

2019 BELL'S BEER BAYVIEW MACKINAC RACE Saturday, July 20, 2019

The World's Longest Continuously Run Long Distance Freshwater Yacht Race

NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

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1. Organizing Authority and Key Dates

Bayview Yacht Club, an affiliated member of U.S. Sailing has, subject to RRS 89.1, appointed the Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race Authority to be the Organizing Authority ('OA') of the 2019 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race ('Race') in order to conduct the Race and related activities. The OA has the authority, subject to RRS 76.1, to reject the entry of any boat at any time before the start of the Race. The Race will start on July 20, 2019. The fleet will be divided into divisions and classes according to rating/ handicap and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Key dates for the Race are defined as follows:

EVENT	DATE	NOTES
BYC Member Account Payment Deadline	April 30, 2019	See § 7
One Design Class Application Deadline	May 1, 2019	See § 2
Entry Deadline	June 4, 2019	See § 7
Late Entry Deadline	June 14, 2019	See § 7
Registration at BYC	July 18, 2019	See § 8
Registration in Port Huron	July 19, 2019	See § 8
Race Start Date	July 20, 2019	
Awards on Mackinac Island	July 23, 2019	
Awards Dinner	TBD	

The 96th Bayview Mackinac Race begins on July 11, 2020.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The Race shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020 (RRS), which include the following (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions):
- a. The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (*US SAILING*).
 - b. This Notice and Conditions of Race (*Notice of Race*) and any amendments.
 - c. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments.
 - d. For monohulls, Bayview Mackinac Safety Equipment Requirements & Recommendations 2019–Monohulls (*SER*).
 - e. For multihulls, Bayview Mackinac Equipment Requirements & Recommendations 2019–Multihulls (*SER*).
 - f. RRS Part 2 will be replaced by Part B, the Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (*COLREGS*) between 2200 hours and 0600 hours.
 - g. Applicable U.S. and Canadian governmental rules and regulations.
 - h. Rules of the Offshore Racing Rule (*ORR*) shall apply for boats racing in Division I.
 - i. Rules of the Offshore Racing Rule for Offshore Cruising/Racing Yachts (*ORR-EZ*) shall apply for boats racing in Division II.
 - j. Rules of the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (*GLMRA*) in Division III.
 - k. Cruising Class entrants in Divisions I and II will also be subject to the Mackinac Cruising Class Race Rules.
 - l. **One-Design –To be considered for a One-Design class, a Class Representative shall notify the Race Committee in writing by May 1, 2019 of intent to organize a One-Design class for the Race.** The notification shall include a copy of the intended Class Rules for this Race and a list of class members reasonably expected to participate in the Race. A One-Design class may be established if approved by the Race Committee and the Race Committee has received at least eight (8) completed entries from boats intending to race in the class. If there is any difference between a class rule and a handicap rule of the respective Division, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions or any additional Sailing Instructions, the more restrictive rule shall apply. Boats racing in a one-design class shall be subject to any class-imposed crew weight and/or number.

3. Advertising

In accordance with RRS 80, advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of **World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code**. An application for entry shall contain brief details of any advertising that a boat intends to carry. The Race Committee shall be advised of any changes to that advertising. The Race Committee may reject any advertising not-compliant with ISAF Regulation 20. The Race Committee or the International Jury shall be the only parties that may initiate any protest regarding a possible breach of this Section 3. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

4. Invitation and Eligibility

- 4.1 Participation shall be by invitation from Bayview Yacht Club to a specific individual. The invitation is not transferable. An individual who wishes to enter a boat in the Race but did not receive an invitation shall submit a Race Information Request (RIR). Upon receipt of a properly completed RIR, the Race Committee shall determine if an invitation will be issued. A RIR may be completed online at www.bycmack.com under “Official Board” tab, Race Information Request.

A boat’s invitation to race shall be conditioned upon the Race Committee’s acceptance of the boat as an entrant in the Race after application as provided in this Notice of Race.

