

2015 Trans Superior
International Yacht Race

Aug 1st



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24th Biennial Trans Superior International Yacht Race 2015

A Duluth Yacht Club Event
Saturday, August 1st

--NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE--

1. ADMINISTRATION

The Trans Superior International Yacht Race is administered solely by the Duluth Yacht Club Trans Superior International Yacht Race Committee (DYCTC) for the Duluth Yacht Club. The race is part of the Lake Superior Yachting Association Offshore Series.

2. RULES & REGULATIONS

This regatta will be governed by:

- This Notice of Race and any amendments.
- The Sailing Instructions and any amendments.
- The 2013-2016 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by the 2015 Trans Superior International Yacht Race Sailing Instructions.
- The prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association.
- LMPHRF Rules and Regulations
- Trans Superior Safety Requirements And Recommendations (SRR)

3. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON-IN-CHARGE

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the exclusive and inescapable responsibility of the “Person-in-Charge”, who must assure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by experienced crew who are physically fit. The skipper of a yacht must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. He/she must assure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the establishment of equipment regulations nor any inspecting of a yacht in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a yacht’s Person-in-Charge. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Person-in-Charge and crew of a yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue a race. See RRS Part 1; 4 - Decision to Race.

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, the Race Committee may file a protest or take such other action as it deems appropriate against the Person-In-Charge, yacht and crew.

5. ADVERTISING

In accordance with RRS 80, advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20. An entry shall contain brief details of advertising that a yacht 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.

If supplied, a yacht shall display the sponsor’s bow decals and backstay flags in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

The Race Committee shall be the only party that may initiate any protest regarding a possible breach of this section. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

6. ENTRY

Entries must be made using the official entry form on [Yacht Scoring](#) and be accompanied by the entry fee. The Deadline for completed and paid entry without a late fee is July 1st, 2015. Entries will be accepted until July 22nd, 2015 with an additional \$100 late fee. After July 22nd, refunds for dropouts (minus YB Tracking fee) will be given only if notification is received at least 72 hours prior to the start of the race.

Only yachts which have submitted all of the following will be accepted as official entries:

1. A completed official entry through [Yacht Scoring](#)
2. Skipper and crew waiver form (available to download from Yacht Scoring)
3. Race entry fee of \$375.00 (includes race tracking device)
4. A Current LMPHRF certificate for the yacht entered.

5. A Current Life Raft Certification, or signed Anti-Exposure Suit Certification, as applicable.
6. Copies of documentation for proof of insurance

Send all documents electronically to transsuperioryachtrace@gmail.com or by mail to Duluth Yacht Club, P.O. Box 18, Duluth, MN 55801.

7. REGISTRATION

All entries will be taken through Yacht Scoring. Forms such as the skipper and crew waiver forms will be available for to download from Yacht Scoring. Additional information for entry will be available on the Trans Superior web-site www.transsuperior.com. Single Handed entries should also check the GLSS web-site for additional information and requirements.

8. DIVISIONS

There will be five PHRF race divisions:

- Crewed Mono-hulls
- Single Handed
- Double Handed
- Cruising Class (roller furling headsails, cruising spinnakers, grills and a laid-back spirit)
- Crewed Multi-hulls

Classes within the divisions will be determined by the race committee after entries are closed.

9. THE COURSE

The Trans Superior International Yacht Race starts in the vicinity of Gros Cap Light in Whitefish Bay, near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and finishes near the entrance to the Duluth Ship Canal in Duluth, Minnesota. Yachts are required to leave Copper Harbor, Michigan to port. Yachts may pass through or around the Apostle Islands. The official race distance is 338 Nautical Miles.

10. STARTING LINE

East end of White Fish Bay At Gros Caps Light. The exact starting line will be announced at the skippers' meeting on Friday, July 31 2015 at 1700 hrs (EDT). All yachts must monitor VHF Channel 68 for race start communications.

11. STARTING TIME

1300 hrs EDT, Saturday, August 1st, 2015

12. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Please refer to the Trans Superior Safety Requirements and Recommendations (SRR)

13. OTHER REGULATIONS

Yachts must have suitable auxiliary propulsion power and adequate fuel on board for running at least 75 nautical miles under power. Except for emergencies, engines may not be used for propulsion between the Preparatory Signal and the Finish. Whenever the engine is used for propulsion in an emergency, a full report must be made to the Race Committee at the time of finish or sooner. Entries in the cruising or short-handed divisions may engage auto pilots, all others may not.

Prearranged radio transmission or phone calls used for routing purposes by individual competitors are forbidden. All yachts must monitor the distress frequency (Channel 16) upon sighting any distress signal either day or night.

Yachts must carry and display navigational lights in compliance with International Regulations and Sidelights must be located so no sail will interfere with their visibility. Yachts must have sail numbers in accordance with prescription.

A race tracking system will be providing fleet tracking on a real time basis during the event. A web site will be set up which will allow interested spectators to monitor the progress of yachts across the course.

