

# 2014 Commodores Invitational Offshore Race

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Hosted by Grand River Sailing Club and Muskegon Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules** The race will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. **Notice to Competitors** will be posted on the notice board at GRSC and MYC, on-line and by other means as necessary.
3. **Changes to Sailing Instructions and/or Notice of Race** will be posted on the notice board at GRSC and MYC, on-line and by other means as necessary.
4. **Signals made ashore** Competitors will be notified of changes by radio (channel 69) and by other means as necessary.
5. **Schedule of Events**
  - 1030 hours** Deadline for late entries at the GRSC clubhouse
  - 1155 hours** Spin Fleet Warning
  - 1200 hours** Jib & Main Fleet Warning
  - Prize presentation at MYC after the race
6. **Class Flags** Spinnaker Fleet, Red flag
  - Jib & Main Fleet, Blue flag
7. **Racing Area** The near-shore waters of Lake Michigan between Grand Haven and Muskegon.
8. **Marks** will be Orange inflatable.
9. **The Start** shall be between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying a Yellow flag and a nearby race mark. In the event that a race mark cannot be set, the Start will be made from the staff displaying a Yellow flag on the Committee Boat and an imaginary line running 100 yards due west (270 degrees) from the Committee Boat.

10. **The Finish** shall be between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying a Blue flag and a nearby race mark. In the event that the race mark cannot be set, the finish will be an imaginary line running 100 yards due west (270 degrees) of the south Muskegon pier. Racers will confirm their finish with the Race Committee, who will be ashore and monitoring **channel 69**.
11. **Time limit** for all boats will be 1700 hours. All boats are asked to record their own finish time and note the name of the boat ahead and astern.
12. **Auxiliary Power Usage** In the event of a light air race, boats in the Jib& Main or Novice divisions may use up to one hour of auxiliary power subject to a time penalty of two minutes for each minute of power used and a minimum penalty of 30 minutes. Boats using auxiliary power must notify the Race Committee at the finish of the race.
13. **Penalties** RRS appendix T will apply (one-turn penalty).
14. **Protests and Request for Redress** The Race Committee must be notified of any Protests or Request for Redress at the finish of the race.
15. **Safety** Boats that withdraw must notify the Race Committee on Channel 69.
16. **Radio Communication** The Race Committee will monitor Channel 69.
17. **Prizes** will be awarded at MYC after the race. Dockage will be available at MYC for the prize presentations.

# GRSC / MYC

## 2014 COMMODORES INVITATIONAL RACE

Saturday, August 23, 2014      Grand Haven, MI

### ENTRY FORM

Owner/Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Hull Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No \_\_\_\_\_

Rating\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Rating Division: (**Spinnaker**) or (**Jib & Main\***)

Race Applications along with a \$25 fee in cash or check made payable to GRSC may be submitted to GRSC c/o Jim Mulder, 1235 Colfax Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417, or to MYC c/o John Marks. After August 20, make contact by phone, e-mail or in person. (Jim: 616-402-6018, [jmul1235@gmail.com](mailto:jmul1235@gmail.com)) Late Applications will be accepted up to 1030 hours Saturday, at the GRSC clubhouse.

### 2014 COMMODORES INVITATIONAL RELEASE STATEMENT

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Commodores Invitational and being fully aware of the dangers that may befall mariners, the undersigned, for him/herself, his/her heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, hereby waives any and all claims which s/he and any of them, may have against the Grand River Sailing Club and Muskegon Yacht Club, their officers, members of the Board of Directors and members, employees and agents arising out of the participation of the undersigned in the Commodores Invitational and their related activities.

**I agree to abide by all rules governing this event.**

Proof of liability insurance, proper fee payment and a signed release statement are required **PRIOR TO RACING**. A valid 2014 PHRF certificate is required for scoring. If no current certificate has been issued, the committee may assign a temporary rating for this race. (See Notice of Race)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday, August 23, 2014, Grand Haven, MI

**Notice of Race**

Organizing authorities are GRSC and MYC

**Venue** is near shore of Lake Michigan from Grand Haven to Muskegon.  
Race distance will be scored at 11.5 miles.

**Rules** The race will be governed by the rules as stated in the current Racing Rules of Sailing RRS appendix T will apply [One Turn Rule].

**Entry and Fees** MYC competitors may enter before the event by providing race entry fee and application to MYC race committee prior to Saturday feeder race. (PHRF info and insurance info already on file with MYC may be used.) Contact John Marks for details. GRSC competitors may enter before the event by providing race entry fee and application to GRSC race committee. (PHRF info and insurance info already on file with GRSC may be used.) GRSC members contact Jim Mulder.

**Schedule** 0930 Open GRSC clubhouse. Late applications will be accepted until 1030  
1155 Spin Fleet Warning  
1200 Jib and Main Fleet Warning  
Prize presentation at MYC after the race

**Sailing Instructions will** be available at MYC and GRSC prior to race and on-line.

**Classes**

The Spinnaker Division is limited to boats with current LMPHRF ratings. The race committee may assign a temporary rating for this race. Sections within the Division will depend on the number of entrants. This Division competes for the Commodores Trophy awarded to first in Division. Awards will be given through third place in each section.

This Jib & Main Division is for yachts that may or may not have a current rating. Temporary ratings will be assigned by the committee and are not subject to protest. Sections in the Division will depend on the number of entrants. A novice section may be created. The number of awards given will depend on the number of entrants. This Division competes for the Vice Commodores Trophy awarded to first in Division.

**Starting Sequence**

**Spinnaker Division (Class Flag Red)** – Warning Signal/Red Flag up at 1155 hours. Preparatory Flag up at 1156. Preparatory Flag down at 1159. Red Flag down – START at 1200.

**Jib & Main Division (Class Flag Blue)** – Warning/Blue Flag up at 1200. Preparatory Flag up at 1201. Preparatory Flag down at 1204. Blue Flag down – START at 1205.

**Prizes** will be awarded at MYC at the finish of race.

**Disclaimer of Liability** Competitors participate in the race at their own risk. See Rule Four, 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 race.

**Further Information**

**Jim Mulder, 1235 Colfax Ave., Grand Haven MI 49417 jmul1235 @ gmail.com 616-402-6018**  
**John Marks at MYC john@marks-construction.com**