

Welcome to the 14th Annual “Running of the Cats”

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Around Prince Edward County
Long Distance Multihull Regatta
Aug 3,4,5,6 2018

THE Ultimate multihull long distance regatta on the Great Lakes



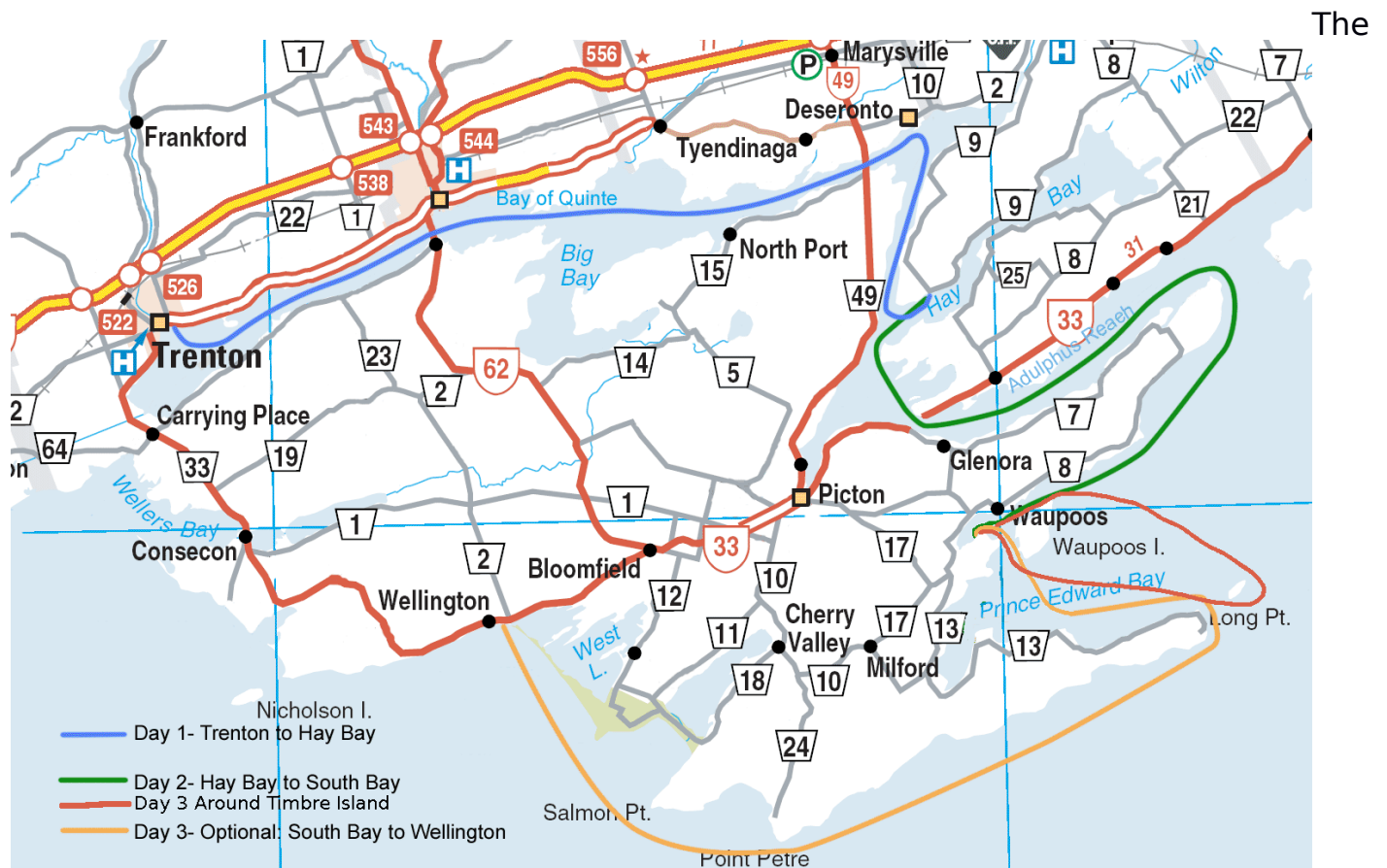
This is a 3 leg long distance event which covers approximately 200km. Prince Edward County is an island in Lake Ontario. The race will start in Trenton and go clockwise. Each leg is designed so that even with minimal wind (5 knots) the legs won't be too long. The shortest leg time to date was about 3 hours in a 15 knot breeze and the longest was 8 hours in 3-4 knots of wind.