- 4.2 To be eligible, boats must be of a seaworthy offshore type with accommodations and equipment in accordance with the SER. **Note – monohulls and multihulls have a separate SER.**

- 4.3 Competitors will have the option to select from the following Divisions

a. Division I - Cove Island Course

- i. Boats with a valid 2019 ORR certificate that have a General Purpose Handicap Rating (GPH) (expressed in seconds per mile) of 644.9 or less (faster) **shall** sail in Division I. In addition, any boat that obtains a valid 2019 ORR certificate with a GPH of 644.9 -800.0 (expressed in seconds per mile) may elect to sail in Division I.
- ii. Boats in an approved One-Design class with a valid 2019 ORR certificate that have a GPH (expressed in seconds per mile) of 644.9 or less (faster) **shall** sail in Division I. In addition, any boats in an approved One-design class that obtains a valid 2019 ORR certificate with a GPH (expressed in seconds per mile) of 644.9-800.0 (expressed in seconds per mile) may elect to sail in Division I.
- iii. Upon application and in the sole discretion of the Race Committee, boats may be accepted into a Cove Island Course Cruising Class. Upon acceptance, boats will be required to sign the **Cruising Class Certificate of Compliance** agreeing to comply with the “**Cruising Class Race Rules**”. These documents may be found on the Official Bell’s Beer Bayview Mackinac Race website at www.bycmack.com. Power-driven winches and electromechanical steering devices are permitted in the Cruising Class. This changes RRS 52.
- iv. **Double-handed boats shall be sailed by two (2) experienced and capable crew, be a monohull, and have a valid 2019 ORR certificate with a GPH (expressed in seconds per mile) of 644.9 or less (faster).** In the event that three (3) or fewer boats register to race in the Cove Island Double-handed class, the Race Committee may, but will not be required to, combine those boats with the Shore Course Double-handed class. **Double-handed class boats shall be equipped with a functioning electromechanical steering device.** Power-driven winches are allowed. This changes RRS 52.

b. Division II – Shore Course

- i. Boats with a valid 2019 ORR-EZ certificate that have a General Purpose Handicap (GPH-expressed in seconds per mile) of 645.0 – 800.0 inclusive.
- ii. Boats in approved One-Design classes that have a valid 2019 ORR-EZ certificate that have a GPH (expressed in seconds per mile) of 645.0 – 800.0 inclusive.

- iii. Upon application and in the sole discretion of the Race Committee, boats may be accepted into a Shore Course Cruising Class. Upon acceptance, boats will be required to sign the **Cruising Class Certificate of Compliance** agreeing to comply with the **“Cruising Class Race Rules”**. These documents may be found on the Official Bell’s Beer Bayview Mackinac Race website at www.bycmack.com. Power-driven winches and electromechanical steering devices are permitted in Cruising Class. This changes RRS 52.
- iv. **Double-handed class boats shall be sailed by two (2) experienced and capable crew, be a monohull, and have a valid 2019 ORR-EZ certificate with a GPH (expressed in seconds per mile) of 645.0 – 800.0 inclusive.** In the event that a Division I Cove Island Double-handed class is not created in accordance with 4(a)(iv), the Race Committee may, but will not be required to, combine all Double-handed boats into one Shore Course Double-handed class. **Double-handed class boats shall be equipped with a functioning electromechanical steering device.** Power-driven winches are allowed. This changes RRS 52

c. Division III – Cove Island Course – Multihull

Boats with a valid 2019 GLMRA Certificate are eligible to compete in this division.

- 4.4 *The Race Committee may divide any division into multiple classes and may offer one or more one-design classes within a division as deemed appropriate by the Race Committee in its sole discretion.*

5. Ratings & Handicaps

- 5.1 Boats racing in Division I and Division II shall have a valid 2019 ORR rating certificate for Division I or a valid 2019 ORR-EZ rating certificate for Division II. **Certificates shall be in accordance with the current ORR or ORR-EZ database of US SAILING as of 1700 hours on June 14, 2019, unless the Race Committee has granted an exception.** In case of disagreement between the database value and the certificate of record, the Race Committee shall have sole discretion to resolve the discrepancy. The Race Committee may require boats racing in special classes (i.e. Double-Handed and Cruising) to obtain a specific type of ORR certificate or declare a specific spinnaker configuration. For all boats entered in One-Design Sections, the Race Committee may assign a single handicap for the One-Design Section or preclude any boat from racing in that section.

