

Racine Yacht Club Presents

# THE HOOK



DEATH'S DOOR CHALLENGE

## 2023

### Notice of Race

The 40th *Consecutive Running* of the

**HOOK Race**

**July 15, 2023**

Racine to Menominee, MI

Featuring a Spinnaker Fleet for all MWPHRF (formerly LMPHRF) rated Yachts, including those that are sailed Double and Single Handed, One Design, and our motorized Cruising Fleet.

Again in 2023 the **Super HOOK** race option will be available!

# Notice and Conditions of Race

## 1.0 Organizing Authority

The Racine Yacht Club HOOK Committee (RYCHC) shall represent the Racine Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority of the Hook Race.

By registering for the Racine Yacht Club HOOK Race you acknowledge that you may receive solicitations for our HOOK Race sponsors.

## 2.0 Rules

2.1 The HOOK Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 The Racing Rules will be modified as follows:

- (a) If there is a conflict between this notice and the Sailing Instructions, the latter will take precedence. This changes Rule 63.7

## 3.0 Eligibility, Equipment and Entry

3.1 Yachts shall be at least 24 feet in length on deck to compete in the HOOK Race. Yachts wishing to compete in the Super HOOK shall be at least 30 feet in length on deck. Yachts under the minimum length must receive HOOK Chair approval prior to registering.

3.2 Yachts can register for the Spinnaker Fleet, One Design (5 or more boats required), or the Cruising Fleet.

3.3 The Race Committee shall have full authority to determine the suitability of any yacht for entry in any fleet, and may divide any fleet into divisions at its discretion.

3.4 The Organizing Authority may exclude a specific yacht from the HOOK Race by invoking Rule 76 of the Racing Rules of Sailing (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) if it determines that the yacht would incur a safety risk by participating.

3.5 Entry Documentation shall include the following:

- (a) A completed entry form including the Waiver and Release of Liability signed by the Skipper, or Person In Charge (PIC), who is 18 years or older.
- (b) Entry is not complete until the Organizing Authority receives the Waiver of Release of Liability signed by each skipper and crew member. Skipper and crew waivers shall be submitted no later than at check in. Skippers and crew members must register in Yachtscoring and acknowledge Waiver of Release of Liability online. In the event of a crew member substitution or addition after completed registration, the crew member must submit a Waiver of Release of Liability prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.
- (c) Each yacht sailing shall provide a valid 2023 MWPHRF Certificate, signed by the Skipper before their registration is valid prior to the entry deadline of June 17, 2023.
- (d) Each yacht shall provide a current certificate of insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 liability coverage.
- (e) The appropriate entry fee:
  - \$ 310 if entry paid by March 31, 2023
  - \$ 435 if entry paid on or after April 1, 2023

**Registration will be limited to 115 entries.**

**NO entries will be accepted after June 17, 2023**

**Registration and payment shall be made online at: <https://yachtscoring.com>**

**Super HOOK option:**

Additional entry fee of \$150 to be paid at time of registration.

(f) Cancellation Refund Policy

No Refunds will be made after June 1, 2023

Refund requests made prior to June 1, 2023, will be half the entry fee.

In the event Racine Yacht Club cancels the Hook Race, a full refund of the 2023 entry fee will be issued.

**4.0 Schedule of Events at Racine Yacht Club**

Friday July 14, 2023

1500 to 2000 - Check-in

1700 - Live Music and Rum Party at RYC

1800 - Skippers Meeting

Saturday July 15, 2023

0700 to 0830 - Late check-in

0700 to 1000 - Breakfast - take out

**5.0 Schedule of Events at Menominee, MI**

Monday July 17, 2023

1600 - Rum Party and Live Music

1700 - Awards (Presentation hour subject to finishing times.)

**6.0 Race**

***Saturday, July 15, 2023 Cruising Fleet First Warning at 0830 hours  
Spinnaker Fleet First Warning at 0855 hours***

**7.0 Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions shall be distributed at check-in.

**8.0 Course**

**8.1** Racine to Menominee, MI via the Porte Des Morts Passage as described in the Sailing Instructions.

**8.2 Super HOOK option for 2023**

(a) Subject to all requirements of the HOOK race and 2023 Hook entry.

(b) Leg one shall be the same as the HOOK with leg two being the reverse of the HOOK course as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

(c) Each yacht shall be responsible for taking their own finish time.

(d) After finishing leg one of HOOK, Super HOOK entries may choose to continue around the finish mark and continue onto leg two of the Super HOOK or make a pit stop in Menominee:

(1) Competitors choosing to perform a pit stop may utilize their engine to drop off/pickup crew, reprovision, shower, etc.

(2) Motors shall be turned off within approximately 50 yards of starting the Super HOOK leg.

(3) Shall give way to yachts finishing leg one of the HOOK at the finish/turn mark area.

