



May 27, 2011

re: Quantum® Freshwater Cup

Attention Sailing Community:

On behalf of the Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, and Little Traverse Yacht Club, it is my pleasure to announce a new sailing event: the Quantum® Freshwater Cup.

In order to promote sailing and racing in Northern Michigan, encourage fellowship among Northern Michigan racers and yacht clubs, and cross participation in our signature regattas, we along with our sponsor, Quantum Sail Design Group, announce a new four regatta series, the Quantum® Freshwater Cup. This series includes the signature regattas of the participating host yacht clubs: Boyne City Yacht Club Mark Madness; Charlevoix Yacht Club Red Fox; Grand Traverse Yacht Club Invitational (aka "Hound Dog"); and Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta (aka "Ugotta Regatta").

Attached please find the Notice of Race and Entry Form. We hope that this inaugural year for the Quantum® Freshwater Cup begins a new tradition in Northern Michigan racing. We look forward to seeing you on the water.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Horvath".

Katie Horvath
Commodore
Grand Traverse Yacht Club

2011 Quantum® Freshwater Cup Notice of Race and Entry Form

This regatta series is organized and supported by the Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club and Little Traverse Yacht Club, and sponsored by Quantum Sail Design Group.

1. Series Description

The Quantum® Freshwater Cup series includes the following four regatta events: Boyne City Yacht Club Mark Madness; Charlevoix Yacht Club Red Fox; Grand Traverse Yacht Club Invitational (aka "Hound Dog"); and Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta (aka "Ugotta Regatta").

2. Purpose

To promote sailing and racing in Northern Michigan, encourage fellowship among Northern Michigan racers and yacht clubs and cross participation in our signature regattas.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Participation in three of four regatta events is required for entry.

3.2 Competitors are responsible for meeting all eligibility requirements for each individual event, as prescribed by the organizing authority of the event, and also for meeting such class rules and any special requirements their fleet has for each event and/or this championship series.

3.3 Boats must have a current LMPHRF Certificate to participate.

4. Fees

4.1 Entrants will be charged no entry fee for participating in the series, apart from the entry fees charged by each hosting yacht club for each regatta event. For at least the inaugural year of this series, competitors racing in all four regatta events will receive 20% off of the total combined entry fees for the four regatta events. Refunds will be made by the individual hosting yacht clubs after completion of the last series regatta event, upon confirmation by the host yacht clubs that the entrant raced in all four regatta events. In order to qualify for this refund, participants must timely file an Entry Form.

5. Entry

5.1 All yachts entering these series must file an Entry Form. Entry forms are available on the regatta website and from the hosting yacht clubs. Entry Forms must be postmarked or filed electronically no later than August 15, 2011. All Entry Forms are to be addressed and sent to: Katie Horvath, Commodore, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, P.O. Box 131, Traverse City, MI 49685 or electronically sent to: commodore@gtyc.org, or submitted electronically on the regatta website.

5.2 Note: Each regatta event in the series will also require its own registration.

5.3 All entrants must pay entry fees for each individual regatta event individually to each hosting yacht club. Entrants must pay the full entry fees upfront to affect registration in each event, and the entrant will be refunded fees equaling the 20%

discount off of total entry fees by the individual yacht clubs, if entering all four regatta events, per Section 4 above.

5.4 Participant information, from completed Entry Forms, may be shared with Quantum Sail Design Group, the series sponsor. Series results may be posted to one or more websites, including the identification of participant yachts. Participants agree to information sharing between the participating yacht clubs and with the sponsor, Quantum Sail Design Group, for information, scoring, and promotion use.

6. Rules

6.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

7. Scoring

7.1 Series rankings will be based on the results as prepared by each event regatta organizing authority, but scoring series contestants only.

7.2 RRS A9 is in effect. Throw-out scores will be excluded per the throw-out tables in the series races section that follows. This modifies RRS A2.

7.3 The winner of the Cup will be based on the total score of all events per Appendix A using the low point system. A participant's finish in each event regatta will be based on the low point system, using corrected time to score the series or race granted they have sailed the same course distance. Entrants sailing different course lengths shall have their corrected time modified by: a Factor = Course A Distance / Course B Distance. Ties will be scored with accordance with RRS A8.2. DNC will be scored as one more than Cup participant registered. DNF/DNS/DSQ will be scored one more than Cup participants entered in that event.

