



Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Announces

GPSC 48th Annual Tuesday Sundown and Fall Series

2009 Notice of Race

The 48th annual GPSC Tuesday Sundown Series and Sunday Fall Series are open to all seaworthy monohull sailing yachts. The **Sundown Series** is comprised of TWO (2) series of SIX (6) races each. The Sunday **Fall Series** is comprised of Two (2) races on Two (2) successive Sunday afternoons. All races start and finish off Windmill Pointe Marina, located in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

Spring Series: **May 26 through June 30 every Tuesday**
Summer Series: **July 7, 14, August 11, 18, 25, September 1 on Tuesdays**
Fall Series: **September 13 and 20, 2 races on each Sunday**

Management Rules: All races will be governed by the Sailing Instructions and *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, including US Sailing Prescriptions, except as stated herein. The races will be managed by the GPSC Race Committee, which will have the authority to establish the racing conditions and interpret the racing rules.

Registration: All entrants must register for the GPSC 2009 Series Races. Both the completed 2009 Registration Form and the 2009 Registration Fee Form, including payment of required fees, must be received by the GPSC Race Committee to complete the registration process. **No retroactive scoring of races will occur for non registered boats. You must register before you race.**

Sailing Instructions and Registration Forms can be found on the GPSC website:

www.gpsc.org

(Check the website periodically for Sailing Instruction or class changes)

-The Fall Series will have separate Sailing Instructions-

Race Results, Changes, Handicapping: Race results (subject to protests) will usually be posted on the GPSC bulletin board in the North Parking Lot of Windmill Pointe Park and the GPSC Web Page race results section the day after each race. The high point scoring system is used for calculation of race results. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the same GPSC bulletin board and website race section. If there are errors or omissions in the results or registration information, contact one of the Race Chairs listed below. *If you do not have a current PHRF rating, the GPSC Fleet Measurer will provide one based on boat type, modifications and credits. Answer all handicapping questions accurately and completely. Membership in and handicapping by DRYA is strongly encouraged. Roller furling credits will be consistent with DRYA standards. More DRYA information is available at www.drya.org.*

Classes and Starts: 2009 class splits and start times will be posted and available for downloading on the GPSC website and GPSC bulletin board located in the North Parking Lot of Windmill Pointe Park at least one week prior to the first race of a series. Early registration by participants aids GPSC in determining fair and reasonable class splits.

Courses: Course/Class assignments are set forth in the Sundown Series Sailing Instructions. There are no changes in courses and mark locations from the 2009 Series. An illustrative map of the Sundown course with relevant approximate GPSC buoy locations, bearings and distances is available for download from the GPSC Sundown Series web page race section.

Special Signal for Freighter Traffic: The "F" Flag Signal, with an audible alert, will be displayed whenever a freighter or restricted vessel is in the vicinity of the starting line and course. **While the "F" signal is displayed, the shipping channel is off limits in the starting area.** *Please note S.I. #1 and #11 regarding GPSC responsibility to the U.S. Coast Guard and enforcement of flag "F". A GPSC patrol boat will be on station to ensure adherence of these rules by all entrants. Race entrants who interfere with commercial river traffic may be asked to immediately return to their home marina based on severity of the infraction.*

Preliminary race results and any pictures or videos of the day's race are available at Marge's Bar on Mack Avenue. All are invited to attend. There will be post race parties at the Tompkins Center on May 26 and September 1 (after the first and last Sundown Series races).

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