



2024 Season Kick Off Meeting

March 16, 2024

Today's Agenda

- ▶ **Basics of the Cruiser Class**
- ▶ **Rules of the Road**
- ▶ **2024 Schedule**
- ▶ **August Cruise**
- ▶ **New Rating System**
- ▶ **Organizational Changes**
- ▶ **New Website and Facebook Group**
- ▶ **Cruiser Class T-Shirts**
- ▶ **Growing the Group**
- ▶ **South Shore Sailing School Presentation**
- ▶ **Quantum Sails Presentation**
- ▶ **Sock Burning @ 3:16**



Our Style of Races

- ▶ **Jib and Main only (JAM)**
- ▶ **Reachy (most of the time)**
- ▶ **Less than 2 hours**
- ▶ **Easy to navigate**
- ▶ **Fun**



Race Day Schedule

9:00am skipper's meeting at the 400-dock pavilion

- ▶ Boats are divided into 2 groups based on their relative speed
- ▶ Course is determined based on wind conditions
- ▶ Any questions answered

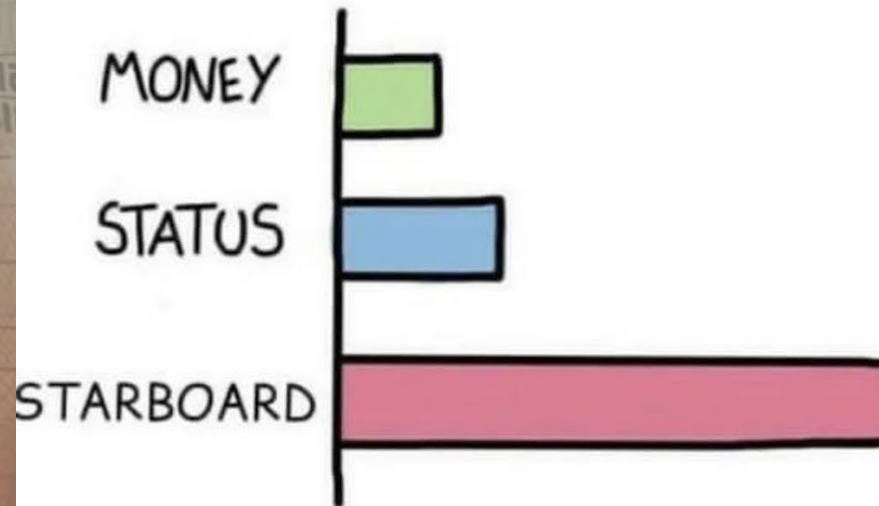
Starting Schedule

- ▶ 10:00 warning signal
- ▶ 10:05 first start (the slower boats)
- ▶ 10:10 second start
- ▶ Announcements made via VHF channel 71



Rules of the Road

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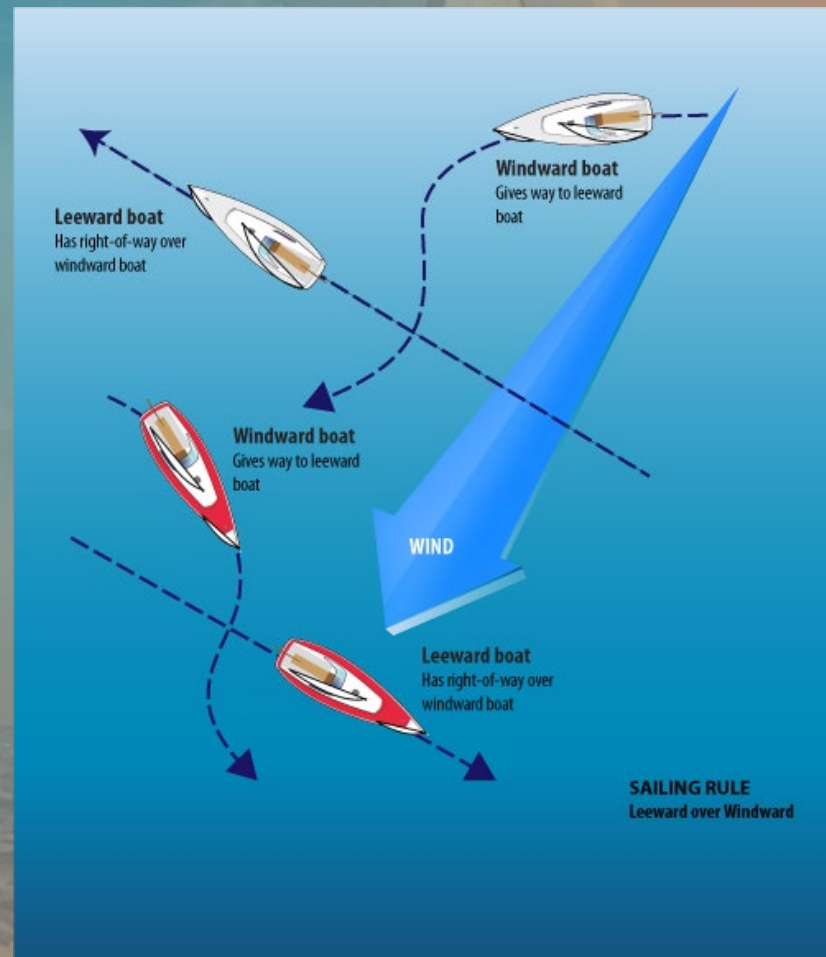


