

## **Frequently Asked Questions about the 2023 Super HOOK option**

### **What is the Super HOOK?**

The Super HOOK is two HOOK races in one: Yachts start at the regular HOOK start line outside of the Racine, Wisconsin harbor, sail up to and through the Porte des Morts passage between Washington Island and the tip of Door County, across Green Bay, and over to Menominee, Michigan for leg one--in other words, the course for regular HOOK race. For leg two, Super HOOK entrants start after rounding the finish buoy for the regular HOOK and then sail the reverse of the regular HOOK course, back through Death's Door heading east, and south back to Racine harbor.

### **How long is the Super HOOK compared to the regular HOOK?**

The Super HOOK is 379 NM, whereas the regular HOOK is 189 NM. The regular HOOK and the Super HOOK start slightly north of the Racine harbor mouth, whereas the Super HOOK finishes slightly south of the Racine harbor mouth.

### **Is there a time limit for the Super HOOK?**

Yes, the Super HOOK must be completed within 96 hours from the start of PHRF 1 yachts or be marked as DNF (roughly 9:50 on Wednesday July 19, 2023). Additionally, all Super HOOK yachts must have rounded the finish buoy for leg one of the regular HOOK Race within 54 hours of the start of PHRF 1. Super HOOK yachts not meeting the halfway cut off shall be disqualified from continuing the Super HOOK and marked as DNF.

### **Can any yacht sail the Super HOOK?**

Any yacht meeting the requirements of 3.1 of the NOR may participate.

NOR 3.1 states: Yachts shall be at least 30 feet in length on deck. Yachts under 30 feet must receive HOOK Chairman approval.

**Can Super HOOK yachts make a short “pit stop” after finishing leg one?**

Yes, after a Super HOOK yacht finishes leg one of the HOOK and acknowledges her finish of leg one to the Race Committee, the yacht may start its motor and motor over to the Menominee Marina or to a point on the Menominee River in order to drop off or pick up crew, reprovision, grab a meal or shower, etc. Super HOOK yachts may then motor over to within 50 yards of the finish buoy for leg one, turn off their motors, and commence sailing leg two.

***IMPORTANT: Time expired during the duration of the “pit stop” will NOT be deducted from elapsed time. In other words, the “race clock” continues to run during the entire time of the “pit stop” including from the time of turning on motors, time on shore or anchoring off, to the time of turning off motors and commencing to sail the second leg. There will be no penalty or redress for a yacht complying with “pit stop” rules.***

**Can a Super HOOK yacht make a “pit stop” other than at the Menominee Marina or along the Menominee River or make two pit stops?**

No, “pit stops” at locations other than the Menominee Marina vicinity are not permitted and only ONE pit stop is allowed.

**If a Super HOOK yacht decides to make a “pit stop” must the yacht touch shore or dock?**

No, a Super HOOK yacht may complete leg one, continue sailing over to a point where the yacht is free of the field finishing the regular HOOK, anchor out, and discharge or exchange crew or reprovision. ***IMPORTANT: Time expired during an “anchoring out pit stop” will NOT be deducted from elapsed time.***

**What happens if a Super HOOK yacht does not need to make a “pit stop” at the half way point?**

Nothing. The Super HOOK yacht simply rounds the finish mark for the regular HOOK and continues on for leg two. The obvious advantage is that Super HOOK yachts not making a “pit stop” don’t lose any time.

**Where is the start line for leg one of the Super HOOK?**

The start line for leg one will be the same start line as for the regular HOOK Race as per your PHRF section.

**Where is the start line for leg two of the Super HOOK?**

All Super HOOK yachts must finish leg one of the HOOK race. After that, the start line for leg two *will be after turning the HOOK finish buoy or anywhere within a 50-yard radius of the leg one finish buoy.* Super HOOK yachts approaching or starting leg two after making a “pit stop” *must turn off their motors within 50 yards of the start line* for leg two. They must also yield right of way or stay clear of any yacht finishing leg one of the regular HOOK.

**Where is the finish line for the Super HOOK?**

Between the South Pier head and the Pinch mark at Racine harbor.

**How is the finish time for the Super HOOK recorded? Will the Race committee monitor the finish line?**

Super HOOK yacht shall record and enter their own finish time (GPS) and submit on the electronic finish form (located on the RYC HOOK website) **no more than one hour after finishing.**

**Are Super HOOK yachts going to have their own division or start time?**

No, any yacht sailing the Super HOOK will have the same division and start time as the yacht would have been assigned if sailing the regular HOOK.

**Can a yacht sign up for leg two of the Super HOOK only?**

No, a yacht must first enter the HOOK, then select the Super HOOK option. Yachts may not sail the second leg of the Super HOOK only.

**Can a yacht win both a HOOK flag and a Super HOOK flag?**

Yes.

Note: These FAQs are not binding. Sailing Instructions may change and shall take precedence over this FAQ.