2026 BAYVIEW MACKINAC RACE

Saturday, July 18, 2026

The World's Longest Continuously Run Long Distance Freshwater Yacht

Special Rules Applicable to Boats Racing in the Cruising Division

"Cruising Division Rules" or "CD Rules"

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A. General

1. These rules (hereinafter referred to as "Cruising Division Rules" or "CD Rules") apply to all boats racing in the Cruising Division in the 2026 Bayview Mackinac Race (the "Race").
2. To the extent these CD Rules are inconsistent with one or more provisions of the ORC Rule or other Rules governing the Race, the provisions of these CD Rules modify and supersede those, Rules.
3. The Cruising Division may consist of "Cruising" and "Cruiser-Racer" classes. Boats that do not meet all of the "Cruising" criteria outlined below will be placed in the "Cruiser-Racer" class.
4. *The Organizing Authority's decision assigning a boat to the Cruising Class or Cruiser-Racer Class or denying a request to be assigned to the Cruising Class shall not be subject to appeal or challenge. Exemptions may only be granted by the Organizing Authority in its sole discretion.*

B. Cruiser – Racer Class Eligibility

Criteria:

1. The Boat as configured and rated has an ORC defined minimum Dynamic Allowance of .23% ~~and/~~**OR** a combined upwind and downwind average Sail Area to Displacement of ~~30~~ 32.5 or less as defined by ORC. ((Upwind Sail Area to Displacement + Downwind Sail Area to Displacement) / 2)

C. Restrictions on Equipment and Actions While Racing:

1. No symmetrical spinnaker shall be used or carried onboard.
2. Any provision in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions that allows a boat to carry one additional spinnaker beyond that normally allowed under ORC 206.1 does not apply to a boat racing in the Cruising Division.
3. If a boat's ORC certificate shows the boat is rated to carry an asymmetrical spinnaker, then no more than two (2) asymmetrical spinnakers of a size for which the boat is properly rated may be on board during the Race. This changes ORC Rule 206.1. Only one can be flown at a time, except briefly while actively changing from one spinnaker to the other. If a boat's ORC certificate does not show that the boat is rated to carry an asymmetrical spinnaker, then no spinnakers of any type may be on board during the Race.
4. A "code zero" sail that measures as a spinnaker counts toward the two (2) spinnaker limit.
5. No "code zero" or sail defined as a spinnaker shall be used with a foot length less than 110% of measured TPS.
6. Only one sail may be flown forward of the mast except while actively engaged in the process of changing sails forward of the mast. This changes ORC Rule 208.3. The use of staysails or partially or completely unfurled headsails while a spinnaker is flying is prohibited. Exception: Non-sloop rigged boats (Ketches, Cutters, Yawls, etc.) are allowed to use the type of sails that the boat was designed to normally carry and is properly rated for under the ORC Rule.

7. Spinnaker or whisker poles shall not be attached to a spinnaker in any way.
8. A spinnaker pole or whisker pole may be attached to the clew of a headsail (as defined by RRS 50.4) provided such pole does not exceed the length of the "J" measurement.
9. A headsail ~~or spinnaker~~ may be flown and sheeted on the side opposite the boom (commonly known as "wing-on-wing".) ~~This changes the second sentence of ORC Rule 209.4.~~
10. A boat may set the tack of the spinnaker to a tackpoint located on a normal part of the boat (i.e. anchor roller, bowsprit, etc.) that is forward of the forestay, and on centerline but may not set the tack forward of the measurement point of the TPS listed on the boat's ORC rating certificate which shall not exceed 125% of a boat's "J" measurement.
11. An asymmetrical spinnaker shall only be tacked to a single tack line that is led to a spinnaker tackpoint or block. Any attempt to divert the tack line, or the spinnaker itself, through or around an afterguy, pulpit, cleat, Turks head, bow chock, or other outrigger, before it reaches the tackpoint, other than a block allowed by this rule, is not permitted.
12. A maximum of two (2) jibs greater than 110% LP may be carried. This changes ORC Rule 206.1. However, if there is a headsail used with a headsail furler as recorded in accordance with IMS F9.8 and credited in accordance with ORC Rule 111.4(d), then only one headsail shall be aboard while racing. That headsail shall be of area not less than 95% of the largest headsail set on the forestay recorded in the certificate.
13. No Headsails may be set flying (free of, or forward of the headstay)
14. Jibs less than 110% LP must be made of materials designed for use in strong winds. No "windseekers" or other sails made of lightweight materials or designed for use in light wind conditions may be used.
15. Power-driven winches are allowed. This changes RRS 52.

D. Special Rules Applicable Only to the "Cruising" Class within the Cruising Division

If three or more boats that have elected to enter the Cruising Division meet all of the following criteria, the Organizing Authority may create and assign those boats to a separate class ("Cruising Class") within the Cruising Division intended to provide for fair competition between boats that have a very limited sail inventory and are primarily designed for cruising, not racing. *If a boat does not meet all of the following criteria, it should select to race in the "Cruiser-Racer" Class when registering within the Cruising Division.*

Criteria:

1. The Boat as configured and rated has an ORC defined minimum Dynamic Allowance of .30%
2. All boats in the Cruising Class shall meet all of the requirements of the Cruising Division with further limitations as follows:
   a) The boat uses only one headsail that is attached to a headsail furler as recorded in accordance with IMS F9.8 and credited in accordance with ORC Rule 111.4(d), all as provided for under ORC Rule 206.1.
   b) The boat is rated to use either no spinnakers or to use only an asymmetrical spinnaker tacked on the centerline and carries only one (1) asymmetrical spinnaker on board while racing of an area not exceeding the area of such sail shown on its ORC certificate.
3. The boat is designed, equipped, and has sailing performance characteristics, that, in the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority, make the boat primarily suitable for use as a cruising vessel.

All boats in the Cruising Class must sail in the configuration conforming to that shown on its ORC rating certificate.

To the extent, the Rules set forth in Section C of these Special Rules applicable to boats in the Cruising Class are inconsistent or otherwise conflict with any Rule set forth in Sections A and B of these Special Rules and its configuration as shown on its ORC rating certificate, the more restrictive Rule shall apply to boats racing in the Cruising Class.