

2012 BELL'S BEER BAYVIEW MACKINAC RACE NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE



Bayview 2012 Mackinac



The World's Most Challenging Freshwater Yacht Race **Saturday, July 14, 2012**

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PLEASE NOTE: All deadlines will be strictly enforced

May 1, 2012: Deadline to apply for a reduced cost, single purpose Mackinac Race only 2012 DRYA PHRF certificate, available at www.drya.org. Note: you may apply for a regular DRYA PHRF certificate after May 1, 2012 pursuant to DRYA rules and regulations and at their regular cost.

June 1, 2012: Deadline for submitting without late fee Entry Form, Entry Fee Payment, Certificate of Insurance, Preliminary Crew List, 2012 DRYA PHRF Certificate and/or One Design/Level Class Certificate of Compliance. Exception: the 2012 DRYA PHRF Certificate may be submitted without late fee no later than June 28, 2012 so long as it is applied for by June 1, 2012.

June 15, 2012: Absolute deadline for submission of Entry Form.

June 28 2012: Deadline for submission of "in-process" DRYA PHRF Certificates (applied for by June 1, 2012) and for competitor initiated changes in ratings or handicaps.

1. Management

Bayview Yacht Club is the organizing authority of the 2012 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race (*Race*) and has appointed the Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race Committee (*Race Committee*) to conduct the Race and related activities. The Race Committee has the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the Race and, 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 14, 2012. The fleet will be divided into divisions and classes according to rating/handicap and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee.

2. Rules

The Race shall be governed by the "rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (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, the Mackinac Safety Regulations 2012 – Monohulls ("MSR"). The winner of the inaugural Mackinac Race in 1925, *Bernida*, is expected to apply to sail in the race. Due to the historic nature of its participation and constraints that may make it impossible to comply in all respects with the MSR, the Race Committee reserves the right to modify and/or supplement the MSR as it relates to *Bernida*, alone.
- e. For multihulls, the Mackinac Safety Regulations 2012 – Multihulls ("MSR").
- 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. Coast Guard rules and regulations.
- h. Rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (*PHRF*), as administered by the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association (*DRYA*), for boats racing in Division I, II III and IV. In addition, Division III will also be subject to the Cruising Division Race Rules. The Cruising Division Race Rules rating credits and penalties will take precedence over DRYA rating credits and penalties in Division III.
- i. Rules of the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (*GLMRA*) for multihulls racing in Division V.
- j. One-Design/Level Class – Boats racing in an approved one-design/level class shall be subject to their class rules. If there is any difference between a class rule and a handicap rule of the respective Division, the Notice and Conditions of Race, the Sailing Instructions or any additional Sailing Instructions, the more restrictive rule shall apply. Boats racing in a one-design/level class shall be subject to any class imposed crew weight and/or number. All one-design/level classes shall have their class rules on file with the Mackinac Race Committee. Additionally, each one-design/level class boat shall have a One-Design/Level Class Certificate of Compliance endorsed by the respective class authority and submitted at the time of entry. A minimum of seven boats is required for a one-design/level class to be approved.

3. Responsibilities of Person-In-Charge and Crew

- a. Sailing is 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, protest committee, host club, 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 to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- b. 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 and who is in charge of the boat, whether or not the owner.
- c. 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.

4. 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 harbor master 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.

5. Advertising

Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 (*ISAF Advertising Code*). An application for entry shall contain brief details of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. The Race Committee shall be advised of all changes to that advertising. The Race Committee may reject any advertising that it deems to be non-compliant with ISAF Regulation 20.

If supplied, a boat shall display the sponsor's bow decals and backstay flags in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Prior to leaving the dock immediately prior to starting, and after finishing, the boat shall display the event flag, if supplied. Bow decals, backstay flag and event flag may be supplied by the Race Committee. The advertising rules apply from 0700 hours on Saturday, July 14, 2012 until protest time ends.

The Race Committee or the International Jury shall be the only parties that may initiate any protest regarding a possible breach of this Section 5.

6. Eligibility

Participation in the Race is by invitation of Bayview Yacht Club. An invitation may be requested by sending a letter, fax or e-mail to: Bayview Mackinac Race, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215, Fax: (313) 822-8020, e-mail: mack_chair@byc.com, or by submitting a Race Information Request Form electronically, available at www.bycmack.com. 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 and Conditions of Race.

To be eligible, boats must be of a seaworthy offshore type, at least 27 feet LOA with accommodations and equipment in accordance with the MSR. Note – monohulls and multihulls have separate MSR.