Applications for ORR rating certificates may be obtained from:

US SAILING Offshore Office
PO BOX 1260
Portsmouth, RI 02871
Phone: 401-683-0800
Fax (401) 683-0840
www.ussailing.org

- 5.2 Boats competing in Division III shall furnish a valid 2019 GLMRA rating certificate. GLMRA certificates shall be in accordance with the current GLMRA database as of 1700 hours on June 14, 2019, unless an exception has been granted by the Race Committee. In case of disagreement between the database value and the certificate of record, the Race Committee shall have sole discretion to resolve the discrepancy. Multihulls may request GLMRA applications from:

GLMRA
C/O LEMultihull
2131 N Camp Perry Rd
Clinton, OH 43452
www.lake-eriemultihull.com
E-mail: lemultihull@cros.net

- 5.3 Each competitor shall ensure that their boat configuration conforms in all respects to the applicable rating certificate submitted.
- 5.4 Submission of valid 2019 handicap certificates constitutes acknowledgement and agreement that the certificates will be available for examination by other skippers/persons-in-charge.
- 5.5 Competitors electing to change their division after the June 4, 2019 entry deadline may do so only with Race Committee approval and payment of a \$200 (US funds) administrative fee. Except for changes initiated by the Race Committee, no division or class changes will be permitted after class splits have been determined.
- 5.6 Changes to ratings/handicaps will be allowed prior to 1700 hours on June 14, 2019, by submitting a copy of a valid changed certificate. No original or revised handicap certificates will be accepted after this time. Exceptions to this may only be made by the Race Committee in its sole discretion and as a result of any rating appeal as described herein.
- 5.7 The International Jury will not entertain protests related to ratings/handicaps. ORR and GLMRA ratings are the sole responsibility of the issuing authority.

6. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 6.1 The number of crew for Double-handed class boats shall be two (2) experienced and capable sailors, otherwise the minimum number of crew for Divisions I and II shall be five (5) experienced and capable sailors. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.2 The minimum number of crew for multihulls in Division III shall be three (3) experienced and capable sailors.
- 6.3 **The sale of commercial items by a boat owner, Person-In- Charge, crew or guest in or near the racing area, including the Black River and Mackinac Island, a week prior to the Race and until 1200 hours Wednesday, July 24, 2019, is not allowed. Failure to comply with this rule will be grounds for rejection or cancellation of the boat's entry in accordance with RRS 76.1 or subject to protest by the Race Committee.**

7. Entry

- 7.1 Entrants are directed to the Official Bayview Mackinac Race website, www.bycmack.com, for electronic registration and downloading of all forms required to complete the entry and registration process. Online documents shall be completed in compliance with this NOR and any additional instructions on the documents. In addition, the website contains up-to-date information on the Race including any official changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing

Instructions, ratings and class splits.

7.2 The Person-In-Charge is responsible to assure the proper fee and all other required documents shall have been received by the Race Committee prior to the entry deadline of 1700 hours on June 4, 2019. **Late fees will be assessed for missing or incomplete documents submitted after this deadline.**

7.3 **Entry forms, entry fees or any required documents, including preliminary crew lists and insurance certificates, submitted (except as noted herein) after the entry deadline of 1700 hours on June 4, 2019, shall be accompanied by a \$300 (US funds) late fee in addition to the applicable entry fee. Entry Applications received after June 14, 2019, shall not be accepted without the prior approval of the Race Committee. Incomplete applications will be subject to rejection.**

7.4 **The Race Committee must receive the following items before 1700 hours on June 4, 2019:**

