

Top of the Lake Race

September 5th, 2026

Neenah to High Cliff

The [NNYC Sailing Instructions](#) remain in effect for this event, with the following modifications:

2 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The Neenah Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Channel 72 and competitors are asked to monitor that channel during the race. The race committee will pick up the start and turning marks after all boats have rounded.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted to the NNYC Event Page prior to 20:00 on September 4th, 2026
- 3.2 Later changes will be announced on VHF prior to the first warning.
- 3.3 Early abandonment or postponement will be posted to the website prior to 06:00 on the day of the race. The Race Committee may also attempt to contact skippers by email/text provided in your registration.
- 3.4 Race Committee may make announcements on VHF starting at 08:30 on the day of the race.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One race is scheduled. There are no throwouts.
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 9:00 AM

6 CLASSES

- 6.1 There will be 2 Divisions: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker
- 6.2 There will be 2 additional scoring divisions within the Fall Series: Women's Skipper and Shorthanded (1-2 crew). Boats may optionally join either, both, or none of these
- 6.3 Class identification flags are not required

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area is the North Half of Lake Winnebago, except areas as defined in *10. Obstructions*.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course to be sailed is a random leg course depicted approximately in Appendix A.
- 8.2 Boats shall pass the starting line in the direction of the next mark
- 8.3 Course Description: Proceed from the Start to the East Turning mark, then proceed to Finish off High Cliff. Total course length is approximately 7.6 nautical miles.

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- 8.3.1 RC Boat will be on Starboard end of the Start & Finish line
- 8.3.2 East Turn Mark - Leave to Port (round counter-clockwise direction)
- 8.4 Mark Locations are to be as follows (See Appendix):
 - 8.4.1 Starting Line: Approximately one mile due East of Neenah lighthouse
 - 8.4.2 East Turn Mark: Along the Eastern Shore, approximately 1.5 miles north of Calumet County Park, inline with a lighted communications tower on shore.
 - 8.4.3 Finish Mark: Approximately ½ mile West of the entrance to High Cliff harbor
 - 8.4.4 The marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons
- 8.5 In the event of light wind the RC may elect to shorten the course to omit the East Turn mark. The course will be direct to the High Cliff finish.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The race start is comfortably South of the Lighthouse Reef, but in certain wind conditions it may enter the sailing area. The reef is marked by white buoys, keep 300 ft clearance. See Appendix.

11 START

- 11.1 The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26 (5 minute warning, 4 min prep, etc. See Appendix)

9:00 Warning Signal for First Start

9:05 Starting Signal for All Classes

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish will be set approximately ½ mile West of the entrance to High Cliff harbor.
- 13.2 The Finish Line is between the Blue flag staff on the committee boat and a buoy.
- 13.3 It is recommended that Skippers install the Race Qs app and keep a log of their track for backup purposes.
- 13.4 If the RC Boat must abandon station to support a boat, competitors shall pass the finish mark close to port and record their finish time. If conditions allow, competitors shall make a brief announcement of their finish on Channel 72

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for this race is 14:00
- 15.2 Competitors who do not finish by the time limit shall be scored TLE.
- 15.3 Competitors who retire from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical on Channel 72 or call (920) 840-0753

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 Competitors who wish to file a protest or request for redress should make note of their intention when reporting their finishing time.
- 16.2 The NNYC Protest Committee will determine arrangements to hear protests in a timely manner.

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- 16.3 This is a friendly, informal distance race. While a post-race debrief of the rules is always encouraged, formal protests are not.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Race will be scored using NNRF Time-on-Distance

17.2 The Race will be scored as Week 1 of the Fall Series

23 AWARDS

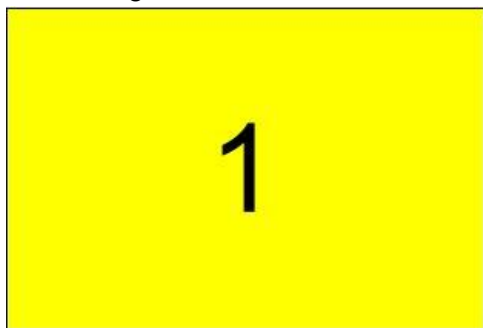
23.1 Awards will be given for the top 3 finishers in each class.

23.2 The Labor Day Race perpetual trophy will be given to the top overall finisher

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. It is solely the responsibility of the skipper or boat owner to race or continue racing. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this event.

