



FROM THE OLD GOATS CHAIR

WELCOME MACKINAC RACERS!

The Society of Mackinac Island Old Goats hopes that you have an enjoyable and successful Mackinac Race.

Don't wait until your 25th BYC Mackinac Race to start filling out your Old Goats Society Application Form. This is a Corinthian Sport and your word is good enough for us. Most of us remember our first and last races and years where we did particularly well. Then you need to start filling out the blank years by thinking about the different boats that you raced on in a specific year. After a while you will start to remember how many races you did on an individual boat. Pretty soon you will have it all filled in or be able to contact skippers, friends or family who may be able to help you jog your memory.

There is no giant database with all the thousands of crew members who raced on thousands of boats dating back to 1925 when BYC held it's first Mackinac Race. We have a difficult time keeping track of the thousands of sailors racing in the current year. So . . . Start now to keep track of your Mackinac Race participation so that when you get to Race 25, you will be all set to send in your completed application form (due by September 1st) and be inducted into the BYC Mackinac Old Goats Society.

There will be a photograph of all Bayview Mackinac Old Goats, Grand Rams and Double Goats taken on Mackinac Island prior to the Island Awards Party. Look for the Old Goats Banner near the stage and listen for the announcement. We will gather near the Banner around 12:00 Noon.

New Old Goats and New Grand Rams will be Officially Inducted into the Society of Old Goats at the BYC Mackinac Awards Dinner in the Fall. Also held that same afternoon of the Awards Dinner is the New Old Goats and Grand Rams Cocktail Party. You will be informed about the details of these events early in September.

Old Goats and Grand Rams also receive invitations to Old Goat Luncheons held in the Fall and Winter and the Old Goats Roast held in the Spring at Bayview Yacht Club. All Old Goats, Grand Rams, families, and friends are invited to the Roast for an evening of fun.

There is also recognition for those sailors who have completed 25 Bayview Mackinac Races AND 25 Chicago Mackinac Races who are called Double Goats. Please contact Chicago Yacht Club directly if you qualify for this award. If you have completed 50 Bayview Mackinac Races, please fill out a Grand Ram Application Form (due by May 1st of each year) found on the Bayview Mackinac Race Website under the “About” tab.

Please inform us of any changes in personal information by sending us an email to adams@sailepic.com or Jmiraclebest@byc.com (Jennifer) or to submit your application form. You can also call the BYC Office at 313-822-1853. To order an Old Goat blazer patch, Bayview Old Goat logo clothing, or other Old Goat merchandise, please see the Old Goat/Grand Ram Merchandise order form on the Bayview Mackinac Race website www.bycmack.com under the “About” tab. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ray Adams at adams@sailepic.com with any questions.

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