



**Grosse Pointe Sail Club**  
**Notice of Race**  
**2019 Lake Huron Cruise Race**  
**July 14, 15, 16**

If you are interested in getting up North for some cruising in the North Channel of Georgian Bay, and you think you might enjoy a fun sailboat race that has been called the "civilized version" of the Mackinac Race, WE'VE GOT A RACE FOR YOU! The Grosse Pointe Sail Club is again sponsoring the Lake Huron Cruise Race, which is scheduled to start on **Sunday, July 14, 2019** from a starting line near Port Huron, Michigan and finish on **Tuesday, July 16, 2019** at [Presque Isle Harbor](#).

The 3-day race has two overnight stop-overs ([Harbor Beach](#) and [Harrisville](#)). So there is no need to sail all through the night in bad weather. No need to sit drifting with no wind. The rules even allow you to use your engine (a scoring penalty applies, but it's much better than just drifting and swatting at the biting black flies).



*Day and overall winners at the celebratory brunch in the Portage Restaurant at Presque Isle Harbor, 2016.*

All the boats and their crews get to rest each night, have a nice dinner, some adult beverages, and a good night's sleep. The next race segment starts the following morning. After finishing the third day at Presque Isle Harbor, there's a celebratory awards brunch on Wednesday. In past years, the participants have often agreed to sail the short passage over to the North Channel together to begin their cruising sail plan that same afternoon.

In preparation for the Cruise Race and subsequent North Channel cruising, Skippers, First Mates and Crew are encouraged and welcome to attend a planning meeting that will be held this Spring (April or May) at a location TBD. If you would like to be notified about the meeting, please send an email to Com. Larry Haggart ([Lhaggart@mraservices.com](mailto:Lhaggart@mraservices.com)).

At the meeting, we plan to:

- Review the Sailing Instructions and answer any questions that may arise.
- Assist those sailors who do not have a handicap rating to get a provisional [DRYA](#) rating for their boat.
- Go over procedures to reserve dockage for the overnight stops.
- Provide an opportunity to order LHCR memorabilia from a selection of embroidered products available (e.g., shirts, duffel bags, hats, etc.) with the Cruise Race logo.

For questions before the meeting feel free to contact GPSC LHCR Race Chairman Larry Haggart at [Lhaggart@mraservices.com](mailto:Lhaggart@mraservices.com) or by cell phone at 313.949.4484. Sure hope you can make it!