

SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB QUEEN'S CUP® RACE



87th Sailing

Friday June 26, 2026

South Shore Yacht Club

Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Grand Haven, Michigan

NOTICE OF RACE



1. Organizing Authority

South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC) a member of US Sailing has, subject to RRS 89.1 appointed the SSYC Special Events Committee to be the Organizing Authority ('OA') of the 2026 Queen's Cup® Race ('Race') in order to conduct the Race and related activities. The OA has the authority, subject to RRS 76.1, to reject the entry of any boat at any time before the start of the race. The fleet will be divided into divisions according to handicap/rating and any other factors at the discretion of the Special Events committee.

2. RULES

2.1 The South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC) Queen's Cup® Race (Event) will be governed by the rules as defined in 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing*. ('RRS')

2.2 The Race *Modified US Safety Equipment Requirements Checklist* (RSER) will apply. The Race Modified US Safety Equipment Requirements Checklist is available at: <https://qc.ssysc.org>

(a) The RSER must be reviewed and digitally signed by the entering boats' PIC as part of the entry requirements process.

(b) The Crew Overboard Drill Certification (COB) form must be digitally signed by the entering boats' PIC as part of the entry requirements process.

2.3 The Racing rules (RRS) will be changed as follows:

[NP] (a) A boat that breaks RRS 28 because she was **OCS** during the one minute prior to her starting signal and fails to return to the pre-start side of the start line (thus failing to start) shall be assessed a penalty of 30 minutes added to her elapsed time and will not be subject to redress.

(b) Rule A7 first sentence is changed to the following:

Ties in PHRF Fleets and Divisions shall be broken using the boats' Time-on-Time factor calculated as $TCF = ((650 / (480 + hcp)))$.

[NP] (c) Rule 40 is amended to include "RSER PFDs shall be worn by all crewmembers while on deck from sunset to sunrise. PFDs shall also be worn while on deck during daylight hours unless the Person-In-Charge instructs that they may be removed."

(d) The definition of Finish is changed, with the approval of US Sailing under RRS 86.3, as follows:

A boat finishes after starting when its position transponder (YB tracker), in its assigned location per the Sailing Instructions crosses the finish line from the course side; however, she has not finished if after crossing the finish line she:

- i. Takes a penalty turn under RRS 44.2
- ii. Corrects an error in sailing the course made at the finish line; or,
- iii. Continues to sail the course.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Entrants are directed to the official South Shore Yacht Club website: <https://qc.ssysc.org> for electronic entry and downloading of all forms required to complete the entry process. Online documents shall be complete in compliance with this NoR and any additional documents. See 2.2(a) and 2.2(b) above.

- 3.2 The Queen's Cup® Race is open to boats of the MWPHRF, ORC, GLMRA, and One-Design classes that meet the entry requirements.
- 3.3 Eligible boats shall enter by submitting their *Entry Form* electronically via **Nautical Cloud** at <https://qc.ssyc.org> together with the required fee and the following documents uploaded by the date given in NOR 4, FEES, including:

A valid MWPHRF, ORC or GLMRA certificate. For a One design boat see (b) below.

- (a) Proof of insurance, current for the duration of the race, with minimum \$300,000 liability coverage.
- (b) Boats entering as a One-Design class must upload a class measurement certificate or document proof for the desired one-design class
- (c) If an ORC or One-Design boat wishes to compete for the Queen's Cup® Trophy and Silver Jubilee Trophy she must also include her MWPHRF certificate.
- (d) No changes in ORC rating certificates or MWPHRF handicap certificates and GLMRA rating certificates will be allowed after **June 22, 2026**. This changes RRS 78.2.

These documents must be uploaded to Nautical Cloud by the dates given in NOR 4, FEES (below).

- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted under the conditions given in NOR 4, FEES.

- 3.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:

- (a) Six entries are required for a monohull One-Design class
- (b) Five entries are required for the short-handed (crew 2 max) monohull fleet
- (c) Ten entries are required for a non-spinnaker monohull cruising fleet.
- (d) If any of the above minimum requirements are not met, the entries may be assigned to the appropriate division in the PHRF fleet.
- (e) Five entries are required for a multihull fleet
- (f) The above restrictions may be changed at the discretion of the OA.

- 3.6 Information must be inputted on-line at <https://qc.ssyc.org>

A complete entry requires receipt of the fee and all documents as given in NOR 2.2 and 3.3. An E-mail will be sent to entrants informing them that their entry is either complete or is missing items and/or documents.

- 3.7 Non-compliance of RRS Appendix G1.2(a)(3) and RRS 77 regarding sail numbers on sails will NOT be subject to a Request for Hearing (Protest) by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

4. FEES

Required Fees:

(Dates below and on the *Entry Form* refer to electronically delivered)

- (a) \$8.90 (Including Tax) per foot LOA, if the entry is dated no later than **Friday May 1, 2026**.
- (b) Entries after **May 1, 2026** will be \$9.80 per foot LOA.
- (c) \$75.00 additional for a boat having an ORC certificate to compete for the Queen's Cup® Trophy and the Silver Jubilee Trophy (ORC).
- (d) \$125.00 additional Late Fee is required with an entry completed later than Monday **June 15, 2026**
- (e) No entries will be accepted by online registration or otherwise if completed later than Friday **June 19, 2026**.
- (f) Fees are non-refundable, except multihull, short-handed and cruising entries may be refunded if the requirements in NOR 3.5 are not met.
- (g) Race Tracker Agreement Electronic submission of a completed Race Tracker Agreement, to be completed via the Race website. Failure to return the Race Tracker as per Race Tracker agreement and SI shall result in a \$1,000.00 charge that the competitor agrees to pay.

