



HELLY HANSEN SAILING WORLD REGATTA SERIES DETROIT

including:

*Ensign Region 5 Championship
DRYA Series Championship Qualifier
ORC Great Lakes Championship
J/35 Great Lakes Championship
Youth Keelboat Series*

Bayview Yacht Club
May 29-31, 2026
Detroit, MI

<https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series/>

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Sailing World in conjunction with Bayview Yacht Club ("BYC"). Bayview Yacht Club is the host Club and will provide race management.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions:
 - (a) [DP] For the J/70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.
 - (b) For the J/105 Class: J105 Class Rule 7.10 shall not apply to the OA-approved coach boat.
- 1.3 The ORC Rules (found at www.orc.org/rules) will apply for ORC classes
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble of Part 5, Section B and 63.1(b) shall not apply.
- 1.5 Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules.
- 1.6 [DP] Competitor boats (including support boats) shall not fly drones.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located on the regatta website, prior to the event.
- 2.2 Separate sailing instructions (SIs) will be available for the Distance Races.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board [ONB] is available online at:
<https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-detroit/>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. Some classes may request an exemption from this requirement.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except when requesting outside assistance, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The following boats are eligible to enter:

- (a) Classes invited by the OA,
- (b) boats in good standing and current members of a one-design class association whose class is invited by the OA,
- (c) Level class, determined by OA,
- (d) Boats with a valid ORC rating certificate,
- (e) Boats with a valid MWPHRF rating certificate. See MWPHRF.org.
- (f) Skippers shall be a current member of their National Governing Body (US Sailing for USA members; to join visit: www.ussailing.org).

4.2 A minimum of eight boats is required for a class to be eligible for one-design, level, or rated class. The OA reserves the right to modify the minimum number of entries in a class. The OA reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion. To enter the event, the helmsman of the boat shall be a member in good standing of the class association.

4.3 Invited one-design classes include: Cal 25, Catalina 22, Ensign, ILCA/Laser, J/105, J/111, J/35, J/70, J/80, Lightning, Melges 15, Melges 24, Nonsuch 30, S2 7.9, Santana 35, Tartan 10, and Viper 640. If a class is not listed, please email regattas@sailingworld.com to propose inclusion in the event.

4.4 The Youth Keelboat Class will race Ultimate 20's on the Detroit River Course. Invited teams will practice on Friday, race on Saturday and Sunday. Teams may email regattas@sailingworld.com to propose inclusion in the event.

4.5 Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, classes may be started together but scored separately.

4.6 Invited rated classes include: ORC or Level for the 1-day distance + 2-day buoy races; and PHRF for the Saturday and Sunday distance racing division.

4.7 ORC Spinnaker Class is open to any boat of 20 feet LOA or greater that holds a valid ORC certificate from 2026. The ORC Class will race the Distance Race on Friday, and Buoy Races on Saturday and Sunday. If a certificate is needed go to <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>, specifying Sailing World Regatta Series – Detroit as the event name in the application. Applications must be made no later than April 15, 2026. A boat sailing under ORC shall be assigned to a division and section according to its rating and at the discretion of the organizing authority. All decisions of the OA regarding section assignments shall be final.

4.8 The Distance Racing division (Saturday and Sunday only, 1 race per day) is open to Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker boats of 20 feet LOA or greater that hold a valid PHRF Certificate.

4.9 Entries shall be completed online at <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-detroit/>

4.10 Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than May 9, 2026. New and incomplete entries after April 30, 2025 will increase by \$75.00, this includes any unpaid entries.

4.11 A representative of each eligible boat shall register with race management in person at the Bayview Yacht Club during the allotted registration times. All skipper and crew waivers must be completed.

4.12 Waiver of liability: As part of the entry process, all skippers and crew waivers must be completed and submitted before registration to be a valid entry. Crew names shall be identified by the close of registration.

4.13 In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability online prior to racing on that boat.

4.14 For entries to be considered valid, all registration items must be completed, including but not limited to online crew waiver submission, paid fees, rating certificates submission, etc. All incomplete registrations will be rejected if the regatta is incomplete on or after 1900 on Thursday, May 28, 2026.



4.15 Qualifying teams may sign up for a sub-class, such as the Junior Team (under 21 years of age) and Mixed Plus (≥50% female+), for awards in any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be based on the LOA is as follows:

LOA	Early Entry Fee	Entry Fee after 4/30/26
Youth Keelboat Series (Ultimate 20s)	\$250	\$325
up to 19'	\$235	\$310
20' - 24'	\$275	\$350
25' - 30'	\$285	\$360
31' - 39'	\$300	\$375
40' - 49'	\$310	\$385
Distance Race (Saturday & Sunday)	\$175	\$250
Remote Control Yachts	\$25	\$35

5.2 The entry fee includes: docking and use of facilities at Bayview Yacht Club from Thursday, May 28 - Sunday, May 31. To request docking, please contact BYC Director of Sailing & Harbor Operations: steve@byc.com. Dock space is limited, please make your reservation in advance.

