



Grosse Pointe Sail Club

64th Annual Tuesday Sundown Series 2024 NOTICE of RACE

Race: The 64th Annual GPSC Tuesday Sundown Series is open to all Mid-West PHRF-rated (<https://mwphrf.org>) or One Design seaworthy monohull sailing yachts. The Sundown Series is comprised of two seven race series on Tuesday evenings. All races start and finish off Windmill Pointe Marina, located in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

Awards: To be presented at the GPSC's Annual Awards Party on Friday, November 1 to the top three finishers in each class for each series.

Race Dates:

Spring Series:	May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25
Summer Series:	August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3, 10, 17

Management Rules: All races shall be governed by the **GPSC Sundown Series Sailing Instructions** and **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024**, including *US Sailing* prescriptions (except as stated herein). The races will be managed by the GPSC Race Committee, which has the authority to establish racing conditions and interpret the racing rules.

Registration: All entrants must register for the current year GPSC Sundown Series races. The completed registration and fee payment 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 the registration can be found on the GPSC website (www.gpsc.org). Questions should be Emailed to: racechair@gpsc.org.

Race Results, Changes, Handicapping: Race results (subject to protests) will normally be posted in the 'Racing' section at gpsc.org the day following each race. Low-point scoring will be used for calculation of results and tie breakers. Handicapping is calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time. 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 at racechair@gpsc.org. *Membership in DRYA is encouraged; handicapping of non one-design class boats by MWPHRF (<https://mwphrf.org>) is required.*

Classes and Starts: 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 each series. Early registration aids the GPSC in determining fair and reasonable class splits. *A minimum of five boats is required to constitute a class.* Consult the updated Sailing Instructions for any class changes one week prior to the first race. The Sailing Instructions contain a revision date for ease in tracking changes.

Courses: Course and class assignments are set forth in the Sailing Instructions, which includes an illustrative course chart with relevant approximate GPSC and navigation buoy locations, and is available for download from the GPSC website race section.

Special Signal for Freighter Traffic: The "F" flag signal (red diamond on a white background) accompanied by an audible alert, will be displayed whenever a freighter or restricted vessel is in the vicinity of the starting area or course. While the "F" signal is displayed, boats waiting to start shall vacate the shipping channel. *Please note Sailing Instructions #1 and #11 regarding GPSC responsibility to the US Coast Guard and enforcement of flag "F". A GPSC patrol boat will be on station to ensure adherence to these rules by all participants. Anyone interfering with commercial traffic may be ordered to immediately discontinue racing depending on the severity of the infraction (more details will be available in the Sailing Instructions).*

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

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GPSC Race Chair

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