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5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration and Sign In:

Each boat's owner, or representative, shall register by sign-in at the Race registration desk at SSYC.

Thursday **June 25, 2026** 1000 to 1730 CDT

Friday **June 26, 2026** 0830 to 1430 CDT (0830 to 1300 CDT for cruising fleet)

5.2 Date of Race:

Friday **June 26, 2026**

5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signals are:

Cruising Fleet 1430 CDT

Short- Handed Fleet 1600 CDT

Full-crew Fleet(s) 1630 CDT

5.4 Other Events:

Thursday **June 25, 2026** 1800 CDT Queen's Cup® Race Cocktail Party

6. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall upload a valid MWPHRF handicap and/or valid ORC certificate, GLMRA or class measurement certificate or proof of class membership. A measurer, or measurers, will be appointed by the Queen's Cup® Chairman to review any certificates, or inspect any boat(s), if necessary.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on-line by **June 12, 2026** at <https://qc.ssysc.org> and at registration to all boats that have completed their entry and registration.

8. VENUE

Illustration A, below, shows the location of the Race.

9. COURSE

Illustration A, below, shows the course to be sailed including the approximate bearing 89° True. The approximate course length will be 68 NM

10. INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

[NP][DP] 10.2 All boats are required to have portable, REFLECTIVE sail numbers to display at the finish.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3(c) will apply while racing and Appendix V2 will apply post-race.

11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44 shall note it on her Finish Report.

11.3 The Race Committee may protest any boat that fails to properly submit her Finish Report within 3 hours of her finish time. Penalties shall range from disqualification to assessment of additional corrected time, adjusted by not less than 1 minute or more than 30 minutes.

12. PROTESTS

Rule 60.4 (a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 Or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident or

13. SCORING

PHRF divisions, including Short-handed, will be scored using ToD Random Leg Handicap Time-on-Distance, except ties will be broken using Time-on-Time.

The cruising fleet will be scored using the random-leg DNSHCP Handicap.

Multihull divisions will be scored using the GLMRA Handicap.

The finish line will be a virtual line between points located at coordinates provided in the Sailing Instructions near the vicinity of the Grand Haven South Pierhead Entrance Light. See Nor 2.3(d).

[NP] Finish Times: A boat's YB Tracker will record the boat's position at a high frequency in real time, and the YB Tracker data will be used to determine the boat's finish time. The finish line may be marked with a stake boat near the starboard end and a buoy near the port end.

14. COMMUNICATIONS WHILE RACING

14.1 Except in an emergency or required by the Sailing Instructions, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to telephones.

14.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 78. This channel will also be stated in the SI's.

14.3 On the Water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's.

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14.4 Each boat shall carry a position transponder (Race Tracker) as provided by SSYC's Special Events Committee. RRS 56.3 will apply. The Person-In-Charge shall ensure that the transponder is installed according to supplied instructions and make every effort to ensure that the transponder is functional for the duration of the race. This changes RRS 60.1.

14.5 The Person-in-Charge is also responsible for returning the transponder to the Race Committee after the race as directed in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) (See NoR 4(g)).

14.6 No boat shall operate or control a remotely controlled aircraft (drone) or any other remotely controlled vehicle while racing.

14.7 RRS 41(c) is replaced by: A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information which is available on a public domain, free or paid subscription. This shall include navigational, weather or current information from any source which is readily available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any person not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and its situation.

15. PRIZES AND AWARDS

15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Queen's Cup® Trophy: To the full-crew PHRF monohull with the best corrected time.
And trophies to 2nd and 3rd places based on 2nd and 3rd best corrected times.

Silver Jubilee Trophy: To the ORC fleet boat with best corrected-time.

Silvie Trophy: To the first boat to finish (except Cruising Fleet)

Fons America Trophy: To the SSYC full-crew PHRF monohull with best corrected time.

15.2 Division prizes will be given to boats in each division according to the following schedule:

	<u>Flags</u>	<u>Trophies</u>
All Divisions	3 flags	
1 - 3 boats		1 trophy
4 - 6 boats		2 trophies
7 or more boats		3 trophies

The prizes will be awarded at a ceremony at the Grand River Sailing Club on Saturday, **June 27, 2026**. The time and place will be posted on the official Race notice board that day by 1200 EDT.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Race.

17. RISK STATEMENT

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 or injury.

INHERENT IN THE SPORT OF SAILING IS THE RISK OF PERMANENT, CATASTROPHIC INJURY OR DEATH BY DROWNING TRAUMA, OR OTHER CAUSES.

18. INSURANCE

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact:

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Queen's Cup® Committee Chair:	Cheri Kent (qc@ssyc.org)
Chief Judge:	Fred Horwitz
Principle Race Officer	Dave Wehnes
Deputy Race Officer	John Archibald
Measurers:	Dave Wehnes, Eric Jones
Scorer:	Robin Olson



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Illustration A

