

Racine Yacht Club Presents

THE HOOK



DEATH'S DOOR CHALLENGE

2018

Notice of Race

The 35th *Consecutive Running* of the HOOK Race

July 21, 2018

Racine to M&M Yacht Club (Menominee, MI)

Featuring a Spinnaker Fleet for all LMPHRF rated Yachts, including those that are sailed Double and Single Handed, ...and our motorized Cruising Fleet.

Notice and Conditions of Race

1.0 Organizing Authority

The Racine Yacht Club HOOK Committee (RYCHC) shall represent the Racine Yacht Club and the M&M Yacht Club (MMYC) as the Organizing Authority of the Hook Race.

2.0 Rules

- 2.1 The HOOK Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 2.2 The Racing Rules will be modified as follows:
 - (a) If there is a conflict between this notice and the Sailing Instructions, the latter will take precedence. This changes Rule 63.7

3.0 Eligibility, Equipment and Entry

- 3.1 Yachts shall be at least 24 feet in length on deck.
- 3.2 Yachts can register for the Spinnaker Fleet or the Cruising Fleet.
- 3.3 The Race Committee shall have full authority to determine the suitability of any yacht for entry in any fleet, and may divide any fleet into divisions at its discretion.
- 3.4 The Organizing Authority may exclude a specific yacht from the HOOK Race by invoking Rule 76 of the Racing Rules of Sailing (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) if it determines that the yacht would incur a safety risk by participating.
- 3.5 Entry Documentation shall include the following:
 - (a) A completed entry form including the Waiver and Release of Liability signed by the Skipper, or Person In Charge (PIC), who is 18 years or older.
 - (b) Entry is not complete until the Organizing Authority receives a Waiver of Release of Liability signed by each skipper and crew member. Skippers waivers are submitted during the entry process. All crew waivers shall be submitted no later than the Skippers meeting. All waivers can be digitally signed online on the event web site at www.racineyachtclub.org/the_hook.htm. In the event of a crew member substitution or addition after the Skippers meeting, the crew member must submit a Waiver of Release of Liability prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.
 - (c) Each yacht sailing in the Spinnaker Fleet (Monohull and Multihull) shall provide a valid 2018 LMPHRF Certificate, signed by the Skipper before their registration is **valid prior to the entry deadline of July 15, 2018**. If a yacht's LMPHRF Certificate is not received by the deadline they can sail in the Cruising Fleet, but not the Spinnaker Fleet.
 - (d) Each yacht shall provide a current certificate of insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 liability coverage.
 - (e) The appropriate entry fee:
 - \$185 if entry paid by March 1, 2018
 - \$ 235 if entry paid by June 23, 2018
 - \$ 265 if entry paid after June 23, 2018**No Refunds** will be made after June 23, 2018
Refund requests on or before June 16, 2018 will be half the entry fee.
NO entries will be accepted after July 15, 2018

Registration shall be made online at:

www.racineyachtclub.org/the_hook.htm

4.0 Schedule of Events Racine Yacht Club

Friday, July 20

1500 to 2000.....Check-in

1700.....Dinner and pre-race party at RYC

1900.....*Skippers' Meeting – RYC Patio*

Saturday, July 21

0700 to 0900.....Late check-in

0700 to 1000.....Buffet breakfast

5.0 Schedule of Events at M&M Yacht Club

Monday, July 23

1500.....Gosling's Black Seal/Dark'n Stormy Rum Party

1700.....Dinner

1830.....Awards (Presentation hour subject to finishing times.)

6.0 Race

Saturday, July 21, 2018

*Cruising Fleet
Spinnaker Fleet*

*First Warning at 0830 hours.
First Warning at 0900 hours*

7.0 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions shall be distributed at check-in.

8.0 Course

Racine to Menominee, MI via the Porte Des Morts Passage as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 Scoring

Each yacht shall be scored in the Spinnaker Fleet using the **LMPHRF Distance Handicap Time on Distance**, expressed in nautical miles. The handicap distance for scoring purposes shall be 189.04 nautical miles. Note: Multihulls may compete in their own division but will not be scored for an overall award. A One Design division for division finish only, may be scored by finish time without handicap.

