



Grosse Pointe Sail Club

2026 Peche Island-Detroit River Classic

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

Notice of Race

1. MANAGEMENT RULES: The Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC) is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the Peche Island-Detroit River Classic. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS), including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing). Where a conflict exists between the NOR and any Sailing Instructions, the GPSC Sailing Instructions will govern. This changes rule 63.7. The races will be managed by the GPSC Race Committee, which has the authority to establish racing conditions and interpret the racing rules. Questions shall be directed to Com. Mary Fraser, Race Chair at racechair@gpsc.org.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY: The 2026 Peche Island-Detroit River Classic is open to all seaworthy monohull sailing yachts. Yachts registered for the GPSC Sundown Series are eligible for complimentary (free) registration to the 2026 Peche Island-Detroit River Classic and those who expressed interest in the race during Sundown Series registration will automatically be entered.

3. FEES: Registration is free for all 2026 Sundown Series competitors. The fee is \$10.00 for all other competitors.

4. MEASUREMENT: All sailing yachts shall have a valid 2026 MWPHRF rating certificate, available at mwphrf.org.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before August 1, 2026 at gpsc.org.

6. Registration: Registration and race management will be hosted on the GPSC GybeHub page, linked at gpsc.org. The completed registration must be received by the GPSC Race Committee prior to racing.

7. Classes and Starts: Class splits and start times will be posted and available for downloading on the GPSC website at least one week prior to the race. Early registration aids the GPSC in determining fair and reasonable class splits. A minimum of five boats is required to constitute a class. Consult the updated Sailing Instructions for any class changes one week prior to the first race. The Sailing Instructions contain a revision date for ease in tracking changes.

8. Courses: Course and class assignments are set forth in the Sailing Instructions. An illustrative chart of the Sundown course with relevant approximate GPSC and navigation buoy locations is available for download at gpsc.org.

9. Awards: Awards are presented at the annual GPSC Awards Party on Friday, November 6, 2026, for boats placing 1, 2 and 3 in each class. Skippers earning an award will receive an invitation. Further details will be available at gpsc.org.

10. Special Signal for Freighter Traffic: The “F” flag signal (red diamond on a white background) with an audible alert will be displayed whenever a freighter or restricted vessel is in the vicinity of the starting line or course. While the “F” signal is displayed, boats preparing to start shall vacate the shipping channel. *Please note Sailing Instructions regarding GPSC responsibility to the US Coast Guard and enforcement of flag “F”. A GPSC patrol boat will be on station to ensure adherence of these rules. Race entrants who interfere with commercial river traffic may be asked to immediately discontinue racing based on the severity of the infraction. The Sailing Instructions will have more details.*

11. Waiver of Liability: 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.

Com. Mary Fraser
GPSC Race Chair

Com. Denise Cotter
GPSC Principal Race Officer