

***Encore for 2017!***

## **HOOK Cruising Division and HOOK Single Handed Division**

There are a whole lot of people who enjoy sailing the HOOK Race. This year, our 34<sup>th</sup> running of the race, we are offering the Cruising division and Single Handed division by popular demand.



### ***Cruising Division***

We have devised a simple way for you to race as a cruiser, but still get there on time. For starters, you will not need a PHRF certificate. Your rating will be based on the Portsmouth Rating Factor as published by US SAILING. If you are wondering what makes this different, it's simple. You will be able to use your engine as a motive force propelling you to the fabled UP.



You might be asking, "How does that work?" To make a long equation short, you will have a corrected time that will be equal to your elapsed time plus a ratio of your total motoring time based on your rating.

If you keep track of the time that you are being propelled by fossil fuels (or electrons), we will take care of the rest. You will log your total motoring time and submit that at the finish. In order to make things interesting and more competitive, motoring will be prohibited for a short stint at the end of the race. The Cruising Division will start an hour and a half earlier than the regular fleets. We will herald the winner with Gosling's Dark 'n Stormys®.

There's some real strategy to sailboat racing when the options include both motoring and sailing. When do you run the motor? Motor in a dead calm, or do you augment a light breeze on the nose? Do you talk to your fleet members and decide that you'll all motor in the nightly lull? We think it would be a fun way to get to the M&M Yacht Club 'on time', or, in fact, a little early. Cruising division boats are permitted to dock and Cruising skippers and crew are permitted to leave their boats during the race.

### ***Single Handed Division***



Again this year, we are offering a challenging division for solo sailors in the Singled Handed division. Solo sailors must have successfully completed a solo event or have detailed logs documenting a solo passage, either event lasting at least 24 hours. Your membership in LMSS or GLSS will automatically qualify you. The Lake Michigan Singlehanded Society (LMSS) will be the final arbiter concerning eligibility.

Consider joining us for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual HOOK Race and getting to the Bay for some relaxed cruising.

Learn more at [www.racineyachtclub.org/the\\_hook.htm](http://www.racineyachtclub.org/the_hook.htm)