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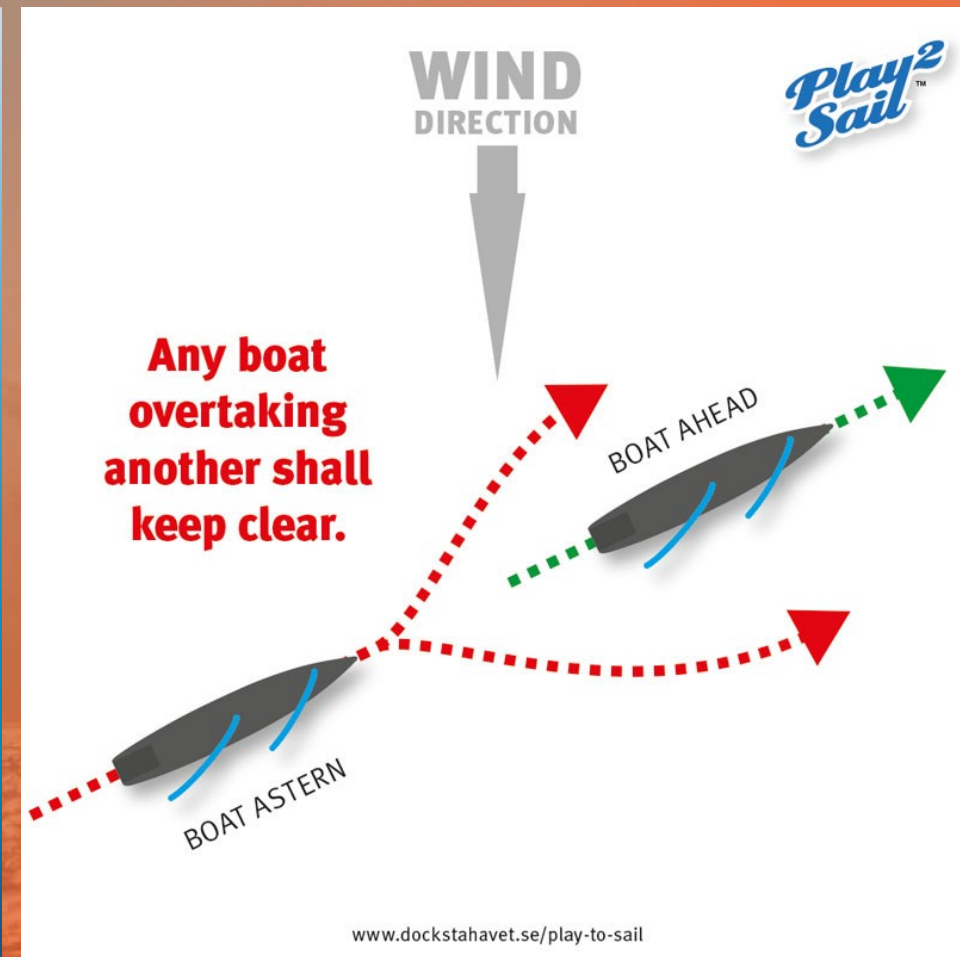
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Race Start

01

A start line will be set between one of the race markers (usually mark 0) and a temporary buoy dropped by the race committee

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The start line will be approximately perpendicular to the course of the first leg

03

The goal is to cross the start line as close to the start time of the race without crossing early

