



NOTICE OF RACE
for the
Running of the Gauntlet Race
June 26th, 2020

The Organizing Authority for the Running of the Gauntlet Race is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1** The Running of the Gauntlet Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Lake Michigan PHRF rule (LMPHRF), and the rules of the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls.
- 1.2** Where a conflict exists between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will govern.

2 ADVERTISING

Competitors shall comply with WS Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The race is open to all sailing yachts 24 feet in length or longer with a valid PHRF or GLMRA rating.
- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing sign up at www.yachtscore.com. Entry deadline is Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 1700 EDT.

4 FEES

- 4.1** Required Entry fee is \$75.00.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Date of Race: Friday, June 26, 2020
- 5.2** Competitors Meeting will be held at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club – 2157 S. Shore Dr. Macatawa, MI 49434 at 1700 EDT, June 26, 2020.
- 5.3** Time of the warning signal is: 1855 EDT
 - Double Handed Start: 1900 EDT
 - Class 3 Start: 1905 EDT
 - Class 2 Start: 1910 EDT
 - Class 1 Start: 1915 EDT
 - Multihull Start: 1920 EDT
- 5.4** Time Limit: 20 Hours

6 MEASUREMENT

Each Boat shall have a valid LMPHRF or GLMRA certificate. It is **not** required to submit the certificate with entry. The DHCP rating will be used where available.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available via www.yachtscoring.com at least one week prior to the race, and in hard copy after 1700 EDT at the Competitors Meeting the day of the race.

8 VENUES

The Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Macatawa, Michigan, shall serve as the departure host venue for the race. Transient slip information (if available) can be arranged by calling the dockmaster at 616.335.5815.

9 THE COURSE

The race is generally from Holland, Michigan, to the South Lake Michigan Buoy (*coordinates TBD – buoy not launched yet*) and back to Holland, Michigan. In lieu of the actual mark, the RC may designate a “virtual” mark as they deem necessary. The Race Start shall be between the Race Committee Boat and a buoy located approximately one-half mile West of the Holland Harbor Channel. The Race Finish shall be between the pier heads of the Holland Harbor entrance. Light List Nos. 19290 and 19295. South light coordinates 42-46-21.520N; 086-12-44.993W. Finish will be “self-reported” format. Courtesy broadcasts shall be on Channel 69.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

The US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V will apply.

11 SCORING

PHRF and GLMRA will be scored T.O.D. Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A, Scoring.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded near the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Flag Pole, on Saturday June 27, 2020 at 1700 hours. Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and to yachts finishing first, second, and third in section (subject to the number of boats in each section). Prizes for multihulls will be determined based on number of boats entered.

14 EQUIPMENT

Every boat shall carry proper safety equipment conforming to government regulations. All boats required to carry VHF radio. Personal flotation shall be worn at the discretion of the Skipper and is recommended to be worn from sundown to sunrise during the race.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. At the time of scheduling this race, it is our understanding that this race can be run in compliance with all state and local restrictions regarding COVID-19. However, each competitor shall be responsible for compliance to the same restrictions or regulations, while releasing the organizing authority or RC from any obligations as it related to compliance with these restrictions.

16 INSURANCE

All yachts wishing to enter the race must have a minimum of \$300,000 of liability insurance. It is not required to submit proof of insurance with entry.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Grant Cheney, 616.437.9890, grantcheney12@gmail.com.