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The Overnight Race Across the Lake from
Milwaukee to Grand Haven





Queen's Cup® Race

Plan now to join the fleet for the time-honored tradition of sailing the Queen's Cup® Race. The 87th sailing of this overnight race is brought to you by South Shore Yacht Club and sails across Lake Michigan from Milwaukee, WI, to Grand Haven, MI on June 26th, 2026.

Competitors navigate approximately 68 nautical miles, often contending with shifting winds and varying weather conditions on the open waters of Lake Michigan. Sailors compete for the chance to win one of the oldest trophies in yacht racing.

The event is not only a competition but also a celebration of camaraderie and the enduring spirit of sailing tradition. Be on the starting line for a sailing experience that is a highlight of the summer sailing season.

The Event

- The Queen's Cup® Race is open to boats of the MWPHRF, ORC, GLMAR, and one-design classes that meet the entry requirements.
- One design starts are available and encouraged for any class with a minimum of 6 boats
- A shorthanded start will take place for monohull boats with a limit of 2 crew members, and a minimum of 5 boats
- A multi-hull start will take place with a minimum of 5 boats
- Cruising fleet starts are available for those choosing to sail with a jib and main only, with a minimum of 10 boats
- Yellow Brick Tracking and Nautical Cloud race management will be used

The Course

Milwaukee, WI to Grand Haven, Michigan with a compass heading of approximately 80° degrees true and a distance of approximately 68 nautical miles

Thursday, June 25th

- Registration 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Queen's Cup® Party 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Friday June 26th

- Registration 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cruising fleet, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. other fleets
- Staggered starts beginning late afternoon (cruising sections start earlier)

Saturday, June 28th

- Fleet arrives in Grand Haven with post-race activities hosted by Grand HavenSailing Club
- Enjoy the welcome grilled cheese and bloody mary bar as well as the GRSC post-race party.

Dockage in Grand Haven is available in advance, first-come, for a fee. Rafting is also available and complimentary. Dockage is complimentary at South Shore Yacht Club for the days preceding the race.

Registration opens 2-01/2026 at ssyc.org | Questions? Contact us at qc@ssyc.org



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