- a. **Completed Entry Form** - Submitted electronically.
- b. **Entry Fee** - Payment of \$18.00 per foot Length-Over-All (LOA) stated on the boat's measurement certificate (rounded down to the nearest whole foot). Payment can be made online by credit card or by check made payable to Bayview Yacht Club and mailing such payment to Bayview Yacht Club. Payment by credit card will be subject to an additional 3% surcharge assessed. Bayview members electing to pay their entry fees via their club charges have until April 30, 2019 to do so. After April 30, 2019, Bayview members who pay their entry fees via member account will have an additional 3% surcharge assessed automatically to their member account. **Entry fees are not refundable.**
- c. **Insurance – Each boat shall have a minimum of \$300,000 Boat Liability Insurance that is valid between the Wednesday before the start through Thursday following the start. Some insurance policies exclude the coverage for various activities like boat charters or participation in racing events; therefore, it is incumbent on the Person-In-Charge to verify that the boat's insurance policy is suitable for the race.**
- d. **Preliminary Crew List**, submitted electronically, of not less than 50% of the declared number of crew, but AT LEAST the minimum number of crew per Section 6.1 and 6.2. Each crew member profile shall be fully completed, including the online execution of the Crew Waiver by the crew member. The Person-In-Charge shall be included on the preliminary crew list. The on-line crew listing is on the Bayview Mackinac Race website at www.bycmack.com . In addition to the Person-In-Charge, the preliminary crew list should include the navigator and watch captains with sufficient information to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Race Committee that the Person-In-Charge and crew are sufficiently experienced to compete safely in offshore conditions. In the event any member of the crew is a minor, a Parental Waiver, Release of Liability, Indemnification and Consent Form shall be completed and e-mailed to mackchair2019@byc.com or mailed to Bayview Yacht Club after completion.
The Crew List must contain all required crew information, including names, functioning valid unique e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and emergency information for all crew who will be onboard during the Race. The Emergency Contact must be an individual who will be available on shore during the race. As a condition of participating, all crew shall agree to communicate by e-mail with the Race Committee as requested by the Race Committee. Each competitor agrees to the conditions in this Notice of Race and is able to meet them.
- e. **Crew Weight - A crew weight declaration listing the names of each crew person and their**

respective body weights, the total of which is not to exceed the Total Crew Weight reflected on their rating certificate. Emergency or last minute crew substitution body weights are subject to Total Crew Weight limitations as detailed above.

- f. **Rating Certificate** - Copy of the boat's valid 2019 ORR (for Division I), valid 2019 ORR-EZ (for Division II) or valid 2019 GLMRA (for Division III) handicap or rating certificate.
- g. **Race Tracking Application** – Electronic submission of a completed Race Tracking Application, including a credit card number for deposit purposes, to be completed online via the Race website.
- h. For those choosing to compete for the Main Sheet Trophy (Corinthian Class Winners), designation of their entire crew as ISAF Group 1 (Amateur) sailors.

8. Registration

- 8.1 The Person-In-Charge of each boat or a representative with the written authorization from the Person-In-Charge shall register the boat at one of the following locations and times:
 - Bayview Yacht Club: 1200-1900 hours on Wednesday, July 18, 2019.
 - Port Huron Race Headquarters - St. Clair Community College Community College, College Center: 0900-1600 hours on Friday, July 19, 2019.
- 8.2 The following shall be required prior to registration:
 - a. Electronic certification of compliance with the SER on the Official Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race website, www.bycmack.com.
 - b. For boats accepted to the Cruising Class, electronic certification of compliance with the Cruising Class Mackinac Rules.
 - c. Final Crew List submitted electronically online containing the information referred to in Section 7.4(d) of this Notice of Race for those that will actually be on board for the Race. Any change of crew after registration must be submitted to the Race Committee in writing prior to 0900 hours, or via VHF radio **before** the boat's scheduled starting time, on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

9. Inspection

- 9.1 **Each competing owner and Person-In-Charge** is responsible for assuring that the boat complies with the SER. However, as a courtesy *and without relieving the Person-In-Charge of responsibility*, the SER Compliance Committee will be available for consultation before the Race.
- 9.2 The Race Committee may also require any competitor to submit to an SER Compliance Committee safety consultation before the Race. Such consultations may be arranged through the Race Committee by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to mackchair2019@byc.com or by mail to, Bayview Yacht Club, Mackinac Race Chair, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.
- 9.3 The SER Compliance Committee will inspect randomly selected boats immediately after finishing the Race at Mackinac Island. Boats not in compliance with the SER or hindering the inspection process will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

10. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be distributed at registration and will be available on the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race web site, www.bycmack.com, by July 8, 2019.

11. Courses

- 11.1 Cove Island Course - Divisions I and III: From the starting line in lower Lake Huron then to the Cove Island buoy set off Cove Island, Ontario, Canada, then to the finish line at Mackinac Island, leaving the Cove Island buoy to port, the Duck Islands to starboard, Bois Blanc Island to port, and the Round Island Passage Light to starboard. The Cove Island buoy will be set at approximately latitude 45° 20.00' N, longitude 081° 51.00'W. The Cove Island buoy is a conical buoy with a yellow strobe light flashing once every four seconds. The Round Island Passage Light is described on NOAA Chart 14880 (Straits of Mackinac) as "ROUND ISLAND LT FI R 5s 71ft 11 St M HORN RACON (-..)". The description on NOAA Chart 14881 is the same except that it omits "ROUND ISLAND LT".
- 11.2 Shore Course - Division II: From the starting line in lower Lake Huron, then to the finish line at Mackinac Island, leaving Thunder Bay Island and Bois Blanc Island to port, and the Round Island Passage light to starboard. See Section 11.1 for the chart descriptions of the Round Island Passage Light.

