



2026 Commodore's Cup

September 12, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Club Spot Registration Link:

<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/E7WkgmgYj0/class>

[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). 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. The South Haven Commodores Cup held September 13, 2025, and the Organizing Authority is South Haven Yacht Club.
- 1.2. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the racing rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3. Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) rules and the class rules of those classes sailing.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or RRS 31." Appendix V will apply.
- 1.5. Any additions or changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the dining room of the SHYC) and Club spot link listed above
- 1.6. The USA prescriptions that apply are stated in English.
- 1.7. Each Boat must have a VHF marine radio on board with channels 16 and 69.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. No restrictions.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. In the Spin Division both the Owner/Skipper must be a member of the South Haven Yacht Club and be crew on the boat. The Jam division is open to any Jam that raced in the 2026 summer series season.
- 3.2. The regatta is open to PHRF boats with a valid current MWPHRF rating certificate.
- 3.3. One Design boats in One design classes failing to meet the minimum number of entries, may race in One Design may race in an assigned PHRF section so long as they present a valid current MWPHRF rating certificate at registration.

- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing entry form and the release/waiver by going on [Yacht Scoring Link listed Above](#)
- 3.5 Entry Fees for are USD \$90.00 for South Haven Yacht Club Members and USD \$150.00 for Non-yacht club members. Late fees are subject to an additional USD \$50.00fee.
- 3.6 Deadline: Entry forms must be received no later than Friday September 11, 2026 by 1800 EDT. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Check in will be Saturday, September 12 from 09:00 to 09:30 EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
- 4.2. Skippers Meeting is Saturday, at 09:30 EDT at SHYC Dining Room.
- 4.3. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 10:55 EDT.
- 4.4. It is the intent of the Race Committee to conduct 3 complete races per division. Number of races: The number of races is subject to weather conditions. No initial warning signal for the starting sequence will be made after 15:30 EDT on Saturday.
- 4.5. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1. Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall produce a valid current MWPHRF Rating Certificate at check in.
- 5.2. There is no provision for assignment of ratings to boats without certificate.

6. SECTION BREAKS

- 6.1 MWPHRF section breaks will be available at registration. Handicaps will be scored using the “**TIME on TIME**” adjustments.
- 6.2 Sections and starting order: SPIN to start first and JAM to start second for all races.
- 6.3 Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at the Club Spot link listed above and will be available at the skipper’s meeting.

8. THE COURSES AND RACING AREA

- 8.1. The course areas will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting areas offshore from South Haven Pier Head. Multiple racecourses may be established by the Organizing Authority to suit individual fleet requirements.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be windward leeward for spinnaker classes and triangular for jib-and-main classes as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1. The Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This changes RRS 66.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. Each boat’s score shall be the sum of all her races.

11.2 There shall be no throw outs. This amends RRS A2.1. PHRF fleet shall race using corrected **time on time**.

11.3 One race constitutes a series.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other mobile data devices.

12.2 Radiocommunication is required as specified in SI, as permitted.

12.3 Race Committee radio communication will be on channel 69.

13. AWARDS

13.1 Commodore Awards will be presented for a First Place JAM and a First Place Spinnaker.

13.2 Winners shall also have their boat name engraved on the Commodore's Award per fleet. The Spinnaker division award will be a Cup and the JAM division awards will be a Trophy.

13.3 First, Second and Third place will receive a flag.

14. MEDIA AND MEDIA RIGHTS/RESTRICTIONS

14.1. By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members of the competing yacht grant, at no cost to SHYC, event sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the yachts in any media (being television, print and internet media, including video footage); for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the regatta, boats, event, or sport.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3.

15.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property or the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Organizing Authority, Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

15.4 **A signed waiver must be approved on the club spot site when registering for the race.**

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16.2 Insurance certificate must be emailed or shown at check in prior to the Skippers meeting.

17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

17.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be available on the Official Notice Board located in the Dining Room of SHYC and also on club spot Link is listed above.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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