harrisville:			
Boat:				
Skipper:	Presque Isle:			
Boat:				

¹)Use GPS time if possible

- 6.COURSES** – **Day1 = Port Huron to Harbor Beach.**
Day2 = Harbor Beach to Harrisville.
Day3 = Harrisville to Presque Isle.

7.MOORING - ANCHORING NIGHTLY – Each competing yacht will be responsible for paying mooring charges at all marinas. Each marina has our information/reservations. After finishing you are to call the marina and tell them you are with the *GPSC Lake Huron Cruise Race*. They will give you mooring instructions.

8.DAILY SKIPPERS MEETING & POTENTIAL POSTPONEMENTS – There will be a “check-in” radio communication on **channel 71** at **0730 hrs** each race day for all contestants. If the weather is questionable, the Race Chairman will poll all participants for a vote to race as scheduled for that day or postpone. A postponement may be for a specified number of hours, at which time radio contact will be resumed and a decision will be made to race or postpone for the day. If there is a day postponement, the schedule will move to accommodate that delay.

9.SHORTENED Race – The race will not be shortened.

10.ABANDONMENT(S) – Once the day’s race begins, there will be no abandonment. Yachts may motor to the next specified marina and record their times or abandon on their own for a different marina and **contact the Race Chairman on Channel 71 or by cell phone (248-805-3741).**

11.TIME LIMITS – The Racing Rules of Sailing rule #35 (Time Limit and Scores) is hereby modified as follows: The time limit for all segments (races) is **2000 hrs**. Any boat finishing after the time limit will be awarded a finish time equal to the time limit plus 120 minutes and scored accordingly for that day. However, all boats must report their finish information (Table B) to the Race Chairman by **2100 hrs** on channel **71** or **248-805-3741**. A boat not reporting by 2100 hrs will not be scored.

12.RADIO MONITORING - The general communication channel for the Fleet is channel **71**. All boats are to monitor Channel 71 from **0730 till 2100 hrs**.

13.PROTESTS – **There will be no protests allowed.** Confrontations between yachts are to be handled by the US Court System. The Race results will not be affected by any conflict between competing yachts.

14.JAM RATINGS – Contestants, whose yachts do not have a Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association (DRYA) rating will obtain a Provisional Jib and Main (PJAM) rating for their yacht from DRYA. The rating obtained will be adjusted by **+15 seconds per mile** if towing a dinghy. The use of a spinnaker is at the skipper’s

discretion **and must be declared after each race day** for scoring. A rating adjustment for spinnaker usage on a JAM rated boat will be made based on the characteristics and type of spinnaker.

15. **SCORING** – The number of divisions will be determined at the time of the Skippers' Meeting. The Series will consist of three scheduled **race segments (race days)**. Each boat's score for the Series shall be calculated on the sum of her corrected times for all three segments.

Using the engine - Every time a racer starts their engine and puts it in gear before finishing, other than avoiding commercial traffic and without gaining an advantage during the maneuver, one hour is added to the uncorrected finish time. Motor sailing is acceptable at all times.

Starting your engine twice or thrice within an hour will give you a total of two-hour and then a three-hour total penalty and so on. Thus, it makes sense to motor for a full hour, unless wind comes up and you think you can sail faster than motor.

Once the motor has been started, motoring beyond the first hour adds another hour to your time (e.g., motoring for 2.5 hours will give you a total of three hours of penalty for that motor usage event, so you may as well motor for three complete hours unless you could sail faster or more safely under sail alone. Running the engine in Neutral for purposes of charging is acceptable; putting the engine in gear starts the penalty.

Time limit - Racers that don't finish by 2000 hrs. and call in by 2100 hrs. will get a total of a two-hour penalty, no matter what time they actually finish.

Ties - In case of a tie for the Series between two or more boats, the tie will be broken as follows:

(a) In favor of the boat with the most first place finishes.

(b) If the tie remains, in favor of the boat with the most second place finishes and so on till the tie has been broken.

(c) If the tie still remains, it shall be broken in favor of the boat that beat the other most often, based on corrected times.

(d) If the tie still remains, it shall be broken in favor of the boat with the best corrected time in the last race.

16. **Awards** – There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards each day, if in a division there are less than 7 competitors; there will be 4th and 5th place awards, if there is a division with 7 or more competitors. There also will be 1st thru 5th place awards for the series and an overall Perpetual Series Trophy. Awards will be presented at the Presque Isle Awards Party.

17. **INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING** - When crossing a shipping channel, boats shall not interfere with major ships (Federal Law 89-764). Participants at all times shall abide by USCG Rule 18, which reads in part: "(b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: ... (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver." Boats may use their engines to stay clear of commercial shipping. However, in doing so they are not to better their position in the process. This engine run time need not be reported on the vessels race log or reported to the Race Chairman.

18. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK** - By participating in any race of the series, each person aboard as skipper, crew or otherwise (a) acknowledges that racing sailing boats has certain inherent risks and can be a dangerous activity and (b) nevertheless voluntarily assumes all such risks, and waives any and all claims that he or she may have for damages of any kind against the race chairman or any other person involved in the organization & running of the race. The skipper and crew shall be responsible for deciding whether to start or to continue each race of the series. Each boat is to have a valid insurance policy covering liability and property damage.

