



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS BOAT CLUB
2026 Thursday Night Sailing Series
(New this year! – Cruising Class!)**

Spring Series: May 28th, June 4th, June 11th, June 18th, and June 25th

Summer Series: July 30th, August 6th, August 13th, August 20th, and August 27th

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI USA

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1. RULES AND MANAGEMENT

This series shall be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of US Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS), except as modified by the sailing instructions.

2. AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISK

In consideration of being permitted to enter this regatta and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, all contestants including but not limited to, skippers, crew members and guests on board voluntarily assume all risks associated with participation in the event. It shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew of each yacht to decide whether to start, to continue or to finish a race. The skipper and crew must assure that all U.S. Coast Guard required equipment and safety equipment is properly maintained, on board and stowed in a manner that is accessible when needed, and that the crew knows where the equipment is kept and how to use it.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 12:00PM on 5/15/2026 at: [GPFBC Races 2026](#).

4. RADIO MONITORING

Radio monitoring is recommended but not required. The Race Committee shall use **VHF channel 71**. The Race Committee may report start time count and visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over **channel 71**. The information reported by the Race Committee is provided as a courtesy only and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions in such radio reports shall not be grounds for granting redress. The online official notice board is located at [GPFBC Races 2026](#).

5. ENTRY

Competitors may enter the race series by completing the entry form and paying the entry fee to the Race Committee at [GPFBC Races 2026](#). Racing is open to any boat with a PHRF rating which can be obtained at [Mid-West PHRF](#) or the race committee may assign a rating based on its own evaluation. The race committee may deem a vessel inappropriate for the Thursday night venue.

6. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

7. FEES

The racing fees for 2025 are as follows:

Both Spring and Summer Series: \$90.00

Spring Series Only: \$50.00

Summer Series Only: \$50.00

8. STARTING SEQUENCE

Races shall be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals. The absence or inaccurate sound signal shall be disregarded. Class designation flags will be flown from the left side of the yardarm, as viewed from the water. Class flags are not required to be flown by competitors.

6:54 Attention - Six short horn signals

6:55 Warning – Class flag raised with gun and horn



6:56 Preparatory - Prep flag raised with horn

6:59 One Minute - Prep flag lowered with horn

7:00 First Start - Class flag lowered with gun; next class flag raised

Classes start at five-minute intervals with each class flag being raised at the start of the class before it. The Race Committee may assign entrants to classes set forth in the Sailing Instructions. The classes and competitor assignments to them will be established when enough registrations have been received.

9. COURSES

Each race will start off the **Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park** seawall with a total distance of 6.1 nm. Cal 25 and Cruising Class will sail a modified course of approximately 4.7 nm. Course details will be found in the Sailing Instructions. A short course may be signaled prior to the first start if weather or sea conditions require.

10. SCORING

Each race shall be scored utilizing the PHRF time-on-time scoring method using the formula adopted by the DRYA. Certain classes as announced by the Race Committee may use the Multi-Sail Rule described on page five of the Sailing Instructions.

11. AWARDS

All participants are invited to Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park following the last race of each series for the awarding of flags. The number of flags awarded will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and will depend on the number of boats participating. Your entry fee includes refreshments. All participants and crews are invited. The **George Gerow Trophy** may be awarded to the yacht with the best combined score for both series and the **Doug Moran Trophy** may be awarded to the yacht from Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park with the best combined score for both series. These two awards may be subject to the judgement of the Race Committee.

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