

# Sailors Headed to Island in 83rd Bayview Mackinac Race

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Calling the race start "a phenomenal tradition," Bruce Babiarz, the club's public relations director, said, "It's really a dramatic sight."

The first Bayview Mackinac race was held in 1925 and featured only 12 boats, four of which finished the race. Now, 82 races later, more than 250 boats and around 3,000 sailors participate. Skippers hail from Michigan, Ontario, Illinois, and even Texas to compete in the annual summer tradition.

In past years, the Bayview Mackinac race has boasted such celebrity participants as Gordon Lightfoot, Roy Disney, and Ted Turner, and Michigan's Bob Seger has won



*JayHawker readies the sail to come about in the 2006 Bayview Mackinac yacht race. Ken Brown is the skipper and David Sandlin is the owner. This year, a crew of 12 will sail JayHawker in the 83rd sailing of the Bayview Mackinac race. (Photograph by Martin Chumiecki, Element Photography)*

"Sailing is a great sport of camaraderie," Mr. Babiarz said. "These people watch out for one another. They're competitors on the water, but they're families on shore. It's about having fun. It's an exhilarating experience."

This year, for the first time in 16 years, all boats will race on a single course, which will parallel the Michigan shoreline and lead to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration buoy 43 miles

northeast of Alpena, before heading into the home stretch toward Mackinac Island. Chrysler Jeep Superstores is the new sponsor. For almost two decades, the race also included a shorter, 204-nautical-mile shore course for smaller boats.

The race will conclude a weekend of sailing and celebration with an awards ceremony Tuesday, July 24, at Mission Point Resort.



*The course for the 2007 Bayview Mackinac yacht race is the same for all boats this year. Boats will start in Port Huron and round a NOAA buoy 43 miles northeast of Alpena before heading on to Mackinac. More than 250 boats are scheduled to compete in the 83rd annual event. (Image courtesy of the Bayview Yacht Club)*

## Poetry Works of Coleridge To Be Focus of July 25 Talk at Grand

Mackinac Island poet and summer resident Jim Lenfestey will discuss the poetry of Samuel Taylor Coleridge Wednesday, July 25, in the Audubon Bar at Grand Hotel from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The class is free and the public is invited to attend. No background in poetry is required, and all necessary materials are available.

Coleridge is one the five great early 19th century English Romantic poets, with Wordsworth, Keats, Byron, and Shelley, and may have been the inspiration for all of them, Mr. Lenfestey said.

## First Murray Invitational Tennis Tournament Planned for July 28

The first Murray Invitational Tennis Tournament will be held Saturday, July 28, at 9 a.m. at Grand Hotel clay courts. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and space is limited.

Those donating to the Mackinac Island Community Foundation will receive a tournament T-shirt.

The event is sponsored by Murray Realty. For more information or to reserve a spot in the event, call Jerry Murray, Jr. at (734) 637-9240.

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twice. "The Mackinac race is a rite of summer in Michigan and an event that is looked forward to all year until the starting gun goes off," Race Chairman Phillip Lyon said. "When it is all said and done, whether a yacht is first to finish or last, this race is about the challenge and spirit of competition."

The 252-nautical-mile race generally takes a day or two to complete, depending on the winds. The fastest recorded finish was in 1950 in just under 26 hours.

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