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ABOUT THE CHICAGO YACHT CLUB RACE TO MACKINAC

DISTANCE

333 statute miles (289.4 nautical miles) from Chicago, starting east of Navy Pier to Mackinac Island, Michigan

ORIGIN

The first Mac Race was held in 1898 as an informal race of five boats. The second Mac happened in 1904 and then intermittently until after WWI. Every year since 1921 has seen the running of the race, except when COVID forced the cancellation in 2020. 2022 represents the 113TH running of the race.



Chicago Yacht Club Race To Mackinac



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PARTICIPANTS

244 boats with approximately 2,100 sailors are participating in the 2022 race

RECORD HOLDERS

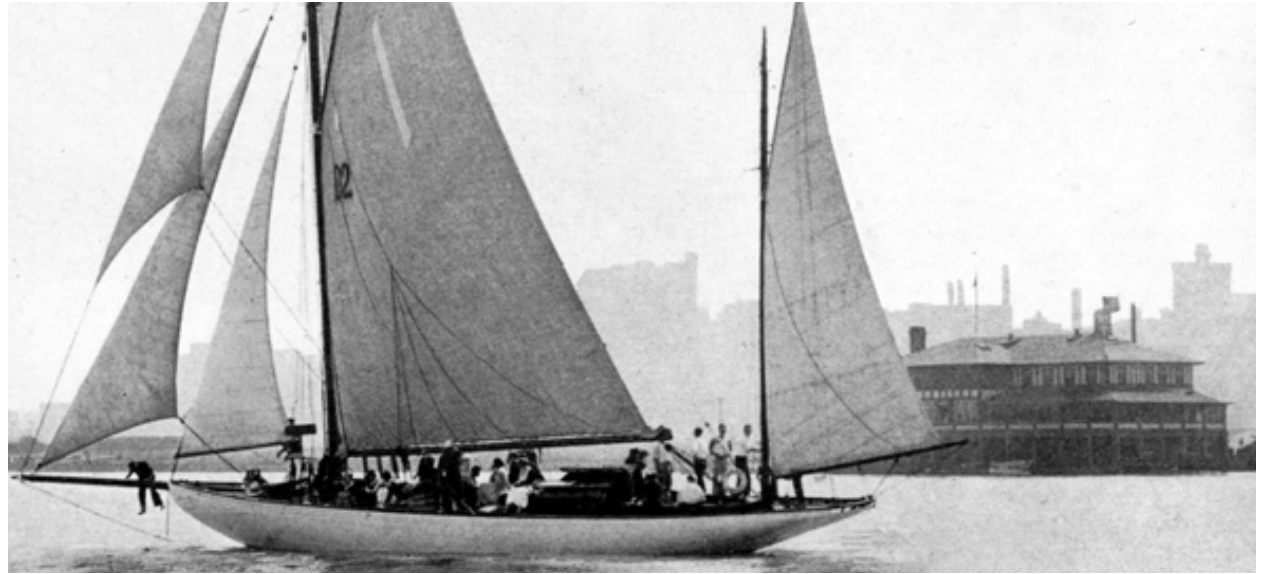
Monohull: Pyewacket,
owned and skippered by Roy Disney
@ 23 hours 30 minutes and 34 seconds; 2002

Multihulls: Stars and Stripes,
owned and skippered by Steve Fosset
@ 18 hours 50 minutes and 32 seconds; 1998

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Starting in 1898 with a mere five boats, The Mac has evolved into a world-class sporting event. After the first race in 1898, the Race to Mackinac was not held for five years until the second race in 1904. By 1906, the race had developed a healthy following and, in that year, the original Mackinac trophy was purchased. The race has seen occasional sustained violent weather in the blows of 1911, 1937 and 1970. After gale force winds took down most of the fleet in the Mac of 1911, the finish in the 1912 and 1913 races was changed to Harbor Springs on Little Traverse Bay instead of Mackinac Island. Race organizers felt the shorter distance was safer. From 1914 until 1916 the Mac was back to its full distance until WWI. From 1917-1920 there were no Mac races due to the strains of the War, which took away yachtsmen and put many boats out of commission. Since 1921, the Race to Mackinac has run consecutively every year, remains the longest annual freshwater distance race, and is recognized as one of the most prestigious sailing races in the world.