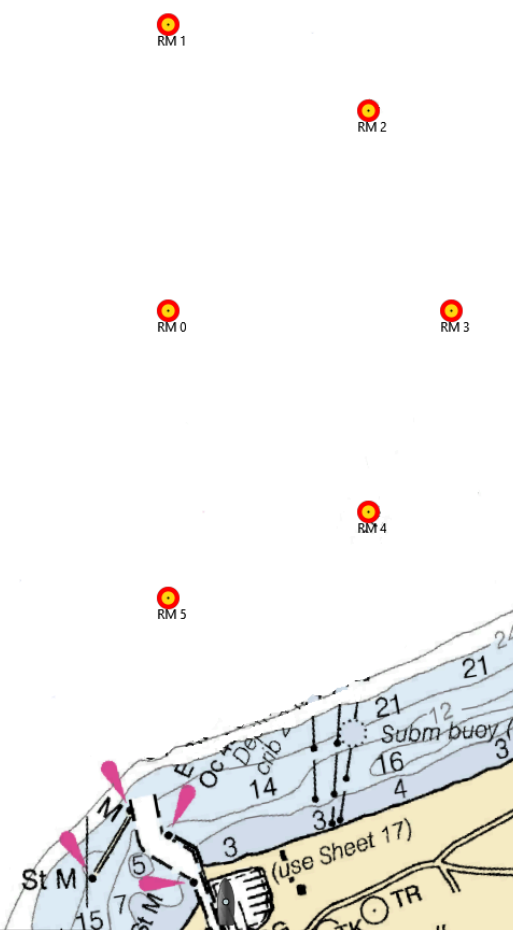

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If you cross the line early, you must turn around and recross the line



Location of Race Marks

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RM 1

RM 2

RM 3

RM 4

RM 5

RM 6

RM 7

RM 8



Race Finish



After crossing the finish line, report your finish time to the RC.

The start line usually also serves as the finish line.



Time should be taken from a synchronized time source

GPS device

Smart phone



Need to report hours, minutes, and seconds



Can be reported via VHF, text, or E-mail



PHRF Timing and Scoring

- ▶ All boats in a section's start time is the same
- ▶ Finish times are reported when you cross the finish line
- ▶ Elapsed time is calculated
- ▶ Elapsed time is adjusted based on the boats PHRF
- ▶ That yields the boat's corrected time.
- ▶ Winner is determined.
- ▶ Winner buys drinks at Fish Camp.



Race Schedule 2024

www.cruiserclass.com/events/list

Race 1 – May 18 – Buoy Race

Race 2 – June 1 – Buoy Race

Race 3 – June 15 – Buoy Race

Race 4 – June 22 – Summer Solstice Race – Evening Start

Race 5 – June 29 – Buoy Race

Race 6 – July 4 – Commodore's Cup

Race 7 – July 13 – Buoy Race

Race 8 – July 20 – With South Shore Sailing School

Race 9 – August 3 – Eastward Ho

Race 10 – August 4 – New Buffalo to Michigan City

Cruise – August 17 – August 25

Race 11 – September 1 – My-State Regatta

Race 12 – September 7 – Buoy Race + End of season cookout



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August Cruise

- ▶ **Saturday, August 17th – Sunday, August 25th**
- ▶ **6 legs over 9 days**
- ▶ **Michigan City to St. Joe (30nm)**
- ▶ **St. Joe to Saugatuck (36nm)**
- ▶ **Saugatuck to Grand Haven (23nm)**
- ▶ **Grand Haven to Holland (18nm)**
- ▶ **Holland to South Haven (22nm)**
- ▶ **South Haven to Michigan City (46nm)**



New Rating System

- **PHRF (and all rating systems) are imperfect.**
- **Ratings should allow any skipper a chance to win any race.**
- **Skippers and crew should have to sail well to win.**
- **Same model boats may have different ratings based on observation.**
- **Our fleet is diverse.**
 - **Trixie: PHRF = 13**
 - **Prospero: PHRF = 198**
- **MCCC would benefit from an empirical scoring system based on our fleet.**



CCPHRF

2022 Cruiser Class Race Results & Scoring - Race 12

Race	Section	Start Time	Distance	Spin
Race 12	Cruise 1	10:10:00	4.2	N
9/24/2022	Cruise 2	10:05:00	4.2	N

