



2024 VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta

Saturday August 17th, 2024

Title Sponsor: Yacht Basin Marina
Organizing Authority: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Notice of Race

This event is to raise awareness and support for Hospice of Holland. Please visit [Vanderleek Cup.com](http://VanderleekCup.com) for more information and the full schedule of events.

[NP] The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) benefiting the Hospice of Holland.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail.
- 1.4 The Official Notice Board will be the Event Site on Yacht Scoring.
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16648>

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta is open to all One Design, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Jib and Main (JAM) and "Comfort Cruiser" classes. A minimum of 3 boats will need to be registered prior to the deadline to establish a One Design class. A minimum of 5 boats must be entered prior to the entry deadline to establish an individual class start. The race committee will establish class section breaks for PHRF boats that are registered.
- 2.2 **[NP]** All PHRF boats must have a valid 2024 certificate. Boats without a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a temporary rating by the Race Committee based upon applicable LMSRF PHRF data. Accurate boat information must be submitted including any rig and hull modifications. Temporary rating decisions by the Race Committee shall be final and shall not be a cause to protest the Race Committee. Remember, this is a benefit regatta with a fun atmosphere!
- 2.3 **[NP]** Classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker (JAM), "Comfort Cruisers" and One Design classes will be established by the Race Committee. "Comfort Cruisers" may not use spinnakers, gennakers.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter online at Yacht Scoring: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16648>
- 2.5 Entry deadline is August 12th, 2024. Late entry registration is available until August 17th, 2024.



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3. 2024 VANDERLEEK CUP HOSPICE REGATTA ENTRY FEES

Sailing Regatta Entry Fees		
Class	Entry Fees Paid on or before August 12 th	Entry Fees Paid after August 12 th
PHRF Boats	\$60	\$90
Comfort Cruisers	\$50	\$80
S2 7.9	\$60	\$90
VX One	\$60	\$90

4. SCHEDULE

Sailing Regatta		
9:00 am	Complimentary Sailor's Breakfast	Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC)
10:00 am	Skippers' Meeting	MBYC
11:30 am	First Race Warning	Lake Michigan
2:30 pm (approx.)	Ice Cream Social	MBYC following races
4:00 pm	Sailing Awards	MBYC

4.1 After consultation with class representatives, the Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

5. ADVERTISING

5.1 Competitor advertising is not restricted.

5.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.



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6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Yacht Scoring website no later than August 13th.
- 6.2 Modifications to the Sailing Instructions shall be communicated at the Skippers meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board on the Yacht Scoring website.

7. COURSES AND RACING AREA

- 7.1 One Design, PHRF Spinnaker and JAM Classes will sail a windward/leeward course.
- 7.2 "Comfort Cruisers" Class will sail a triangular course.
- 7.3 The sailing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 1 - 2 nm from the Holland Pier.
- 7.4 Multiple racecourses may be established by the Race Committee to suit individual class requirements.

8. PENALTIES

- 8.1 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 8.2 RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply for all boats.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 All classes will be scored Time-on-Distance. Except for One Design Classes.
- 9.2 The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 9.3 There will be no throw outs.
- 9.4 One race completed constitutes a series.

10. EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 Each boat shall be equipped and sail in compliance with US Coast Guard regulations and the State of Michigan.
- 10.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio for communication with the Race Committee.

11. BERTHING

- 11.1 For our out-of-town competitors, there will be a limited number of slips and/or rafting spaces available at MBYC.
- 11.2 Dry sail space will be available to all trailer launch boats for the duration of the event.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION -

- 12.1 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine frequencies.
- 12.2 On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 12.3 [DP] No communications, data, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat is permitted after the race boat departs the dock until after the race boat retires for the day or after finishing the last race of the day.



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12.4 [DP] All support boats must remain out of the way of Race Committee boats and boats with a Jury or Press flag at all rounding marks, and the start and finish lines, except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the request of the boat or at the request of the Race Committee.

13. PRIZES

13.1 There will be awards given for 1st through 3rd place in each class or section.

13.2 PHRF (PLUS) PLEDGE HANDICAP RATED FINISH. Will not affect the result of individual class winners. (Handicapping will be adjusted after the finish of the race, so as to not interfere with the results of the race). PHRF PLUS is not a class, it's an award. Enter the regatta in any class you wish to participate in. Any skipper or crew who wishes to participate in raising funds for Hospice of Holland will automatically be a contestant for this trophy.

13.3 How this works: Boats become eligible for this special award by participating in raising additional funds for Hospice of Holland. Participating boats will enjoy a special handicap adjustment to their assigned rating in accord with the amount of additional pledges they receive. For every \$100 in pledge money there will be a 1.5 second per mile additional handicap allowance added to the boat's existing rating (handicapping is adjusted after the finish of the race to determine the winner of this award). (The adjusted handicap is good ONLY for this award. It applies to no other contest held during this regatta). Two trophies will be awarded; one to the Comfort Cruisers class and one to the PHRF Classes.

13.4 This is a very special opportunity to support this most worthy cause and generate a healthy spirit of competition. It is a great way to involve your non-sailing friends and family in the success and excitement of the regatta. While not a pre-requisite for participation in the 2021 VanderLeek Cup Hospice Regatta we are hopeful that all entrants will support this effort.

14. **SOCIAL** - All Social activities will be announced prior to the event and will be compliant with the determinations of the State of Michigan and the laws of physics. Visit VanderleekCup.com For more information.

Auction, Dinner & Band		
12:00pm – 8:00pm	Raffles and Silent Auction	Yacht Basin Marina Boat Barn
4:00pm	Doors Open	Yacht Basin Marina
5:00pm-7:00pm	Dinner	Yacht Basin Marina
5:00pm-11:30pm	Peppinos Pizza Available For Purchase	Yacht Basin Marina
8:00pm – 12:00am	Dancing to band “ The 1985 ”	Yacht Basin Marina Boat Barn



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15. MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER - By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organizing Authority and other sponsors.

16. DISCLAIMER

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

- 16.1 My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 16.2 I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor any volunteers will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness, or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.
- 16.3 I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury, sickness, or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or onshore and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 16.4 I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any other information please contact:

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