The Person in Charge, or a qualified representative designated by the Person in Charge of each entrant, must attend the skippers' meeting. The skippers' meeting will take place at 1700 hrs. EDT, Friday, July 31st, in the vicinity of the George Kemp Marina, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

14. CREW

For the divisions other than the single or double handed division, the minimum crew shall be three persons in addition to the skipper (total of 4 crew). Navigator and watch captains shall be amateurs. A complete and accurate list of the names, addresses, age and phone numbers of the crew aboard must be filed with the Race Committee no later than the skippers' meeting.

15. INSPECTIONS

Yachts may be subject to inspection before and after the race, and the Race Committee shall penalize or protest any yacht not in compliance with the Regulations. Penalties and protests will be handled by the Duluth Yacht Club Protest Committee. Each finishing vessel will be subjected to a limited spot inspection. A 20% penalty may be assessed if required safety items cannot be produced.

Under no circumstances shall the safety regulations be construed as a certification of the seaworthiness of any yacht, nor can the DYCTC or its designated inspectors guarantee or be held liable for the safety of a yacht, its equipment, or its crew.

16. STARTING

1. Signals as prescribed in the International Rules of Sailing shall be used.
2. Order and sequence of starts will be reviewed at the skippers meeting.

1. Recalls

- Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1
- General recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2

17. RETIREMENT

A yacht that retires from the race is asked to notify the Trans Superior Race Headquarters in Duluth as soon as possible. Race tracking equipment must be returned to Race Headquarters in Duluth within 48 hours of retirement.

18. FINISH LINE

The finish line extends from the North Pier of the Duluth Ship Canal in a northerly direction to approximately 100 yards from shore. A large, cylindrical, orange inflatable buoy in approximately 30' of water will mark the northern most point. Detailed information about the finish line will be provided at the skipper's meeting. Finishing yachts must break the finish line from an easterly to westerly direction. You may want to have your engine running, in neutral, several minutes prior to the finish line.

Contact the Finish Line, on VHF channel 68, when within 30 minutes from finishing. The finish line will be manned continually until Wednesday at 1600 hrs, if necessary. (If finishing after this time, please take your own yacht's GPS time.)

After finishing, it may take several minutes to clear and lift the bridge. Finishing yachts will need to hail the Aerial Lift Bridge on VHF Channel 16 to gain access to the Harbor. The horn signal for the Aerial Lift Bridge is: long-short-long-short. The bridge operator will lift on the hour and half hour during the summer after being signaled. Unless you have called and cleared with the bridge operator, do not attempt to sail under the bridge. Be advised that the current running through the Duluth Ship Canal maybe up to 2-3 knots in either direction, and may change abruptly. Be further advised that commercial traffic takes precedence in this tight maneuvering area.

19. AFTER FINISHING

All yachts should attempt to clear customs in Sault Ste. Marie, MI prior to the start of the race if necessary. If you need to clear Customs and Immigration at the finish you will need to make arrangements with customs in Duluth in advance by calling 218-720-5203. Once finished, please have your crew remain on the yacht until clearance has been given. Additional information will be available on the web-site.

20. TROPHIES

TRANS SUPERIOR

There is a traveling trophy for 1st place in each division and for 1st monohull to cross the finish line. Flag trophies will be awarded to the yachts scoring 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class. The Bagley Trophy will be awarded to the first overall Duluth Area crewed, Duluth Area owned, DYC member yacht.

TRI-LAKES CHALLENGE

The Barthel Trophy will be presented to the 1st place overall in the Tri-Lakes Challenge. This trophy is presented by the Great Lakes Yacht Racing Union and is awarded to the yacht with the best record for the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, the Bayview Mackinac Race, and Trans Superior Races.

21. IMPORTANT NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The Trans Superior Race Committee, its members or any other committee shall not be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property—whether caused by or resulting from their act, omission or alleged negligence, or from weather or sea conditions, hazards of any kind, defects or failure of yachts to be seaworthy in hull, rigging or gear, or any acts, omissions or alleged negligence of other participants which may occur during or arising out of or in connection with any part of the Trans Superior Race or any activity sponsored or aided in whole or in part by the DYCTC. Notice is hereby given to all participants (including crew, spectators, officials, and others) that they participate in any activity solely at their own risk. Skippers of participating yachts are required to notify all crew members of this limitation of liability as a Condition of Entry.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 1, Saturday

- Early morning fleet lock-through will be arranged at the Soo Locks. There may be multiple lock-through times for fast and slow on both the Canadian and American sides.

July 22, Wednesday

- Deadline for completed registration and payment. Entry MUST include:
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July 31, Friday

- Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at 1700 (EDT) Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in the vicinity of George Kemp Marina with social to follow. Exact location of the skippers meeting will be posted on the Trans Superior web-site.

August 2, Sunday

- Race Headquarters in Duluth opens at 1000 (CDT) hrs at a location to be determined. Race Headquarters will remain open until Wednesday, August 5th at 1600 (CDT) hrs. The phone number for race headquarters will be posted on the website www.TransSuperior.com one week before the race. .

August 6, Thursday

- Trans Superior Race Awards Party, 5pm CDT. Cocktails and dinner at a location to be determined in Duluth.

For the most up-to-date information visit the web-site www.transsuperior.com.