19. **SAFETY & SAFETY EQUIPMENT – Safety** - Any boat participating in any race of this series shall be seaworthy in hull, rigging and gear. **Safety Equipment** - The skipper of a participating boat acknowledges that he or she is aware of the safety equipment required by the United States Coast Guard to be carried aboard the boat and accepts full responsibility for deciding what additional safety equipment is necessary for the safety of the boat and crew under the circumstances. During each race in which a boat participates, the skipper shall insure that all such required and additional equipment will be aboard, in accessible locations and in good working order, and the skipper shall assure that each member of the crew and any others aboard during this race know the location and proper use of all such equipment. The individual boats skipper has sole responsibility for decisions to race, maneuver, and participate in the event.

20. **DISPOSAL OF TRASH** - Any crew observed discharging trash overboard shall be subject to reports given to the US Coast Guard.

GPSC Lake Huron Cruise Race July 23 - 25, 2017

	Port Huron	Harbor Beach	Harrisville	Presque Isle
Port Huron		46.5 nm		
Harbor Beach			54.9 nm	
Harrisville				44.4 nm
	Saturday arrive @ PHYC after 1500 hrs	Sunday pm arrive @ Harbor Beach	Monday pm arrive @ Harrisville	Tuesday pm arrive @ Presque Isle

1. Registration deadline is July 12, 2017 (Skippers' meeting).
2. Participating yachts must have an engine, a head, and sleeping quarters
3. **Motoring is allowed** during the race.
However, motoring is in **one hour segments**. For each hour or less you motor, you are to add an additional hour to your arrival time.
 Example 1 = If you motor for 3 hours 20 minutes, you add 4 hours to your arrival time.
 Example 2 = If you motor for 20 minutes then later for 40 minutes, you add 2 hours to your arrival time.
4. Keep a log (engine on & in gear = motoring). Battery charging (engine running but not in gear) is not considered motoring.
5. Log-in every night with the Race Chairman by 2100 hrs. Channel 71, providing the following:
 - a. Boat name, arrival time (hh:min:sec) at the specified Lat/Lon. (Using Official US Time from the GPS).
 - b. Time motoring, which will be added to the arrival time. See Table B in the SI's
6. Daily results will be announced the next morning at 0730 hrs check-in time.
 - a. Each day will be scored as a separate race with awards.
 - b. The final results will be scored as the sum of the three segments corrected time. (See SI's).
7. DRYA ratings will be used. If you do not have a rating, obtain a PJAM rating from DRYA free of charge (see SI's). Spinnakers are optional.
8. If towing a dinghy, you will get a + 15 second per mile credit.
9. Nightly mooring costs are the skippers responsibility.
10. Mackinac racing equipment requirements do not apply. **Your boat must comply with US Coast Guard rules and regulations**
11. All boats are to monitor Channel 71 as the communication channel during the racing period.
12. Entry fee \$100 payable to GPSC. Used for awards & celebratory brunch at the award presentation and youth sailing program
13. Email Peter Baumann (pbau@comcast.net) for additional forms.
14. **The Sailing Instructions will be emailed and reviewed at Atwater in the Park on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 1830 hrs** (skippers' meeting).

Saturday , July 22, 2017	Port Huron Y.C.	Mooring (rafting may be required). Dinner on your own. Arrive after 1500 hrs.
Sunday July 23, 2017	Port Huron Y.C.	0730 hrs Skippers check-in on Channel 71 (Lay-day/delay/go as schedules???)
	First start	0930 hrs start at specified Lat/Lon. See Sailing Instructions.
	Finish	RACING -- Take your arrival time at specified Lat/Lon. See Sailing Instructions.
	Harbor Beach	By 2100 hrs Skippers must check-in with the Race Chairman with finish information.
Monday July 24, 2017	Harbor Beach	0730 hrs Skippers check-in on Channel 71 (Lay-day/delay/go as scheduled???)
	Second start	0830 hrs race begins just south of a specified Lat/Lon. See Sailing Instructions.
	Finish	RACING -- Take your arrival time at specified Lat/Lon. See Sailing Instructions.
	Harrisville	By 2030 hrs Skippers must check-in with the Race Chairman with finish information. Dinner on your own (Restaurant or grilling or on-board).
Tuesday July 25, 2017	Harrisville	0730 hrs am Skippers check in on Channel 71 (Lay-day/delay/go as schedules???)
	Third - Final start	0830 hrs race begins just south of a specified Lat/Lon. See Sailing Instructions.
	Finish	RACING -- Take your arrival time at specified Lat/Lon. See Sailing Instructions.
	Presque Isle	By 2030 hrs Skippers must check-in with the Race Chairman with finish information. Dinner on your own (Restaurant or grilling or on-board).
Wednesday July 26, 2016	Presque Isle	1100 hrs - 1300 hrs Awards party with announcement of results and awards.
	Restaurant	