Each Yacht shall be scored in the Cruising Fleet using the Portsmouth scoring tabulation system and conditions as specified in the Cruising Fleet Sailing Instructions.

10.0 Awards

Flags will be presented at MMYC at the conclusion of the race.
Trophies will be presented at the RYC Annual Awards Dinner.

11.0 Safety Equipment and Special Regulations

All Yachts shall abide by the HOOK Race Safety Conditions and Regulations which will be posted on the RYC HOOK web site.

12.0 Disclaimer of Liability

All participants (Skippers, Crew Members, Associated Persons) participate in the HOOK Race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

13.0 Additional information

Docking and accommodation information in Racine and Marinette/Menominee will be included with each contestant's entry acknowledgement letter. For additional information, please contact:

- **Racine Yacht Club** Phone (262) 634-8585; Fax (262) 634-8971; office@racineyachtclub.org
- **Web site:** www.racineyachtclub.org
- **The HOOK Race Safety Conditions and Regulations are available at our web site.**
- **Scott Lewis, HOOK Committee Chairman, hookchair@racineyachtclub.org**
- **Hook Race Officials:**
 - Racine Yacht Club Commodore: John Stanley
 - HOOK Race Committee Chairman: Scott Lewis
 - Racine Yacht Club Race Director: Fred Stritt
 - Judge: Jeff Maier, US Sailing Certified Race Official

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Overall Winners

2017	Hasten	C&C 41	Fred Stritt
2016	Heat Wave	Dehler DB1	Jeremy Burns
2015	Twister	Du Bois 50	Herbert Wake
2014	Windlassie	Irwin 33-2 Sloop	Jim Strouf
2013	<i>Big Meanie</i>	Beneteau 42s7	James Prendergast
2012	<i>Thunder</i>	Peterson 34	Stuart Keys
2011	<i>Sojourner</i>	Tartan 372	David Pollock
2010	<i>Rogue</i>	Nelson Marek 36	Peter Engel
2009	<i>Flash Gordon</i>	Tripp 33	Mitch Hubert
2008	<i>Assassin</i>	Soverel 33	Susan Just
2007	<i>Sirocco</i>	C&C 33	Doug Vaccarello
2006	<i>Blue Tango</i>	Nelson Marek 39	Rick Trisco
2005	<i>Syrena</i>	B-32	Nicholas and Angela Hayes
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2003	<i>Lionheart</i>	Tartan 4100	Steve Roake
2002	<i>Sabotage</i>	J35	Ray Sabinash
2001	<i>Uber Alles</i>	Rancher 41	Gerhardt Knop
2000	<i>Surface Tension</i>	Nelson Marek 36	Brethorst /Schaefer
1999	<i>Zippy</i>	J92	Spencer Thomason
1998	<i>Kinky II</i>	PJ 34	James Murphy
1997	<i>Zephyr</i>	Pearson 31	John Chelius
1996	<i>Siren Song</i>	Peterson 41	Tom and Lisa Merlin
1995	<i>Siren Song</i>	Peterson 41	Tom and Lisa Merlin
1994	<i>Siren Song</i>	Peterson 41	Tom and Lisa Merlin
1993	<i>Rainbow</i>	Ranger 26	Duke and Mary Rahmel
1992	<i>Falcon</i>	Q-Boat	David Pappas
1991	<i>Arbitrage</i>	X 1-Ton	Ron McNeilly
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1989	<i>Slot Machine</i>	Heritage 1-Ton	Dr. C.W. Christenson
1988	<i>Rainbow</i>	Ranger 26	Duke and Mary Rahmel
1987	<i>TARDIS</i>	Cal 43	TARDIS Syndicate
1986	<i>Latest Trick</i>	Olson 911s	Dave Morrow
1985	<i>Blue Chip</i>	Peterson 34	Gary Neale
1984	<i>Vamoose</i>	Custom Columbia 33	Les Grebetz