Competitors will have the option to select from the following Divisions to race in:

a. Division I - Cove Island

PHRF boats that rate less (faster) than 225 seconds per mile with a valid 2012 DRYA PHRF certificate and boats in approved one-design/level classes are eligible to compete in this division. One-Design/Level Class competitors that do not submit a valid 2012 DRYA PHRF certificate shall not be eligible for any over-all awards.

b. Division II - Shore Course

PHRF boats that rate 225 seconds per mile or less (faster) with a valid 2012 DRYA PHRF certificate and boats in approved one-design/level classes are eligible to compete in this division. One-Design/Level Class competitors that do not submit a valid 2012 DRYA PHRF certificate shall not be eligible for any Division awards.

c. Division III – Shore Course Cruising

Upon application and in the sole discretion of the Race Committee boats may be accepted into the Cruising Division. Boats shall have a valid 2012 DRYA PHRF certificate and rate 225 seconds per mile or less (faster). Upon acceptance, boats will be required to sign the Cruising Division Certificate of Compliance agreeing to comply with the "Cruising Division Race Rules". These documents may be found on the Official Bayview Mackinac Race website at www.bycmack.com. The Race Committee will apply BYC Mackinac Race Cruising Division Race Rules credits and penalties (available at www.bycmack.com) to the competitors DRYA base rating. DRYA credits and penalties will not apply to the extent that they differ from the Cruising Division Rules credits and penalties.

Power-driven winches and electromechanical steering devices are permitted in Division III. This changes RRS 52.

d. Division IV – Double Handed

To be eligible for the double handed division boats must be a monohull, have a valid 2012 DRYA PHRF rating of 225 seconds per mile or less (faster) and sailed with two experienced and capable crew.

Boats shall be equipped with a functioning electro-mechanical steering device. Power driven winches are allowed. This changes RRS 52.

e. **Division V – Multihull Cove Island**

Boats with a valid Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) Certificate are eligible to compete in this division.

Multihulls may request GLMRA applications from: GLMRA, C/O LE Multihull, 2131 N Camp Perry Rd, Clinton OH 43452. www.lake-eriemultihull.com E-mail: lemultihull@coastalwave.net.

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

Competitors in Divisions I, II, III and IV may obtain a 2012 single purpose, Mackinac Race only DRYA PHRF rating certificate at a reduced cost of thirty-five dollars (\$35) by submitting an application **on or before May 1, 2012** to DRYA, 23915 Jefferson, Suite 1, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. The application can be found on-line at www.drya.org. After May 1, 2012, competitors may obtain a standard 2012 DRYA rating certificate pursuant to DRYA rules, regulations and cost.

Competitors may appeal their 2012 single purpose, Mackinac Race DRYA PHRF rating to an independent Mackinac Race PHRF Rating Appeal Committee by following the procedures identified on the Race website, www.bycmack.com. The only grounds for appeal will be that the DRYA made an error in calculations or relied upon inaccurate or incomplete information.

7. Ratings & Handicaps

All PHRF boats must furnish with the Entry Form a copy of the boat's valid 2012 DRYA PHRF handicap certificate. Competitors will be deemed to have knowledge of the assigned rating when its rating is so posted. Accordingly, competitors are encouraged strongly to check the website regularly.

Each competitor's boat, rig and sail inventory carried in the race must conform in all respects to the DRYA PHRF certificate and/or One-Design/Level Class Certificate of Compliance submitted. Requests for approval of a deviation from the configuration reflected by the rating or handicap certificate or the Person-In-Charge's declaration must be submitted no later than June 28, 2012. The Race Committee has the sole discretion to grant or deny any such request.

If a rating application is in progress on June 1, 2012, the Entry Form may be submitted without the rating or handicap certificate, provided that (i) "IN PROCESS" box is checked box on the Entry Form and (ii) the applicant contacts Bayview Yacht Club Race Management Office, (313) 822-9771, as soon as possible for instructions.

Competitors electing to change their division after the June 1, 2012

entry deadline may do so only with Race Committee approval and payment of a \$200 (US funds) administrative fee. Except for changes made by the Race Committee, no division or class changes will be permitted after class splits have been determined.

No changes in ratings or handicaps initiated by competitors, and no original or revised rating or handicap certificates, will be accepted after 1700 hours on Thursday, June 28, 2012, unless approved by the Race Committee in its sole discretion.

Competitors that do not submit valid 2012 DRYA PHRF or GLRMA certificates by 1700 hours on June 28, 2012 shall not be permitted to race, and those will only be accepted if applied for on or before June 1, 2012, except in the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

Ratings will be posted on the Official Bayview Mackinac Race website, www.bycmack.com, as assigned. Competitors will be deemed to have knowledge of the assigned rating when it is so posted. Accordingly, competitors are encouraged strongly to check the website regularly. The Race Committee may correct obvious rating or handicap errors at any time.