Today, sailors from Maine to California make this race an invariable part of their summer. Moreover, each year the Mac hosts sailors from



as far off as Hong Kong, New Zealand and Australia. Although the Mac remains primarily an amateur event, this race has a proven track record of attracting some of the finest sailing talent in the sport. The monohull record of 23 hours, 30 minutes, and 34 seconds set by Roy Disney's Pyewacket in 2002, and Steve Fossett on Stars and Stripes set the multihull record of 18 hours, 50 minutes, and 32 seconds in 1998. Both records still stand today. The unpredictable weather and fickle winds on Lake Michigan make the Race to Mackinac a supreme test, which many competitors feel rivals any ocean race. As one veteran sailor put it, "It's fun, but it's serious fun."

2022 marks the 113TH running of the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac. Although there have been changes to the race over the years,

the basic elements of this venerable contest have remained unchanged for over 100 years. Stripped down to its essence, The Mac, like all sailboat racing, is still primarily a test of strength, endurance, strategy and willpower. And let's not forget the dearest friend (and most menacing foe) of all sailors-- the wind.

"It is not just a desire to win which impels yachtsmen to undergo the hardships of the long race, but it is something far greater — possibly the modern reflection of the ancient love of the art of seafaring, the rigorous discipline, the peerless craftsmanship, the full life that comes to the sailor and no other, and the opportunity to match skills with other men other ships."

There Will Always Be a Mackinac --
D.F. Prather, 1925



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WARNING GUN PARTY

Thursday, July 21 at Monroe Station

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

By Invitation Only

CRUISING DIVISION START

Friday, July 22

3 - 3:30 p.m.

PRE-RACE PARTY

Friday, July 22 at Monroe Station

6 - 11:30 p.m.

PARADE OF BOATS

Saturday, July 23 at Navy Pier

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

RACING DIVISION START

Saturday, July 23

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PORCH PARTY

Sunday, July 24 at The Grand Hotel

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. EST

SAILORS' CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 26 on Mackinac Island

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. EST

MEDIA BOAT

A media boat will be available Friday and Saturday for the starts.

Please make a reservation by contacting Laura Muma at

Laura@LMPRINC.com

THE BOATS

The boats compete in more than 20 separate sections divided into cruising and racing divisions. The sections are determined by handicap and one design fleets. The Cruising Division departs on Friday while the Racing Division departs on Saturday.

29 ft

SMALLEST BOAT

Nemo - Seascape 27

104 ft

LARGEST BOAT

Whitehawk - Bruce King 104 ketch

THE ISLAND GOAT SOCIETY

The Island Goat Society was established in 1959 when three CYC members decided to create an organization to preserve the memories of the longest fresh water sailing classic in the world. To qualify to be apart of this society, one must have raced in 25 or more Mackinac Races.

