



Grosse Pointe Sail Club

2026 Peche Island-Detroit River Classic

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The fully amended Sailing Instructions begin on the next page.

Amendment #2

The Sailing Instructions are amended as follows:

The course chart in the appendix of this document, as well as the separate file available online in the event's GybeHub page, have been corrected to properly reflect the course marks in section 5.2. This chart is not for navigation; for course visualization only.



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1.0 SECTION 1 INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUIRED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD

- 1.1 All competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area at any time.
- 1.2 When code flag “F” is displayed by the race committee, on shore or boat, the shipping channel downstream of the channel mark “G1” shall become a restricted area. Sec 1.3 then applies.
- 1.3 Any boat inside the restricted area when code flag “F” is displayed shall exit the restricted area while staying in conformance with the requirements of Sec 1.1. Boats shall not enter the restricted area except to expeditiously cross the channel while staying in conformance with the requirements of Sec 1.1.
- 1.4 Any boat not complying with Secs 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 may be subject to protest by the race committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.
- 1.5. Infraction of Secs. 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 is not subject to protest by another boat (this changes RRS 60.1)

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 Races will be governed by rules as defined in the current “Racing Rules of Sailing” (RRS) or as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 2.2 When in conflict, the “Sailing Instructions” (SI) shall prevail over the Notice of Race (this changes RRS 63.7)
- 2.3 All boats participating in the race must have a valid 2024, 2025 or 2026 Midwest PHRF racing certificate which can be obtained at mwphrf.org. In events where there are differences in rating between years, the most recent rating certificate will prevail.

3.0 SIGNALS

- 3.1 Signals made ashore by the Race Committee will be displayed at the race committee end of the starting line located at the east corner of the Windmill Pointe Marina, Grosse Pointe Park.

3.2 Shipping Channel Off Limits	"F" Flag (Red Diamond on White Field) SI Section 1 is in effect while flag is up.	SIREN (Both hoist and drop.) 
Recall Signal	"X" Flag (Blue Cross on White Field): Individual recall.	1 Sound 
Postponement	"AP" Pennant (3 Red, 2 White Vertical Bars on Triangle Pennant) Races not started are postponed. Warning will be made 1 minute after removal of "AP".	3 Sounds 
Abandonment	"N" Flag (Blue and White Checkerboard Pattern) All races abandoned, return to the starting area. Warning signal will be made one minute after removal of "N". "N over A" Flags (A - Vertical Blue and White Swallowtail) All races abandoned, no more racing today.	3 Sounds  

4.0 FORMAT OF RACING

4.1. The first warning signal will be at 1855 hours. Changes will be made in the form of amendment. Updates will be posted at: gpsc.org.

4.2	SEQUENCE	Class
	START 1	PHRF A (≤ 72)
	START 2	PHRF B (73-108)
	START 3	CRUISING
	START 4	PHRF C (109-140)
	START 5	JAM
	START 6	PHRF D (≥ 159)
	START 7	CRESCENT
	START 8	CAL 25

4.3 Updated class splits shall be posted at gpsc.org racing section and with the race committee dockside. NUMERAL PENNANTS corresponding to the start number will be used as Class Flags.

5.0 RACING AREA

5.1 Appendix A: Chart shows the general location, approximate range and bearing with the approximate Latitude and Longitude of each mark of the course.

5.2 Courses:

MARKS TO PORT – DOWNSTREAM START, DOWNSTREAM FINISH

MARK	NAME	APPROXIMATE LOCATION
Start	Windmill Pointe Park	42°21.558'N 082°55.542'W
1	Belle Isle Upper Junction Buoy	42°21.036'N 082°56.726'W
2	DPB	42°20.739'N 082°56.828'W
3	DP3	42°20.626'N 082°55.985'W
4	DP5	42°20.461'N 082°55.249'W
5	DP7	42°20.860'N 082°54.425'W
6	R2 (GPSC A)	42°21.905'N 082°53.871'W
Finish	Windmill Pointe Park	42°21.558'N 082°55.542'W

MARKS TO STARBOARD - UPSTREAM START, UPSTREAM FINISH

MARK	NAME	APPROXIMATE LOCATION
Start	Windmill Pointe Park	42°21.558'N 082°55.542'W
1	R2 (GPSC A)	42°21.905'N 082°53.871'W
2	DP7	42°20.860'N 082°54.425'W
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6.0 THE START

6.1 One minute prior to Start 1: **Warning**, No flag raised. A few short horn sounds.

5 minutes to Start	Warning	Class flag <u>raised</u>	1 sound
4 minutes to Start	Preparatory	"P" flag <u>raised</u>	1 sound
1 minute to Start	1 Minute	"P" flag <u>lowered</u>	1 long sound
Class Start	Start	Starting class flag lowered & next remaining class flag raised	1 sound

The first warning signal: **1855 hours**.

- 6.2 The warning signal for the first class will be at 1855 hours. Each race will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be raised as the class flag for the current start is lowered.
- 6.3 Start times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence or error of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 6.4 The starting line will be between the flagpole displaying the RC flag near the south east corner of the Grosse Pointe Park marina seawall and a floating orange inflatable or ridged buoy near the channel.

7.0 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finish line will be between the flagpole on the south east corner of the Grosse Pointe Park marina seawall and an inflatable or rigid orange buoy near the channel. In darkness, all finishing boats must light their sail numbers for the final minute as they approach the finish line.

8.0 TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 The time limit for each class to complete their course, as required by rule 28.1, is two (2) hours.
- 8.2 Boats failing to finish within one (1) hour after the first boat in their class finishes, as required by rule 28.1, shall be scored 'Did Not Finish'(DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

9.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 9.1 Protest forms are available at www.gpsc.org or the U.S. Sailing website.
- 9.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the dockside Race Committee or (preferably) emailed to racechair@gpsc.org within the appropriate time limit.
- 9.3 For each class the time limit for delivery of the written protest (to either collection location) is two (2) hours after finishing (reference RRS 61.3).
- 9.4 The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on www.gpsc.org. The intention is to post within 48 hours of the completion of each race.

10.0 SCORING

- 10.1 Handicaps shall be calculated using the **Time-on-Time** method.
- 10.2 Low point scoring determined by current RRS.
- 10.3 Boats will be scored based on corrected time. Points awarded on corrected finish place. Boats not racing will be scored a total number of boats registered (number of boats participating in at least one race of the series) plus one (1).

10.4 Ties resolved by current RRS A8.

10.5 There will be no retroactive scoring of unregistered boats.

11.0 RETIRING FROM THE RACE

11.1 Boats retiring from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible (the race committee can be reached on Channel 68). Alternatively, please email the Race Chair (racechair@gpsc.org). Boats failing to notify the RC may be penalized by not permitting the race to be thrown out at the discretion of the RC.

12.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 The RC communicates with the mark set and patrol boats on **Channel 68**. The start sequence countdown may be broadcast on this channel. GPSC Sundown Series SI 6.4 still applies in all cases.

13.0 CHANGES, ERRORS, OMISSIONS

13.1 Monitor www.gpsc.org Sundown Series race page in the race section of the website for changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI). Changes to class splits may occur up to one day prior to the first race **but not thereafter**. Report errors, omissions, or direct questions to: racechair@gpsc.org

14.0 AWARDS

14.1 First, Second and Third place flags will be awarded in each class with at least five (5) registered boats. First and Second place flags will be awarded in each class with four (4) registered boats. Awards will be presented at the GPSC's Annual Awards Party on Friday, November 6 to the top three finishers in each class for each series..

15.0 WAIVER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Sailing is an activity with inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

RACECOURSE SHOWN ON FOLLOWING PAGE

