



S2 7.9 Class Championship Regatta

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

September 18 – 22, 2024

Event Documents:

<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16539>



Local Airport

GRR Grand Rapids, Michigan is served by most major airlines and is a 50 minute drive to MBYC.

Where to Stay

There are many independent hotels and chains in the Holland Area that can be found using an internet search, including several in Downtown Holland on or near 8th Street.

Holland is a great resort area; rentals (such as Airbnb and VRBO) are available in both Holland and the neighboring town of Saugatuck/Douglas which is a 15 minute drive South from MBYC. It is also possible to rent a house on the North side of Lake Macatawa, but expect a 30 minute drive in the morning as the Macatawa Bay is relatively long to drive around.

Boat Supplies

Eldean Shipyard right next to MBYC has a ships store with a reasonable selection of gear and rigging.

There is also a West Marine retail store approximately 15 minutes from MBYC.

Sail Measuring

Sail Measurement will take place at the Maatman Community Center located at 699 Harrington Ave, about 1 mile from MBYC.

Competitor Meals

- Breakfast will be a self-serve continental breakfast available from 8am to 9am at the MBYC Main Clubhouse.
- Post Racing Socials will be held on the MBYC Patio Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
Saturday the S2 7.9 Class Banquet will be held in the MBYC Main Dining Room after Racing.
Information about purchasing optional box lunches for on the water will be available at Registration.
- Water will be available on shore so please bring a re-usable water bottle.

Club Facilities

MBYC is a friendly and accommodating club with a great staff and lots of helpful volunteers. There is usually parking available on club grounds, and overflow parking may be on the grass along the dry-sail area.

Awards Ceremony

Awards will be presented as soon as possible after racing/protest time closes. Please plan to attend the awards ceremony to show your support to all and the event.

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MBYC Dress Code

Shoes and shirts are required at all times on club grounds, sailing attire during the event can be worn anywhere on the grounds except for the MBYC Main Dining room and Commodore's room. Please change into appropriate club clothing if you are dining at the club or will be on the grounds for other reasons after racing. There are changing rooms and showers in the MBJA clubhouse with room to stay out of the afternoon sun after racing.

What's the Lake like?

If you have not been on the Great Lakes this is what to expect: In September the lake is still reasonably warm so you will have surface water temperatures up to 60-65 degrees or a little less if season has a cold snap. If the wind blows from the East for a day, expect water temperatures to plummet to 55 degrees, this happens several times each year so don't be surprised. There is no tide but there can be a little current on the lake from any direction.

The waves are generally small in the 0-3' range in September and wind driven, when there are waves they will be close together and therefore steep. It is very unusual to have waves over 5' in in September, that would be a very strong N wind, and racing may be moved to inside Lake Macatawa if it's unsafe on Lake Michigan.

Air temperature averages 60-70 degrees most days with reasonably confident data forecasted 12 hours prior in temps and wind direction.

Real time data for conditions are available here: https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=45029

Where is the Race Course?

The yacht club is located just inside the harbor entrance which is protected by a concrete pier system. The water generally flows from the bay to the lake, it is a river, but certain weather systems will reverse the flow and lake water will slowly push into the bay. If there are large commercial ships in the channel or approaching the channel we will request all boats to hold outside or inside until the ship clears the channel.

What else to do in the Area

Michigan beaches are truly exceptional, the water is great for swimming and walking for miles is possible in the Holland area.

Check out Saugatuck Dunes State park <https://www.michigan.org/property/saugatuck-dunes-state-park> or

Laketown Beach 6710 142nd Ave, Holland, MI 49423 is 3 miles from MBYC and offers a spectacular dune to walk over to reach the beach.

The resort town of Saugatuck is located just 8 miles South of MBYC and has a wide range of galleries, restaurants, shops, and is a great place to get an ice cream and walk the docks.

Downtown Holland has many restaurants and shops with ample parking plus is easy walking distance from the several downtown hotels.

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