5.3 Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA. An entry is not valid until the entry form and fees are accepted by the OA. To withdraw your entry for credit, please email regattas@sailingworld.com no later than May 15, 2026. In the event that the regatta is canceled all entry fees will be credited in full less a \$25 admin fee.

5.4 The Regattas Socials are open to sailors, members, and guests for events on Thursday to Sunday. The Regatta Social Pass fee is inclusive of Friday and Sunday light bites and drinks, Saturday Party, dinner buffet and live music. Social passes may be purchased in advance on the race website.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

6.3 At the discretion of the OA, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's bow with the front edge of the forward number no more than 12 inches from the bow stern.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES



- 7.1 A Skippers Meeting will be held at 1800 on May 28, 2026 at BYC.
- 7.2 Registration will take place at the following times at BYC - see table below.
- 7.3 The One design classes will race Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.4 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1030 each day. The race committee intends to run as many races as viable each day, throughout the weekend.
- 7.5 The Ultimate 20s will race on Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.6 ORC will race a distance race on Friday, then buoy racing on Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.7 PHRF will race a distance race on Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.8 There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday.
- 7.9 One race constitutes a regatta.
- 7.10 Post race socials are scheduled for 5:30pm on Friday - Sunday at BYC. Additional social activities include Friday and light bites and Cocktail Contest, Saturday Live Music and Dinner.

2026 IMPORTANT DATES	REGISTRATION DETAIL	LOCATION
November 2025	Entry Open for All Classes	sailingworld.com/regatta-series
Thursday, April 30 2359hrs	Deadline for Early Entry Discount - All Classes	sailingworld.com/regatta-series
Saturday, May 9 2359hrs	Deadline for One-Design Class Formation (8 paid boat minimum for dedicated start)	sailingworld.com/regatta-series
Friday, May 15	Last opportunity to withdraw from racing	regattas@sailingworld.com
Wednesday, May 27 2359	Online Entry Closes	https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-detroit/
Thursday, May 28 1600 - 1830 1800 - 1830	Registration - All Boats Skippers Meeting	Bayview Yacht Club
Friday, May 29 0800 - 0900 1030 1730 - 2000	Registration - All Boats First Warning Regatta Social + Contests	Bayview Yacht Club Race Area Bayview Yacht Club
Saturday, May 30 0730 - 0830 1030 1730 - 2000	Registration - All Boats First Warning Regatta Social	Bayview Yacht Club Race Area Bayview Yacht Club
Sunday, May 31 1030 1500 1600 1630	First Warning No Warning after this time Regatta Social Tentative time for Awards	Race Area Bayview Yacht Club Bayview Yacht Club



8. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

8.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class.

8.2 Neither the OA nor the BYC shall be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins or measurements. Local or national class association representatives shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins and/or measurement if needed.

9. VENUE

9.1 Racing areas will be in Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. The Distance Racing area will be in Lake St. Clair and adjacent waters.

9.2 Racing areas are permitted to cross into international (Canadian) waters. Each crew is responsible for carrying on board the required and necessary official identification during racing.

10. COURSES

The number of racing areas, specific locations, and courses to be sailed will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION, will apply.

11.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 Each boat's regatta score will be the sum of her scores for all races with no race scores excluded. One race will constitute a series.

12.2 Boats entered under PHRF will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) scoring. Boats entered under ORC will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) system with a five-band range. All other boats will be scored without handicap.

13. BERTHING/HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 All visiting boats and trailers must obtain docking information and trailer tags from the BYC Waterfront Team. All visiting boats using BYC facilities for launching, docking, etc. must email steve@byc.com by May 15, 2026 for a reservation. Docking fees at BYC are included in the entry fee and confirmed upon the completion of registration (waivers, fees).

13.2 It is the responsibility of the competitor to coordinate arrangements directly with the Marina, Yacht Club, or storage location. Below are the locations where visiting fleets may be hosted.

- (i) BAYVIEW YACHT CLUB has docking available for all visiting keelboats between May 25 - June 1, 2026. Bayview will also direct to nearby docking locations. Storage request: BYC Director of Sailing & Harbor Operations, Steve Elliott: steve@byc.com
- (ii) CRESCENT YACHT SAIL CLUB may host visiting boats under 25'. Storage request: Scott Sorbie - sasorbie@gmail.com.
- (iii) GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB may accommodate docking during the regatta. Contact Harbormaster - Alex Turner aturner@gpyc.org or (313) 640-7000.

13.3 [DP] Once launched, boats shall not be hauled out for the duration of the regatta without written permission from the OA. Dinghy type boats are exempt from these haul-out restrictions.

14. RISK STATEMENT



14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 (decision to race) states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and BYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

14.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of registration.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top three finishers of each qualifying class.

16.2 Class Trophy: Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for the **Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award**, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:

- (iv) The same boat must be used in all three events
- (v) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events
- (vi) A boat's series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

16.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top **Youth Team** (under 21 years of age), and top **Mixed Plus Team** (50% + female) in any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

17. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either media, editorial or advertising purposes.

REGATTA CONTACT

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