Cruise 1

Boat Info				Race Info					Metrics					
Boat Name	Model	Skipper	Owner	PHRF Rating	PHRF Adjustm ent	PHRF	Start Time	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Correct ed Time	Position	VMG (kts)	PHRF Sailed	PHRF Sailed Delta
Black Diamond	SC 37		Dale Brown	57		57	10:10:00	10:36:33	0:26:33	0:22:34	1	9.5	57	0
Ahyadooin'	Corsair F-31RS		Todd Davis	-18		-18	10:10:00	10:36:33	0:26:33	0:27:49	2	9.5	57	-75
Hope	NAJAD 332T		Michael Leland	156		156	10:10:00	10:52:09	0:42:09	0:31:14	3	6.0	280	-124
Cantankerous	C&C 110		Lew Noe	99		99	10:10:00	10:50:45	0:40:45	0:33:49	4	6.2	260	-161
Geronimo	SR 33		Herb Philbrick	90		90	10:10:00	NFT			5			

Cruise 2

Boat Info				Race Info					Metrics					
Boat Name	Model	Skipper	Owner	PHRF Rating	PHRF Adjustm ent	PHRF	Start Time	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Correct ed Time	Position	VMG (kts)	PHRF Sailed	PHRF Sailed Delta
Prospero	Hunter 320		Mark Stephens	198		198	10:05:00	10:49:07	0:44:07	0:30:15	1	5.7	198	0
Valkyrie	Pearson 28		Dave Starr	186		186	10:05:00	10:50:10	0:45:10	0:32:09	2	5.6	213	-27
Velocity	Beneteau 28.7 First		Craig Mahlfeldt	204		204	10:05:00	10:52:17	0:47:17	0:33:00	3	5.3	243	-39
Colleen	Pacific Seacraft 34		Joe Brennan	195		195	10:05:00	10:51:54	0:46:54	0:33:15	4	5.4	238	-43
Restless	Hunter 28.8		Mark & Holly Jone	204		204	10:05:00	10:52:37	0:47:37	0:33:20	5	5.3	248	-44

Wind SSW @ 11-17kts



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ccPHRF

- For each race sailed, your PHRF Sailed is calculated.
- If you do not sail, official PHRF is assigned for that race.
- ccPHRF is calculated as the average of the past 10 races.
- ccPHRF cannot exceed twice the value of your official PHRF.
- Your ccPHRF will be different for every race.
- We will use this for a new combined class.
 - Cruise 1 and Cruise 2 will still use official PHRF.
 - ccPHRF will be used for an MCCC Boat of the Year Trophy.
 - It's not exclusive. Boats from C1 and C2 will participate in ccPHRF.
 - This is an experiment. If it doesn't work well, we will kill it.



ccPHRF – I know what you did last summer.

	Avg (all)	PHRF	CC ePHRF	CC ePHRF 10	5/25/2019	6/1/2019	6/2/2019	6/21/2019	7/4/2019	7/20/2019	8/3/2019	8/24/2019	8/25/2019	9/14/2019	9/21/2019	6/13/2020	7/4/2020	7/18/2020	8/22/2020	8/28/2020	9/12/2020	9/19/2020	5/22/2021
Alcyon	102.0	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
Allegro	198.0	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198
Black Diamond	116.8	96	117	128	96	96	96	173	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	105	96	406	96
Cantankerous	121.4	99	121	115	99	99	99	99	198	99	254	99	106	99	99	101	221	112	99	99	126	99	99
Doghouse IV	163.6	155	164	171	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	319
Flow	216.4	180	216	193	406	180	180	464	180	235	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	307
Gizmo	240.2	219	240	248	261	219	219	256	245	219	219	219	232	219	344	219	315	235	219	219	234	252	219
Gulfbreeze	200.0	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Hope	199.3	156	199	191	156	156	156	156	196	156	592	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	174	156	484	156
Infinity	171.0	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171
J-Dragon	150.0	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Jannie Anne	201.7	192	202	210	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	240	268	237	207	192	192	192
Knot One	317.4	255	317	297	255	255	255	255	1024	255	255	255	255	255	353	286	353	369	255	330	255	255	255
Lutetia	67.3	39	67	78	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	142	77	101	39	265	39	39	39	147	39	39
Panache	231.9	225	232	238	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	244	225	225	225	225	225	225	338
Prospero	306.3	198	306	371	269	198	198	405	198	201	198	198	249	198	217	287	766	262	198	250	243	933	352
Providence	226.7	200	227	200	200	200	200	708	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Re-Coop	207.0	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207	207
Restless	214.5	204	214	224	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	259	204	326	204	204	204	204	226	204
Roncinante	218.2	213	218	223	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	237	236	213	213	213	213	213	213	264
Rush	102.4	90	102	107	90	90	90	132	90	112	90	90	95	90	90	128	177	90	90	90	90	131	90
Uffda	445.7	285	446	414	285	285	285	1125	1065	339	285	285	379	285	377	401	285	566	285	377	429	285	846
Valhalla	105.0	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105
Valkyrie	187.1	186	187	188	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	186	207
Vamonous	187.4	183	187	191	183	183	183	183	183	183	183	183	183	183	183	183	266	183	183	183	183	183	183
Velocity	213.9	204	214	216	204	204	204	204	254	219	204	204	204	204	220	204	204	223	255	213	204	204	232
Ventus Nos Vocat	257.6	246	258	265	272	246	246	246	246	254	246	246	246	246	289	252	246	320	246	309	246	246	246
Waco Kid	118.5	114	118	114	185	114	114	114	128	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114
Wave Length	126.2	123	126	129	123	123	123	123	128	123	123	123	123	123	123	144	123	157	123	123	123	123	123
Colleen	332.9	195	333	390	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	195	260	1365	195	261	745	258	195	266	243	782	195
Zippytime	171.0	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171	171