PHRF handicaps assigned by the DRYA are final subject to pre-race appeal by to the independent Mackinac Race PHRF Rating Appeal Committee by following the procedures identified on the Race website, www.bycmack.com, and the Jury will not entertain protests related to such handicaps. Multihull ratings are the sole responsibility of the issuing authority.

8. Entry

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. 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.

The Race Committee must receive the following items before 1800 hours on Friday, June 1, 2012:

- a. Completed Entry Form, submitted electronically.
- b. Entry fee payment of \$13.00 per foot Length Over All (LOA) - rounded down to the nearest whole foot as stated on the boat's measurement certificate. Payment can be made on-line by credit card or by check made payable to Bayview Yacht Club. Bayview members will have the option to have their entry fee charged to their member account. Entry fees are not refundable. **Owners who are first-time competitors in the Bayview Mackinac Race are entitled to a \$50 discount from the applicable fee.**
- c. Submission of a Certificate of Insurance that verifies the Person-In-Charge has a minimum of \$300,000 Boat Liability Insurance in force on the boat entered in the race for the period of the race.
- d. Electronic submission of a preliminary Crew List, which shall be completed online on the Official Bayview Mackinac Race website, www.bycmack.com, including the names, addresses

and email addresses of at least the minimum number of crew per Section 10(a) and (b), the Person-In-Charge, navigator and watch captains and enough information to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Race Committee that Person-In-Charge and crew are sufficiently experienced to compete safely in offshore conditions.

- e. A copy of the boat's 2012 DRYA PHRF or GLMRA valid handicap or rating certificate.
- f. If a one-design/level class boat, submit One-Design/Level Class Certificate of Compliance by the respective class authority.
- g. Race Tracking Application – Electronic submission of a completed Race Tracking Application, including a credit card number for deposit purposes, to be completed on-line via the Bayview Mackinac Race website.

Applications submitted, entry fees paid or documents submitted (except as noted herein) after the entry deadline of 1800 hours on June 1st will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and subject to a late payment fee of \$300 (US) in addition to the applicable entry fee. **No applications will be accepted after June 15, 2012 except at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.**

Incomplete applications will be subject to rejection.

9. Registration

The Person-In-Charge of each boat or a representative with the Person-In-Charge's written authorization shall register the boat at one of the following locations and times:

- a. Bayview Yacht Club: 1400-2000 hours on Tuesday, July 10 and Wednesday, July 11, 2012.
- b. Port Huron Race Headquarters: 0900-1600 hours on Friday, July 13, 2012.

The Person-In-Charge or their representative is encouraged to register their boat at Bayview Yacht Club at the times noted. Your cooperation with this request is appreciated.

The following shall be required prior to registration:

- a. Electronic certification of compliance with the MSR on the Official Bayview Mackinac Race website, www.bycmack.com.
- b. For boats accepted to the Cruising Division, electronic certification of compliance with the Cruising Division Mackinac Rules.
- c. Final Crew List submitted electronically online containing the accurate name, home address, email address and an emergency phone number for each crew that will actually be on board for the race. Any change of crew after registration to must be submitted to the Race Committee in writing prior to 0900 hours or via VHF the morning of Saturday, July 14, 2012.

10. Special Requirements and Restrictions

- a. The minimum number of crew for Divisions I, II and III shall be five experienced and capable sailors. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- b. The minimum number of crew for multihulls in Division V shall be three experienced and capable sailors.
- c. The number of crew for Division IV – Double Handed shall be two experienced and capable sailors.
- d. 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 18, 2012, 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 or International Jury.
- e. Division I boats shall have their current approved Life Raft Inspection Certificate(s) on board the boat during the race and may be subject to inspection by the Inspection Committee.

11. Inspection

Each competing owner and Person-In-Charge is responsible for assuring that the boat meets the MSR. However, as a courtesy *and without relieving the owner or Person-In-Charge of responsibility*, the Inspection Committee will be available for consultation before the Race. Such consultations may be arranged through the Race Committee by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to mack_chair@byc.com or by mail to, Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race Committee, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.

The Inspection Committee will inspect randomly selected boats immediately after finishing the Race at Mackinac Island. Boats not in compliance with the MSR or hindering the inspection process will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

12. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be distributed at registration and will be available on the Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race web site, www.bycmack.com.