12. Protests and Alternative Penalties

- 12.1 There will be an International Jury constituted in compliance with RRS Appendix N, and there may be a second Jury not so constituted. In accordance with RRS 70.5, there shall be no appeal from the decisions of the International Jury. The Chairperson of the International Jury in its discretion may assign protests, requests for redress and reports received under RRS 69.1 to either Jury.
- 12.2 The Two-Turns Penalty shall only apply for an incident that occurs within two hours of a boat's starting signal. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 12.3 Penalties that may be imposed by the Jury include disqualification, or in lieu of disqualification, the Jury may penalize a boat by **either** increasing her elapsed and corrected times **or** assigning a penalty score that the jury deems appropriate.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 Division I: The Race Committee intends to develop a custom course wind mix for the Cove Island course. As such, each boat's corrected times shall be calculated using the single number time-on-time rating factor for the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race as shown on the boat's ORR Certificate.
- 13.2 Division II: The Race Committee intends to develop a custom course wind mix for the Shore Course. As such, each boat's corrected time shall be calculated using the single number time-on-time rating factor for the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race as shown on the boat's ORR-EZ Certificate.
- 13.3 Division III: Time allowances shall be based on time-on-time scoring.
- 13.4 Doyle Sails Detroit Yacht Club Challenge: Teams will be scored based on corrected times in accordance with the applicable rules established by Doyle Sails Detroit published by the Race Committee at www.bycmack.com.
- 13.5 Pro-Team Challenge: Teams will be scored based on the corrected time per mile sailing (259 miles for Division I and III, and 204 miles for Division II).

14. Communications While Racing

- 14.1 RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP- RRS 41(c), is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any human being not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation. By way of example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted, but receiving messages or information which is the result of human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.
- 14.2 The Race Committee requires the use of position transponders for all boats. Transponders will be supplied by the Race Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Person-In-Charge to ensure that the transponder is installed according to supplied directions and must make every effort to ensure it is functional for the duration of the Race. The Person-In-Charge is also responsible for returning the transponder to the Race Committee in a timely fashion after the Race as directed in the Sailing Instructions. The Person-In-Charge will be required to provide a valid credit card number to the Race Committee to serve as a security deposit for any loss of or damage to the transponder and for any postage/shipping expenses incurred as a result of the failure of the Person-In- Charge to turn the transponder in timely fashion as directed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.3 No boat shall operate or control a remotely controlled aircraft ('drone') or other remotely controlled vehicle while racing.

15. Black River Rendezvous

- 15.1 Boats may rendezvous in the Black River before the Race. Boats are requested not to arrive in the Black River before Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Boats arriving on Friday, July 19, 2019, should plan to arrive as early as possible and before 1800 hours unless special arrangements have been made with the Race Committee. Contact the Port Huron Harbormaster at (810) 531-4497 for any special docking arrangements.
- 15.2 When entering the Black River, contact the Port Huron Harbormaster on Channel 9 to receive specific docking instructions.
- 15.3 The Race Committee and the Commodore request all Persons-In- Charge dress ship while in the Black River.

16. Docking at Mackinac Island

- 16.1 Dock assignments are determined in part by the timing of the complete satisfaction of requirements of Section 7 herein. Upon finishing, the Race Committee will direct competitors to dock in a Docking Zone. Docking Zones will be labeled A through J. Competitors will receive a card labeled "Mackinac Island Docking Chart" at registration identifying the location of the various Docking Zones. Dockage is provided until 1200 hours Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Those wishing to stay after 1200 hours on Wednesday must make such arrangements with the

Mackinac Island Harbormaster, (906) 847-3561, and pay applicable dockage fees. **Due to the limited amount of dockage available on Mackinac Island, the Person-In-Charge is required to follow the docking instructions given by the Harbormaster or the Race Committee.**

- 16.2 Boats shall race with sufficient and appropriately sized dock lines, spring lines and fenders appropriate for rafting with boats on both sides of her. Boats that fail to comply with this regulation may be required by the Race Committee to depart from all Race Committee controlled docking locations. In addition, upon leaving the harbor, the Person-In-Charge and/or crew shall act responsibly when untying any boat rafted off from it.
- 16.3 Failure to comply with this Section 16 or with instructions from the Harbormaster may result in the Race Committee filing a protest, or taking such other action as it deems appropriate, against the Person- In-Charge, boat and crew. In addition, such failure to comply may result in the boat not being invited to compete in future races.