THE CREW

14 yrs. old

YOUNGEST SAILOR

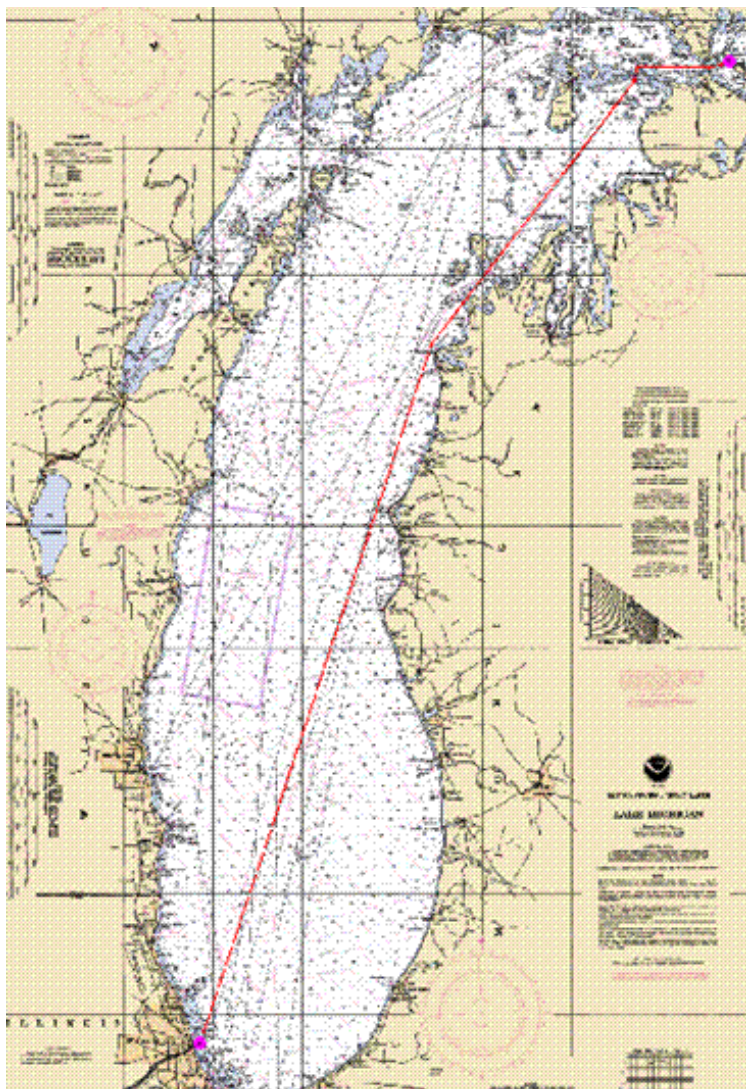
94 yrs. old

OLDEST SAILOR



THE COURSE

At 333 miles (289.4 nautical miles), the Race to Mackinac is the oldest annual freshwater distance race in the world. 'The Mac' starts at the Chicago Lighthouse, just off Navy Pier and continues to Mackinac Island.



HOW TO TRACK THE 113TH RACE TO MACKINAC

YBTracking, the leading provider of tracking services for offshore yacht races, equips each racing boat with a tracker that sends a ping about every 10 minutes through a satellite showing its location on the race course.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO SEE THE LIVE TRACKING:

FROM YOUR COMPUTER

Tracking is available via a link at the top of the Mac homepage, www.cycracetomackinac.com, under the "Race Tracking" tab.

FROM YOUR PHONE OR TABLET

For the best experience on your mobile device (iOS or Android), download the free YB Races app from the App Store or Google Play. "Buy" the 113TH CYC Race to Mackinac in the YB Tracking app. The Mac is covering the cost of the app, so the race will be available at no charge to our fans and friends.

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RACE TO MACKINAC TROPHIES

Trophies recognizing achievements in this race are on display in the cases and on the walls of the Chicago Yacht Club's Monroe Station. Division and first-to-finish awards recognize the best of the best, awarded for being the winner of their division, or the fastest boat regardless of handicap. Section trophies recognize winners of the individual sections, often consisting of one-design fleets. The Island Goat awards recognize endurance, with a minimum of 25 Mackinac races, and speed, with the fastest goat to the island receiving recognition.



MACKINAC CUP

Our grandest trophy, purchased in 1906 by subscription among club members, it is often referred to as “The Canoe”. This was the only permanent trophy for the Mackinac Race until 1927.



MACKINAC TROPHY

More formally known from its engraving as the Chicago-Mackinac Trophy but referred to as “The Bowl”, this grand and intricate silver punch bowl was donated in 1927 by Commodore George Woodruff as the second permanent trophy for the Mackinac Race.

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

Chicago Yacht Club was founded in 1875 to encourage and promote the sport of yachting, yacht building and to conduct world class sailing competitions and yachting activities.



Founded in 1875, CYC is one of the oldest and most respected yacht clubs in the country

Membership of nearly 1,500

Two unique waterfront locations — Monroe and Belmont

Hosts local and national-level regattas that attract racers from around the world

Home to a nationally recognized sailing school for children and adults



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BELMONT STATION

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