Class Flag for All



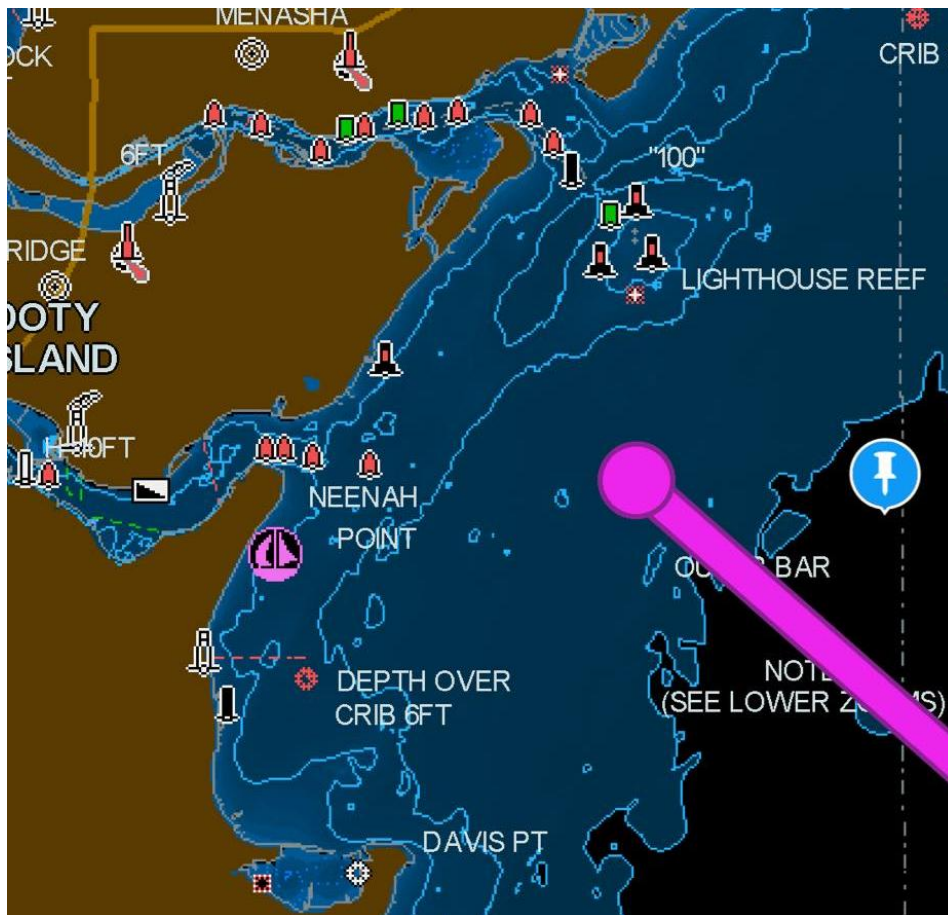
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APPENDIX 1 - Course Information

Start Mark:

1 Mile East of Neenah Light

GPS: $44^{\circ} 11.131' \text{ N}$ - $88^{\circ} 25.220' \text{ W}$



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Turn Mark:

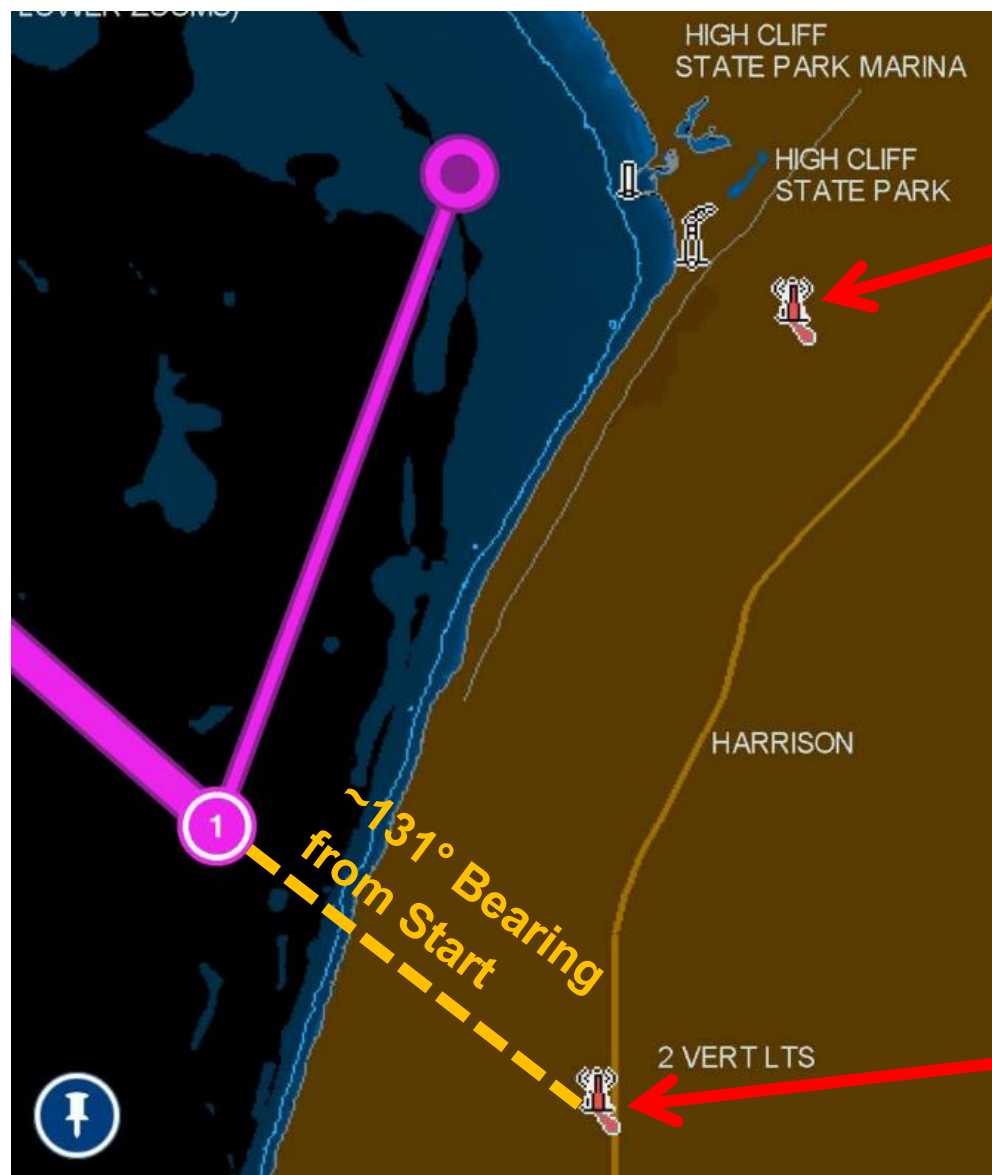
1.5 Miles North of Calumet County Park, in-line with on-shore communications tower,
approximately 131° bearing from Start

GPS: **44° 7.732' N - 88° 19.847' W**

Finish Mark:

½ Mile West of High Cliff Harbor entrance

GPS: **44° 9.992' N - 88° 18.681' W**



Tall Tower Overlooking HC

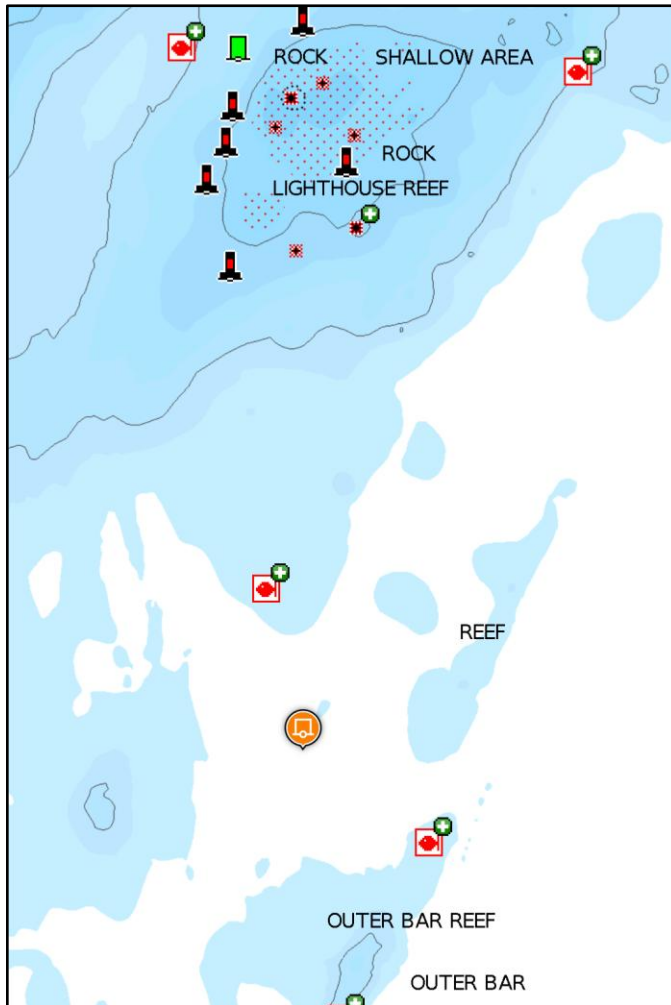


Tower North of Calumet County Park and Stockbridge

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Lighthouse Reef:

Starting mark is shown in Orange below. Lighthouse reef (North of Race Start) is marked with white buoys, keep well clear to the South. Heading to the turn mark is approximately 131 degrees.



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General Course Layout