7.4 Registered participants MUST attend 3 of 4 events to qualify; if all 4 events are attended, only the top 3 scores will apply.

8. Prizes

8.1 The first place winner will receive free entry into all four regatta events for 2012. The first place winner will receive a prize from our sponsor, Quantum Sail Design Group. The yacht club of which the first place winner is a member will receive for display until the following year's Quantum® Freshwater Cup, a perpetual trophy provided by Quantum Sail Design Group, with the first place winner's name engraved. This perpetual trophy is to be passed to the home yacht club of the first place winner each year.

8.2 Prizes will be awarded during the Charlevoix Yacht Club Red Fox Regatta Awards Ceremony.

9. Understanding and Liability Waiver

9.1 In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Quantum® Freshwater Cup, and being fully aware of the dangers that may befall mariners, each of the undersigned, for themselves and their heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, hereby waives any and all claims which he, and any of them may have against all organizing authorities, including but not limited to, Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, Little Traverse Yacht Club, Quantum Sail Design Group, and their Boards of Directors, Flag Officers, employees, Race Committees, committee boat participants, Protest Committees, race sponsors,

- members and agents involved in the organization, supervision and conduct of this racing series or the individual events in this series, or arising out of the participation of the undersigned in the Quantum® Freshwater Cup and its related activities. This waiver is not intended to preclude claims by an individual contestant against another contestant arising out of any alleged negligent conduct of said contestant.
- 9.2 My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this racing event entirely at our own risk.
- 9.3 I acknowledge and agree that the Boyne City Yacht Club, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, Little Traverse Yacht Club, Quantum Sail Design Group, and their Boards of Directors, Flag Officers, employees, Race Committees, committee boat participants, Protest Committees, race sponsors, members and agents involved in the organization, supervision and conduct of this racing series will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any person participating in this racing event, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this racing event sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing event.
- 9.4 I agree to the Conditions of the races and state that the yacht identified in this entry will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with these Conditions and that the rating filed with LMPHRF is the applicable rating for this yacht at the time she starts the series. 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 agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, and provision my yacht in accordance with the safety regulations specified by the organizing authority for each series event. I accept and agree to all Notices and Conditions of each of the races and any additional Sailing Instructions concerning the Quantum® Freshwater Cup and the four regatta events comprising the series. Further, I fully understand that entry deadlines and Conditions have been established, and entries will not be accepted that do not comply, and it is my responsibility to comply with these requirements.
- 9.5 I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew and the entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.
- 9.6 I understand this document has important legal consequences and have consulted such legal and other advisors as I deem appropriate before signing.

**2011 Quantum® Freshwater Cup
ENTRY FORM**

ENTRANT INFORMATION (Owner, Charterer, or Borrower)

Name: _____ Address: _____
Home / Cell Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Email: _____

Home Yacht Club: _____ USSailing Member: Yes / No
USSailing Membership# _____ Exp. Date: _____

YACHT INFORMATION

Yacht Name Make/Model: _____
Length: _____ Sail No. _____
LMPHRF Certificate date: _____ Rating: _____
(Note: You must attach a copy of your current certificate to effectuate registration.)

REGATTAS AND FEES

I will participate in the following 2011 Quantum® Freshwater Cup regatta events:

Boyne City Yacht Club Mark Madness (6/11-6/12):	yes / no
Grand Traverse Yacht Club Invitational (6/18-6/19):	yes / no
Little Traverse Yacht Club Regatta (7/30-7/31):	yes / no
Charlevoix Yacht Club Red Fox Regatta (9/3-9/4):	yes / no

I acknowledge that in addition to filing this entry form, I must register for each individual regatta event with the host yacht club and I must make regatta event payment directly to each individual host yacht club in a timely manner, as prescribed by the individual regatta event organizing authorities, in order to qualify for this series.

I am attaching to this Entry Form a valid current LMPHRF certificate for my yacht and acknowledge that my registration is not complete without attaching this certificate.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions including the Understanding and Liability Waiver in the Notice of Race.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____