

Heritage Coast Sailing and Rowing, Inc.
Tawas Bay Traditional Sailing and Rowing Craft Regatta
Saturday, June 10, 2017

Race Announcement

A regatta for Traditional Craft is being conducted on Tawas Bay on June 10, 2017.

BOATS: These races are conducted for **traditional rowing and sailing boats**. Such boats are defined as fixed-seat, rowing and/or sailing boats that are constructed primarily of wood and are of historic design.

Heritage-23's: H-23's are Mackinaw boats and are the host organization's primary boat for the races. Heritage-23's, rigged for rowing, require four sweep rowers and a coxswain. When rigged for sailing, a crew of three is required. These boats must comply with race standards for weight and design.

All competing boats must have USCG required safety gear plus a VHF radio and be able to pass a USCG safety inspection.

RACES: There are 3 different races.

Taylor's Race-Against-the-Clock Challenge: *YOU BRING THE CREW; WE PROVIDE THE BOAT.* The race is an individual time trial style row of approximately 1,000 yards in an H-23. In this event, Heritage Coast Sailing and Rowing (HCS&R) will provide the boats for guest and local crews. There will be an H-23 available for practice runs for registered teams beginning on May 26, 2017. Contact us for available times. This is an open event with no crew classification by age or gender. Race crews must have made a practice run in one of the primary event boats prior to racing. First start: 9:00 am on Saturday, June 10th. The participation of other designs will help develop the handicap formula. The fastest crew advances to the Tawas Bay Dash. At least two (2) runs will be reserved for scramble crews made up of individual rowers who aren't part of a competing crew. Scramble rowers should contact HCS&R for practice information(989-460-2642). A \$500 donation will be made to the 501 c 3 organization in one of the Heritage Route counties chosen or to a 501 c 3 dedicated to preserving traditional craft and their history. Crews utilizing amateur athletes are responsible for determining the impact of a prize race on amateur status.

Tawas Bay Dash: *BRING YOUR BOAT AND CREW.* The dash is a handicapped race open to any traditional, fixed-seat, rowing boats that are constructed primarily of wood. Handicap ratings will be determined by boat weight, length, number of rowers, sweep or scull rowing, and, perhaps, other characteristics. The formula will be distributed by request.

Tawas Bay Traditional Craft Sailing Race: *BRING YOUR SAIL BOAT AND CREW.* A handicapped race will be held for traditional sailing boats that are constructed primarily of wood. Handicap ratings will be determined by boat weight, length, and, perhaps, other characteristics. We are currently working on a handicapping method. When complete, the formula will be distributed by request. The race will utilize a reach-out/reach-in or a windward/leeward format with a Bermudian start (*sails up, anchored at start line*).

LOCATION: East Tawas City Park, Lake Street (US-23), East Tawas, Michigan (Just west of the East Tawas State Dock and Campground) Visiting boats should launch at the DNR Ramp just east of the State Dock and call HCS&R on Channel 78 for a tow to the race site. Should weather require the use of an alternate site, it will be posted on the HCS&R website and communicated to all registered entrants by phone to the number provided on the entry form.

AWARDS: A traveling First Place award will be presented for each race. A \$500 donation will be made to the 501 c 3 organization in a Heritage Route county chosen by the winning crew of Taylor's Race Against the Clock.

ENTRIES: Each crew must complete a Crew Registration Form(heritage-23.org) and pay the appropriate fee. Each participant must complete and sign a Crew Member Registration Form and Release of Liability. For those under the age of 18, the signature of a parent or guardian is required. Release of Liability and Parental Consent agreements are found in the Entry Forms packet on the website. Please include the completed individual Crew Member Registration/Release of Liability forms with the Crew Registration Form. Because of time and boat limitations, entries may be limited. Entries received by mail will be accepted until noon on June 9, 2017. Please register by mail. Crews bringing other traditional boats can register until 8:00 a.m. on race day.

For additional race information and forms visit www.heritage-23.org.
Phone: 989-460-2642.