



# 2026 GRSC MAIDEN RACE

## Notice of Race

July 11, 2026

The Maiden Race is back again! Grand Haven buoy racing with awards reception at the Grand River Sailing Club following the race. Registration is now open.

Warning Signal for First Start, 12:15 EDT, July 11, 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority (OA) for the 2026 Grand River Sailing Club (GRSC) Maiden Race GRSC, 219 N. Harbor, Grand Haven MI 49417. Stacy Lounsbury, 616-498-1555, Patti Edwards 616-402-4753 and Cheryl Smithe 616-299-1145

#### 1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including US prescriptions, the Sailing Instructions, and any applicable class rules.

1.2. The rules of: The Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) and the Great Lakes Multihull Racing Association (GLMRA) for multihulls.

1.3. RRS Appendix T will apply.

1.4. Certain rules may be changed and these changes, if any, will appear in the Sailing Instructions, which will be provided on Race Day

#### 2. Advertising

2.1. Any Advertising shall conform to World sailing regulation 20.

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. The regatta is open to all boats with valid MWPHRF certificates.

3.1.1 The Race Committee may accept entries without a valid PHRF certificate and will assign a rating.

3.2. One-design classes will be accepted with a minimum of 4 entries to constitute a class.

3.3. Boats may enter Spinnaker or Jib-and-Main divisions.

#### 4. Fees

4.1. Entry fee are as follows: \$60 per entry, regardless of boat size.

4.2. Entries will be accepted up to 10:00 pm Tuesday July 7, 2026.

## 5. Schedule

### 5.1. Registration.

Online registration for the 2026 race will be available at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

Email: Cheryl Smithe Missyol@aol.com

USPS: GRSC

PO Box 214

Grand Haven, MI 48417

Provide:

Boat Name

Owner Name

Sail Number

Boat Type and Length

Rating – include MWPHRF certificate (copy)

Proof of insurance (copy)

Check to GRSC for \$60 (USPS or bring to Skipper's meeting)

5.2. Skippers Meeting will be held at 10:00 EDT at GRSC Clubhouse, 219 N. Harbor, Grand Haven MI, 49417.

5.3. Date of Race is Saturday July 11, 2026.

5.4. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for on July 11 is 12:10 EDT with the first section start at 12:15 EDT, subsequent starts will be at 5-minute intervals.

## 6. Measurement

6.1. Each vessel competing in the Spinnaker or Jib-and-Main divisions shall produce a valid MWPHRF certificate, or they will be assigned.

6.2. Each boat shall conform to US Coast Guard safety standards. Boats may be subject to inspection prior to or post-race for compliance with safety requirements.

6.3. A measurer, or measurers will be appointed by Maiden Race Chairperson to review any certificates, or inspect a boat, if necessary. Rating adjustments or nullification may be made at the discretion of the Maiden Race Chairperson.

## 7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. Sailing instructions are attached and will be made available at the Skippers Meeting.

## 8. Venue

8.1. The race will take place on the waters of Lake Michigan.

## 9. The Course

9.1. The course will be from a designated mark approximately 1/4-mile North or South of the North Grand Haven MI pier head, doing buoy racing. Approximate distance will be determined based on weather

9.2 The course will consist of windward and leeward legs or another course as determined by the race committee on the day of the race. The course may be of different lengths for different divisions.

9.3 The course will be announced on the designated radio channel and displayed by the race committee boat prior to the first warning signal.

9.4 All marks are to be taken to port unless designated otherwise by the race committee.

## 10. Scoring

10.1. The race shall be scored under the MWPHRF for both division and fleet.

10.2. Auxiliary Power Usage will result in DNF.

## 11. Radio Communications

11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to cellular devices. Courtesy broadcast will be made via VHF channel 69. Failure to hear these broadcasts shall not be an opportunity for redress.

## 12. Prizes

12.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows: Plaque on Maiden Race Trophy for First Place in Spinnaker Division. Plaque on Maiden Race Trophy for First Place on Jib and Main Division. Flags for First, Second, and Third place in sections. Location for awards will be the Grand River Sailing Club lawn at approximately 1600 EDT on Saturday July 11, 2026.

## 13. Disclaimer of Liability

13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority or Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 14. Insurance

14.1. Each Participant shall carry and provide proof of valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or equivalent.

## 15. Parking and Post Race Transportation

15.1. Limited Parking will be available at the parking lot next to and across from Grand River Sailing Club, overflow.

## 16. Mooring

16.1. It is recommended that pre-race and post-race mooring be at Grand Haven Municipal Marina. 616-847 3478, Reservations may be made at <https://www.midnrreservations.com/>, temporary tie up on the sea wall is available in Grand Haven on a first come, first serve basis. With an overnight fee.

16.2. Post-Race Marina's call ahead for overnight. North Shore Marina and The Wharf.

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