

The Insiders' Guide to Ugotta Regatta



We can't help you with your performance on the race course, but we can tell you everything you need to know to win the weekend at LTYC! Here is the inside scoop...

PROPER ATTIRE

The unofficial motto of Ugotta Regatta is "No Coat, No Ties, No Socks... No Problem! Just great racing on the pristine waters of Little Traverse Bay, a chance for some relaxation in beautiful Harbor Springs, and a guaranteed good time". Whether you are sailing or not, you should "come as you are" and plan to join the fun at the club all weekend long.

RACING

This year's regatta has 100 boats, representing yacht clubs from around the country. About one-third of the competitors are local LTYC boats and the remainder are our guests. If you want to get the complete details on the racers or even follow the action through a pair of binoculars, you'll want to refer to the official Scratch Sheet. [Click here.](#)

Rece Times: *All racing is starting at noon to take advantage of our prevailing winds, which are typically steadier in the afternoon. As the land warms up, the heat rises, and the cooler air over the water rushes toward the shore. It's what makes Harbor Springs such a special place to sail and fantastic racing for all!*

Front Row Seats: *Most boats will head out in the 10-11am range and come back in after racing in the 3-4pm range depending on the weather. These are fun times to be on the water or around the harbor as the sailor's head out with high hopes and return with stories to tell.*

Tune In: *It's not exactly ESPN, but if you are out on the water and want to listen in on the starts, dial your UHF radio to 74 for the one-design course and 79 for the tour-of-the-bay course.*

VOLUNTEERING

While you are at LTYC this weekend, take a look around and marvel at the 100+ volunteers who come together to put on a world class event year after year. There are more teams than ever at work out on the water, at the parties, and during the pancake breakfast. THANK YOU to everyone who is taking time out of their busy weekend to work a volunteer shift!

Volunteers are VIPs: *All Volunteers (on-the-water, on-shore, & LTYC breakfast) should stop by the club at 3pm on Thursday to pick up their volunteer packet, hat, and Irish Boat Shop Party Tickets. On-the-water volunteers have a meeting on Thursday at 4pm, after packet pickup, for final marching orders. Each day's on-the-water volunteers will also meet on the porch at 9:30am for last minute updates before heading out.*

PARTIES

On Friday evening, Irish Boat Shop hosts a party for racers and volunteers, complete with beer, brats, and a band. It starts at 5pm and tickets are required. On Saturday and Sunday after sailing, LTYC is the host for members, racers, and their guests – A dinner BBQ is available both days immediately after racing (\$10/person). Saturday features live music from DJ Parker Marshall and the main event on Sunday is the presentation of the awards.

Your First Step: *Start your party at the cashier's tent where you can purchase drink tickets and buffet wristbands. If you are lucky, they'll ask to check your ID too, as everyone over 21 needs to have a wristband to demonstrate that we are responsible folks and we are complying with liquor laws.*

You Should Know: *All drinks wristbands must be purchased at the cashiers' tent. Volunteer bartenders will not be able to take your member number as payment, but you CAN charge your drink tickets to your member number at the cashier's tent. Cash and credit cards are also accepted.*

The Rules Are Different: *A special liquor license means that non-members can buy alcohol all weekend long, so invite your friends and family (and let them pay their own way - wink).*

Don't Get Caught: *Be aware that regatta drink tickets are ONLY valid during the regatta parties. Enjoy them this weekend because credits cannot be issued after the event.*

Expert Move: *Skip the lines and stop by the club during Registration hours to buy your drink tickets in advance.*

SAILOR'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday and Sunday morning, the entire community is invited to feel the excitement of a regatta morning and fill their bellies with a Sailor's Choice Breakfast. Invite your neighbors, bring your houseguests, and feast on French Toast casserole, eggs, bacon, juice, coffee, and fruit.

CLEAN REGATTA

LTYC uses biodegradable cups, service wear, utensils, etc., during our events and meal services. We also strive to recycle as much as possible in our preparations, throughout the event, and during clean up. Additional recycling totes and special bins for can/bottle/cup will be placed around our event. Also, when you see volunteers graciously clearing cups and plates from tables, know that we are all passionate about keeping our harbor clean and doing our part to reduce waste from our event(s).

You Are Hereby Challenged: *See if you can make it through the party with only ONE plastic cup. Our bartenders will be happy to refill for you and we'll recycle it at the end.*

Stay Hydrated: *A new focus this year is an effort to reduce the number of single-use water bottles during Ugotta Regatta. Racers are encouraged to bring re-useable bottles on board each day.*

Local Knowledge: *There is a spring fed filling fountain by the Zorn Park beach and bottle filling stations at the harbor master's office and elsewhere around town.*