13. Courses

- a. **Cove Island Course - Divisions I and V:** 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 Duck Islands to starboard and Bois Blanc Island to port. The Cove Island buoy will be set at approximately latitude 45° 20.00' N, longitude 081° 51.00' W.

- b. **Shore Course - Divisions II, III and IV:** 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.

14. Scoring

- a. **Division I, II, III and IV:** Time allowances for these divisions will be based upon the boats PHRF rating using time-on-time coefficients as recommended by the US Sailing formula.
- b. **Division V - Multihull Cove Island:** Time allowances shall be based on time-on-time scoring.
- c. **One-Design/Level:** Elapsed time will be used for those one-design/level classes that elect to race level.
- d. **Doyle Sails Yacht Club Challenge:** Teams will be scored based on corrected times in accordance with the applicable rules published by the Race Committee at www.bycmack.com.

Boats racing in a one-design/level class will be eligible for Overall and/or Division scoring only if they have submitted a valid 2012 DRYA PHRF rating certificate.

15. Protests and Alternative Penalties

- a. 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 Chairman of the International Jury in his discretion may assign protests, requests for redress and reports received under RRS 69.1 to either Jury.
- b. Two-Turns Penalty shall only apply within two (2) hours of a boat's starting signal. This changes RRS 44.1.
- c. Penalties imposed by the Jury include disqualification, but instead of disqualification, the Jury may penalize a boat by (a) increasing her elapsed and corrected times by an amount that the Jury deems appropriate or (b) assigning a penalty score equal to the place worse than her finishing position by the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats entered in its respective class. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore two boats may receive the same score.

This changes RRS 44.3.

16. Communications While Racing

- a. RRS 41(c) - Outside Help 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.

Allowable services must provide the same information to all

competitors and not provide boat-specific weather or routing information. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

- b. The Race Committee is requiring 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 as directed in the Sailing Instructions after the race. 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 Person-In Charge's failure to turn the transponder in timely as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

17. Black River Rendezvous

Boats may rendezvous in the Black River before the Race. Boats are requested not to arrive in the Black River before Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Boats arriving on Friday, July 13, 2012, 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 Dockmaster at 810-531-4497 for any special docking arrangements.

The Port Huron Harbormaster will give specific docking instructions to each boat as the boat enters the Black River.

The Race Committee and the Commodore request all Person-In-Charges to dress ship while in the Black River.

18. Docking at Mackinac Island

A limited number of slips in the Mackinac Island Harbor will be available from 1200 hours on Sunday, July 15, 2012, for early finishers. The inner harbor basins will be available from 1200 hours Monday, July 16, until 1200 hours Wednesday, July 18, 2012. 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. In addition, upon leaving the harbor, the Person-In-Charge and/or crew shall act responsibly when untying any boat rafted off from it.

Failure to comply with the above or instructions from the Harbormaster the Race Committee may file a protest or take such other action as it deems appropriate against the Person-In-Charge, boat and crew.

19. Awards

Flags will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in each class. Overall awards will be presented for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in Divisions I, only. Division awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in Divisions II and III, provided that there is more than one class in the Division. A flag will be awarded to the 1st place team in the Doyle Sails Yacht Club Challenge. Flags will be awarded on Tuesday afternoon, July 17, 2012, on Mackinac Island.

A more formal trophy presentation will be made at the invitational Mackinac Awards Dinner at Bayview Yacht Club on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

20. 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.

21. Website and E-mail

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(s) as provided in the Sailing Instructions.

Competitors are required to supply a working e-mail address and cell phone on the Entry Form as a condition to entry in the Race. The Race Committee will attempt (but not be obligated) to notify each competitor of amendments to the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions by e-mail to the address so supplied.

22. Photography

For and in consideration of participation in the Race, each of the boat's Person-In-Charge's, owner(s)/charterer(s) and crew extend to Bayview Yacht Club, its officers, directors, agents and committees the right to reproduce and use for any purpose, in their sole discretion, any photographs, drawings, and other pictorial representations of the boat and any persons racing on that boat.



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Important Dates to Remember

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| Bell's Beer Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race..... | July 14, 2012 |
| Deadline for applying for DRYA single purpose, Mackinac Race PHRF certificate..... | May 1, 2012 |
| Entry Deadline..... | June 1, 2012 |
| Rating/Handicap Deadline..... | June 28, 2012 |
| Registration at BYC..... | July 10-11, 2012 |
| Registration at Port Huron..... | July 13, 2012 |
| Awards Party at Mackinac Island..... | July 17, 2012 |
| Awards Party at Bayview Yacht Club..... | September 22, 2012 |