



2025 Race Application (Deadline 6 July 2025)

Date: _____ Boat Name: _____
 Owner/Captain: _____ Make/Model/Year: _____
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Mobile Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
 Length: _____ Sail No. : _____ PHRF Rating: _____ YC Member: _____
 Requested Class: Cruising Class _____ Performance Class Jib/Main _____ Spinnaker _____

Note: Cruising class is Jib and Main and if a PHRF is not available, one will be assigned. Performance class boats must have a current PHRF rating for either Jib and Main or if declared a Spinnaker.

Race Fee: \$55.00 due with application (\$65.00 after deadline 6 July 2025 - no applications accepted after 9 July) Race fee includes complimentary Jolly Roger Captains hat. Additional hats and other branded merchandise is available for purchase.



“Race Application” with the below signed “Race Event Waiver” should be completed and handed to a member of the JRC Race Committee or email to jwolf.lyh@gmail.com

RACE EVENT WAIVER.

The Jolly Roger Cup & Shoreline Race ("JRC") is a family friendly event jointly organized by the Lakeshore Yacht Harbour YC, White Lake Yacht Club and Muskegon Yacht Club, and in consideration for participation in the 2025 JRC, and being fully aware of the dangers that may befall mariners, the undersigned, for himself/herself and his/her heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, hereby waives any and all claims which he/she, and any of them may have against the JRC Committee, Lakeshore Yacht Harbour YC, White Lake Yacht Club, Muskegon Yacht Club and their sponsors, respective officers, member of the Board of Directors and members, employees and agents, arising out of the participation of the undersigned in the 2025 JRC and its related activities. Weather and sea condition must be evaluated by each skipper and his/her crew and each participant is responsible for determining whether it safe for him/her to participate. I hereby agree to all of the conditions and rules of 2025 JRC and shall inform each member of my crew of the condition of this waiver.

I agree to the conditions of the JRC and state that my insured yacht will be outfitted, equipped and handled in a safe manner and that the rating and/or other information filed with the committee is applicable for this yacht at the time of the start of the race. I specifically agree that it is my responsibility to see that this yacht is seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear. and that she is competently manned. I further accept and agree to all of the covenants and instruction and additional sailing instructions concerning this race. Further, I fully understand what the entry deadline is and sailing conditions have been established and the Race Committee will not accept entries who do not comply, and it is my complete responsibility to comply with these instructions.

Owner/skipper (name) _____ Owner/Skipper (signature) _____

Date _____

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND RACE RULES

2025 JOLLY ROGER CUP & SHORELINE RACE

CRUISING AND PERFORMANCE CLASS - July 12, 2025

1 RULES

1.1 The Jolly Roger Cup & Shoreline Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The requirements for wearing PFDs at the start and finish are waived. This will be the captain's choice.

1.3 The Jolly Roger Cup and Shoreline Race will be held with two racing classes, each having an independent start time as listed below. The decision as to which class each boat shall enter will be the decision of the skipper. All race boats are requested to obtain a MWPHRF certificate, if possible, in the case that one is not available the JRC Race Committee will attempt to assign a handicap.

- Cruising Class: A Jib & Main race intended for less experienced crews or boats equipped for cruising.
- Performance Class: This will be a Jib, Main and if declared 48 hour in advance of the race, Spinnaker Class using the appropriate PHRF handicap.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 pm on July 11th, 2025 at the Jolly Roger Race Website and the LYH-YC clubhouse.

3 RACING AREAS

3.1 The Racing Area shall be defined as Lake Michigan.

4 THE COURSE

4.1 The course will be from an area between White Lake Pier Head to Muskegon Lake Pier Head. The course length will be approximately 14-18 NM, dependent upon weather. These definitions will be in force unless changed by the JRC Race Committee.

4.2 Depending on predicted conditions at the time of start, changes may be made to the race course by the race committee and this will be discussed at the race skippers meeting. The start will be an up-wind start unless directed otherwise.