17. Awards

- 17.1 Flags will be awarded on Tuesday afternoon, July 23, 2019, on Mackinac Island as follows:
- a. Class flags will be awarded to the first place finisher in classes having fewer than four boats, the first and second finishers in classes having between four and seven boats, and to the first, second and third place finishes in classes having eight or more boats, less, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - b. Division flags will be awarded to the first, second and third place boats in Divisions I, II and III, provided that there is more than one class in the Division.
 - c. First to Finish flags will be awarded in Divisions I, II and III.
 - d. The J.L. Hudson Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best corrected time in Division I.
 - e. The Canadian Club Classic Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best corrected time in Division II.
 - f. Flags will be awarded to the 1st place team in the Doyle Sails Detroit Yacht Club Challenge as established by Doyle Sails Detroit and published by the Race Committee at www.bycmack.com.
 - g. The Main Sheet Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best corrected time per mile sailing (259 miles for Division I and III, and 204 miles for Division III) with a crew composed of entirely of Group 1 amateur sailors per the ISAF Sailor Classification Code. ISAF Group 1 sailor designation is free and can be obtained through their website at www.sailing.org. *Please note that it can take up to three weeks to process applications.*
 - h. A first place flag will be awarded to the Pro-Team Challenge boat with the best corrected time per mile sailing (259 miles for Division I and III, and 204 for Division II).
- 17.2 A formal trophy presentation will be made at the invitational Mackinac Awards Dinner in the fall of 2019, at a day and time to be determined.

18. RISK AND LIABILITY

- 18.1 Sailing in an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Race organizers (organizing authority, its officers, members, race committee, international jury or other protest

committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the Race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event.

- 18.2 As used in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term "Person-in-Charge" means the person who is designated on the Entry Form as the Person-in-Charge. The Person-in-Charge may or may not be the boat owner.
- 18.3 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-Charge, who must assure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and sailed by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. The Person-in-Charge must be satisfied with the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The Person-in-Charge must assure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the acceptance of a Crew List, the establishment of equipment or safety requirements nor an inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Person-in-Charge.

19. Conduct

The Person-In-Charge shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during and after the Race. In the event of a serious misconduct, destruction of property or failure to comply with a request of the Race Committee or instructions from the harbormaster in the Black River or on Mackinac Island, the Race Committee may file a protest or take such other action as it deems appropriate against the Person-In -Charge, boat and crew.

20. Website and E-mail Communication

- 20.1 The Race Committee will post information on the Official Bayview Mackinac Race website at www.bycmack.com, and competitors will be deemed to have knowledge of such information from the time it is so posted. The posted information will include assigned ratings and may include amendments to the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions. Accordingly, competitors are encouraged strongly to check the website regularly. Notices to competitors also will be posted on the Official Notice Board as provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 20.2 As a condition of entry into the Race, competitors are required to provide a unique working e-mail address and cell phone number on the Entry Form. The Race Committee will use these e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers to communicate with the competitors, and the competitors agree to accept such communications. The Race Committee's communications with the competitors does not relieve the competitors of their responsibility to check the Official Notice board on the Official Bayview Mackinac Race website, www.bycmack.com, for posted information which may include but shall not be limited to assignment of ratings and amendments to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Failure of the Race Committee to communicate by e-mail or cell phone any information with the competitors, including but not limited to, assignment of ratings or amendment to this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

21. Photography, Video and Media Rights

As a condition to participating in the regatta, competitors grant the Bayview Yacht Club, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use basic competitor information, photographs and video footage taken of themselves and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the Bayview Yacht Club and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, from and against claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

22. Environment Control

The laws of Michigan and Ontario prohibit any through-hull fittings that may be used to pump toilets or holding tanks overboard. The Race Committee will not inspect for compliance, but governmental authorities may do so.