

HOOK Cruising Division and HOOK Single Handed Division

There are a whole lot of people who enjoy sailing the HOOK Race. This year we are again offering the Cruising division and Single Handed division by popular demand. One big change to this year's Cruising Division is the requirement of a PHRF rating.

Cruising Division

We have devised a simple way for you to race as a cruiser, but still get there on time. If you are wondering what makes this different, it's simple. You will be able to use your engine as a motive force propelling you to the fabled Upper Peninsula (UP).



You might be asking, "How does that work?" To make a long equation short, your scored time will be based on your boat's PHRF rating and your total elapsed time to calculate your corrected time. Motoring time will then be added to your corrected time as a time penalty. This will then be your overall corrected time for which you will be scored. You keep track of the time that you are being propelled by fossil fuels (or electrons), we will take care of the rest. You will log your total motoring time and submit that at the finish. In order to make things interesting and more competitive, motoring

will be prohibited during the start sequence and for a short stint at the end of the race. The Cruising Division will start a half hour earlier than the regular fleets.

There's some real strategy to sailboat racing when the options include both motoring and sailing. When do you run the motor? Motor in a dead calm, or do you augment a light breeze on the nose? Do you talk to your fleet members and decide that you'll all motor in the nightly lull? We think it would be a fun way to get to Menominee 'on time', or, in fact, a little early. Cruising division boats are permitted to dock and Cruising skippers and crew are permitted to leave their boats during the race.

Single Handed Division

Again this year, we are offering a challenging division for solo sailors in the Single Handed division. Solo sailors must have successfully completed a solo event or have detailed logs documenting a solo passage, either event lasting at least 24 hours. Your membership in LMSS or GLSS will automatically qualify you. The Lake Michigan Singlehanded Society (LMSS) will be the final arbiter concerning eligibility.

Learn more at www.racineyachtclub.org