5 Starting Sequence

5.1 The starting line will be located at a point South and West of the southern White Lake pier head.

5.2 The race shall be started by using the following sound signals.

Warning: 1 prolonged air horn blast 5 minutes to start
One-Minute to Start: 1 prolonged air horn blast 1 minute to start
Start: for each class 1 prolonged air horn blast Start of race

5.3 The start will be a two-stage start: All boats assigned to group Cruising Class will start at 12:00 and those assigned to Performance Class will have a start time of 12:15. Both groups will follow the above start sequence.

6 THE FINISH

6.1 The finish line shall be located approximately at a point, North and West of the Muskegon Lake north pier head, unless advised otherwise at the skippers meeting or by published notice. Boats should continue to race until a horn signal signifies that they have finished. As boats approach the finish line they shall contact the finish line committee boat by VHF radio channel 69, to announce that they are about to cross the line. The committee boat will sound the horn and announce the finish of each boat on VHF radio.

6.2 It is the sole responsibility of the finishing yacht to make sure that the Race Committee can identify them. Boats that are finishing must sail between the committee boat and the finish mark race buoy.

6.3 After finishing, the captains shall submit a signed verification of finish in a box located at the LYH-YC. The finishing times recorded by the race committee are official. If a boat finishing is missed by the race committee, that boat may apply for redress by supplying their GPS finish time augmented by the testimony of the crew of any yacht finishing near them. This must occur before the presentation of the awards.

7.1 TIME LIMIT is 5 hours after your starting time. Boats not completing the race within this period will be scored “DNF”.

8 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

8.1 Protesting will be frowned upon.

8.2 Skippers observing rule infractions are requested to call the suspected offender on VHF channel 69 to resolve the matter in a sportsman like manner and continue racing.

9 SCORING

9.1 The scoring system is as follows: LMPHRF or MWPHRF, Time on Time. Corrected time, from low to high, determines finishing place.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. This can be done by contacting the race committee aboard one of the committee boats via VHF radio or cell phone.

10.2 A boat entered in the Jolly Roger event must have all standard safety equipment including VHF radio, Coast Guard approved life preservers, signal and safety equipment and a functioning auxiliary engine.

11 OFFICIAL BOATS

11.1 Official boats will be positioned at the start line and finish line. Their instructions are to be followed.

12 BERTHING

12.1 After finishing, any yacht needing a berth shall hail LYH-YC or Muskegon Yacht Club on VHF Channel 9 if they require docking or rafting instructions warning that space may be limited.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. VHF Channel 69 is the official channel for all race related communications.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

The Jolly Roger Cup is a team trophy event. Team scoring is a point system as follows: Each boat will be assigned a finishing order within her class based on the lowest corrected time under the PHRF handicap system. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored 1 point, the second lowest time 2 points and so on. The team score is the sum of the points of the top 3 finishers from each team with the lowest team score determining the winner of the team trophy.

14.2 Scoring teams with fewer than 3 entrants in a class

In the event a team has fewer than 3 entrants, then the top 2 boats will be used to determine the team score. If a club has only 1 entrant in a class, that team is not eligible to be scored for the team trophy. However, the lone entrant on any team is eligible for an individual place trophy.

14.3 Tie breaking.

In the event that the score is tied between two or more teams, a fourth boat will be included in the team scores. If this method still produces a tie, a fifth score will be added until one club has used all of its participants in its scoring. Should the scores still be tied, the contest will be declared a tie.

14.4 Trophy Possession

In the event of a tie, possession of the Jolly Roger Cup trophy will reside for a time with each winning club. One club will possess the trophy until the end of the calendar year, the other will possess the trophy the following year until the time of the next Jolly Roger Cup. The order of possession will be based on a coin toss, the winning team getting its choice to possess during the current or the next year. Both Teams will have their club name and winning boats inscribed for that year. Should the race not be held in any year, possession of the Jolly Roger cup will be returned to the Jolly Roger Committee in care of LYH-YC.

14.5 The Jolly Roger Shoreline Race

Awards for the top 3 individual finishers independent of team scores will be awarded for both the Cruising Class (Jolly Roger Cup) and the Performance Class (Jolly Roger Performance Class).

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors (including Skippers and their crew) participate in this event entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority (LYH-YC, WLYC, MYC and all sponsors) will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta. All competitors are to have read, understood and signed the waiver with the application.