(4) No time adjustment shall be awarded for making pit stops (i.e. time used for pit stop will count towards elapsed time).

**9.0 Scoring**

**9.1** Each yacht shall be scored using the MWPHRF Distance Handicap Time on Distance, expressed in nautical miles. The handicap distance for scoring purposes shall be 189 nautical miles. Note:

Multihulls and cruisers may compete in their own division but will not be scored for an overall award and subject to conditions as specified in the cruising fleet division

**9.2** Yachts completing the Super HOOK will also be scored for a combined leg one and leg two with a Total course length of 379 nm.

## **10.0 Awards**

**10.1** Flags will be presented in Menominee MI at the conclusion of the HOOK race.

**10.2** Flags for the Super HOOK will be mailed to competitors at a later date.

## **11.0 Safety Equipment and Special Regulations**

**11.1** All Yachts shall abide by the HOOK Race Safety Conditions and Regulations which will be posted on the RYC HOOK web site.

**11.2** All yachts must carry on board a SPOT Tracker, InReach or Garmin that must be on to be tracked. Tracking information must be provided to the organizing authority at or before check-in. Yachts must keep tracker active for the entirety of the race. More information to be found at <http://wp.kattack.com/supported-trackers> - SPOT2

## **12.0 Disclaimer of Liability**

All participants (Skippers, Crew Members, Associated Persons) participate in the HOOK Race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

## **13.0 Additional information**

Docking and accommodation information in Racine and Marinette/Menominee will be included with each contestant's entry acknowledgement letter. For additional information, please contact:

- Racine Yacht Club Hook Race [hookregistration@racineyachtclub.org](mailto:hookregistration@racineyachtclub.org)
- Web site: [www.racineyachtclub.org](http://www.racineyachtclub.org)
- The HOOK Race Safety Conditions and Regulations are available at our website.
- Ed Palladino and Fred Stritt, HOOK Committee Co-Chairmen, [hookchair@racineyachtclub.org](mailto:hookchair@racineyachtclub.org)
- Kris Gancarz HOOK Registration, [hookregistration@racineyachtclub.org](mailto:hookregistration@racineyachtclub.org)
- HOOK Race Officials:
  - Racine Yacht Club Commodore: Amy Cermak
  - HOOK Race Committee Co Chairmen: Ed Palladino & Fred Stritt
  - HOOK Registrar, Kris Gancarz
  - Racine Yacht Club Race Director: Steve Gancarz

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## Overall

2022	Sagamore	Nelson Marek 68	Laura & Tone Martin/Bob Zeman
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2020	Madcap	Santa Cruz 52	John and Marion Hoskins
2019	Runaway	J-92	Mark Wessel
2018	Audacity	Beneteau First 40	Mike Laing
2017	Hasten	C&C 41	Fred Stritt
2016	Heat Wave	Dehler DB1	Jeremy Burns
2015	Twister	Du Bois 50	Herbert Wake
2014	Windlassie	Irwin 33-2 Sloop	Jim Strouf
2013	Big Meanie	Beneteau 42s7	James Prendergast
2012	Thunder	Peterson 34	Stuart Keys
2011	Sojourner	Tartan 372	David Pollock
2010	Rogue	Nelson Marek 36	Peter Engel
2009	Flash Gordon	Tripp 33	Mitch Hubert
2008	Assassin	Soverel 33	Susan Just
2007	Sirocco	C&C 33	Doug Vaccarello
2006	Blue Tango	Nelson Marek 39	Rick Trisco
2005	Syrena	B-32	Nicholas and Angela Hayes
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2003	Lionheart	Tartan 4100	Steve Roake
2002	Sabotage	J35	Ray Sabinash
2001	Uber Alles	Rancher 41	Gerhardt Knop
2000	Surface Tension	Nelson Marek 36	Brethorst /Schaefer
1999	Zippy	J92	Spencer Thomason
1998	Kinky II	PJ 34	James Murphy
1997	Zephyr	Pearson 31	John Chelius
1996	Siren Song	Peterson 41	Tom and Lisa Merlin
1995	Siren Song	Peterson 41	Tom and Lisa Merlin
1994	Siren Song	Peterson 41	Tom and Lisa Merlin
1993	Rainbow	Ranger 26	Duke and Mary Rahmel
1992	Falcon	Q-Boat	David Pappas
1991	Arbitrage	X 1-Ton	Ron McNeilly
1990	Falcon	Q-Boat	David Pappas
1989	Slot Machine	Heritage 1-Ton	Dr. C.W. Christenson
1988	Rainbow	Ranger 26	Duke and Mary Rahmel
1987	TARDIS	Cal 43	TARDIS Syndicate
1986	Latest Trick	Olson 911s	Dave Morrow
1985	Blue Chip	Peterson 34	Gary Neale
1984	Vamoose	Custom Columbia 33	Les Grebetz