



Anchorage Cup 2026

Anchorage Marina & Yacht Club

Notice of Race

September 12, 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The rules of PHRF as administered by MWPHRF shall apply.
- 1.3. The Notice of Race and any amendments thereto.
- 1.4. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.5. Jib and Main shall take exception to the use of spinnakers, asymmetrical spinnakers, cruising spinnakers, staysails or the like. None are allowed. Spinnaker poles, whisker poles and the like are allowed if attached to the mast and do not exceed the J dimension of the boat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on Club Spot.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located on Club Spot.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at [Anchorage Cup Registration on CLUBSPOT](#)
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 or 72.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to mono hull boats that:
 - 4.1.1. Are at least 20 feet in length, are fitted with an auxiliary engine, are seaworthy and meet the minimum requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard.
 - 4.1.2. Have a current insurance certificate with \$300,000 liability coverage.
 - 4.1.3. Have a VHF marine radio with channels 16 and 72.
 - 4.1.4. Have submitted an entry form and paid the entry fee by the entry deadline.
 - 4.1.5. A start will also be provided for a multihull division if a minimum of 3 entries are submitted.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the

required fee, at: [Anchorage Cup Registration on ClubSpot](#) by Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

4.3. Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:

4.3.1. Entries received after September 9, 2026 but before midnight September 10, 2026 may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and shall be assessed a late fee of \$50 in addition to the entry fee.

4.3.2. Acceptance of any late entries will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

4.4. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed online and all appropriate entry forms having been received by the host club prior to the event.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee shall be paid by credit card online at the time of registration. Required fees are as follows: Entry Fee \$100, late entries shall be assessed a late fee of \$50 in addition to the entry fee.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Check-In:

Boats may check in Friday evening, September 11, between 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM.

Saturday, September 12, check in is between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM at the Grand River Sailing Clubhouse.

6.2. Skippers Meeting will be held at 9:30AM, September 12 in the grandstands.

6.3. Number of races: There will be two concurrent races. Both the Spinnaker fleet and the Jib and Main fleet will be rated and scored using MWPHRF.

6.4. The first warning signal is scheduled for 11:30AM.

6.5. Dinner and Awards after the Race at Anchorage Marine.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate. If a valid certificate is not provided, the Race Committee will have sole discretion to assign a rating.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course shall be from Grand Haven to Holland with a gate (and possible alternate finish) at Port Sheldon.

9. SCORING

9.1 A yacht's corrected time will be computed by subtracting her handicapped time from her elapsed time. Corrected times will then be ranked from low to high.

9.2 Races will be scored using the MWPHRF Time-on-Distance handicap system.

10. PRIZES

10.1. Prizes will be distributed by division for first, second and third place in each division.

10.2. Awards will also be presented for first, second and third place for the JAM and Spinnaker fleet finishers.

10.3. Each of the JAM and Spinnaker fleet winners shall also have their boat name engraved on the Anchorage Cup overall trophies.

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1.RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12. INSURANCE

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

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information, contact anchoragecupchair@gmail.com

SLIP RESERVATIONS:

Friday Night Slips in Grand Haven:

- You are responsible for making your own slip reservations through the DNR site at <https://midnrreservations.com/> Grand Haven Municipal Marina has NOT reserved slips.

Saturday Night Slips in Holland after the Race:

Saturday after Race Slips in Holland:

For boats that need to stay overnight in Holland after the race, Anchorage Marina will provide dockage free of charge to as many race boats as possible.

Option ONE: Call the marina office the day before the race and tell us the name and size of the boat, so we can assign you a slip ahead of time. You will be able to head to your assigned slip immediately upon reaching the marina, if you wish. Please let us know if you would like assistance with docking.

Option TWO: Call the marina after arriving in Lake Macatawa, as has been done in previous years. Please call the office phone if possible – we will have a staff member available to answer. If you would prefer to hail the marina over VHF, please use channel 09. AMYC uses channel 10 as a working channel; we may need you to switch to channel 10 as radio traffic requires. Our marina staff will place boats one at a time, so please keep clear of the docks until you have received a docking assignment.

Once all available slips are filled, we may need to place boats in the haul out slip, seawall, or dock ends, so please remember to call ahead for a slip. Spare dock lines and bumpers will be available if needed.

The office phone number is 616-399-1802