Organizational Changes?

2023 Summary

- 26 Boats
- 11 Races





Organizational Changes?

Is it time for a steering committee?
(pun intended)



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Our Fleet / Your Photos



2024 Calendar of Races/Events

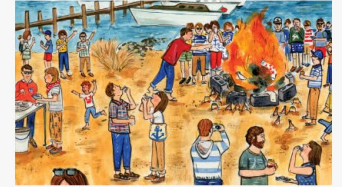
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March 16 @ 3:16 pm - 5:16 pm CDT

Sock Burning Party

Michigan City Cruiser Class + MCYC + Special Events +

Burn your socks in celebration of a new sailing season and no further reason to have socks. Meet us out under the MCYC Pavillion for some BYOB drinks and conversation.



May 2024

SAT
18

May 18 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm CDT

Cruiser Class JAM Race

Races + Jib & Main (JAM) + Michigan City Cruiser Class +

Come join in the fun! We are a group of casual racers who race according to 2 primary rules: sail safe and have fun (ask about the 3rd rule when we are enjoying a post-race cocktail). Our boats are to be enjoyed. We race JAM (Jib & Main) and divide the racers into 2 groups based...



WED
22

May 22 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm CDT

MCYC Wednesday Buoy Race

Races + Spinnakers + Jib & Main (JAM) + MCYC +

You don't have to be a member of MCYC to participate. Get in your sailing fix mid-week. This race series consists of Inshore buoy racing around the regular racing buoys located near Michigan City. Traditionally MCYC runs spinnaker races, and you can expect that to continue, JAM and Cruiser fleets will gladly be scored too,...



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New Facebook Group

- ▶ **Public Group**
- ▶ **Moderated Users** (only approved members can post)
- ▶ **34 members so far**
- ▶ **Will post area events and race reminders**
- ▶ **Post anything sailing related**



Cruiser Class T-Shirts!!!

- **Material:** Soft Cotton
- **Color:** Heather Navy
- **Sizes:** S | M | L | XL | 2XL
- **First come first served**
- **\$10 each**
- **Proceeds support MCCC**
- **Will order more if we sell out**



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How can we improve?

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Saturday Morning Sailboat Races



- Races start @ 10am.
- Short, easy to navigate courses.
- Fun and safe for families.
- New sailors welcome!

Race 1 – May 13 – Buoy Race

Race 2 – May 27 – Buoy Race

Race 3 – June 10 – Buoy Race

Race 4 – June 24 – Summer Solstice Race – Evening Start

Race 5 – July 4 – Commodore's Cup

Race 6 – July 15 – Buoy Race

Race 7 – July 29 – Buoy Race

Race 8 – August 5 – Eastward Ho – Afternoon start

Race 9 – August 6 – New Buffalo to Michigan City

Race 10 – August 26 – South Shore Sailing School Race

Race 11 – September 9 – Buoy Race

Race 12 – September 23 – Buoy Race – End of season cookout



For additional information: www.cruiserclass.com

Growing the Cruiser Class

(and the sport)

← 2023 Flyer



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