Double handed boats only with spinnaker.
F18s will probably be the biggest class but all beach cats will be scored together.
There will also be a class for bigger multihulls.

We organize a trailer to bring your gear around so you don't need shore crew.

Please RSVP by July 15.

The Course:



Third leg varies from year to year. We will announce the third leg on the 3rd IF there is a difference from last year. **Schedule:**

Friday Aug 3:

- Arrive at the Trenton launch site by 12 noon at the latest. Assemble your boat.
- 5pm Ferry the cars to Picton and get a ride back.
- 7pm Dinner with the group and race meeting at The Port Bistro Pub 21 Front Street Trenton, ON

Sat Aug 4:

- 11am Load your camping gear in the trailer
- 12pm Start. No exception. We will not wait for anyone. The start is the last set of channel marks going into Trenton.

Sunday Aug 5:

- 10am Load your camping gear in the trailer
- 11am Start. No exception. We will not wait for anyone. Lemans start in waist high water. The finishing order from the previous day will determine the starting lineup.

Monday Aug 6:

- The sequence here depends on where we finish. If we finish in Wellington then load the gear in the trailer.
- 10am start. No exception. We will not wait for anyone.

What to bring:

Camping gear for 3 days of camping.

Food: You must bring your own food.

If you need groceries then let us know in the morning and we may be able to pick some things up for you but no guarantees.

You MUST bring the following: GPS, Waterproof marine radio, flashlight, 2 paddles.

You are advised to also bring the following: Cell phone, 200' line, light anchor, food and water on the boat.

You need a GPS because if you get separated from the fleet it is easy to get lost and also there are several underwater obstructions which you must stay clear of (and that we identify with the GPS co-ords).

Download GPS co-ordinates from this link: <http://www.nacra.ca/AroundPEC/pec-waypoints.gdb>

Scoring:

You must time yourself at the end of each leg and when 1 crew member touches dry land. The boat does not need to touch land. Use a GPS synced time source such as a cell phone.

Scored with SCHRS. Each leg will be scored 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc and *not* on total elapsed time and the lowest points at the end wins, no throwout.

Safety

You are responsible for your own safety provisions and notifying race committee in case of any problems. Monitor channel 68 on VHS and phone numbers will be handed out.

You need to be able to get yourself back to shore or call for help in the event of a problem. The GPS co-ordinates have several places along each leg that you can go for help. An anchor and 200' of line is highly recommended in case you can't right the boat so you don't drift out across the lake or onto shore.

Logistics:

Each night we will be staying at a different location. Your car and trailer needs to get to Picton either Friday or Sat. Early. Your camping gear and beach wheels needs to get to the layover campgrounds on Sat night, and then on Sunday.

The best way to get your equipment from stop to stop is to have your own shore crew. If you don't have a shore crew there we will probably have a truck that will bring the gear around for you (but not your car or trailer).

The end point of the course is about a 45 minute drive to the starting location. Please note that you are responsible for getting back to your vehicle at the end. We can probably arrange to take a few people but not all. If you drop out of the event early then you have to arrange your own transportation back to your vehicle.

Sat. Morning

1. If you need to ferry your car to Picton then you have to be in Picton by 9am and I will give you a ride back.
2. Be ready to race on shore by 11am at the latest.
3. Start on the water at 12.
4. Put all the gear that you want for the in-between stop in my truck.

Because of the distances, and the geography, it is impossible to move the vehicles from stop to stop, UNLESS you bring a 3rd person as a shore crew. The best way to get your equipment from stop to stop is to have your own shore crew. If you don't have a shore crew there is a truck that will bring the gear around for you (but not your car or trailer)

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The Course:

The third day could be cancelled if the first or second day gets bad weather then we will just push it back until the next day, which will mean that we can't do the third leg. Also, if the third day has bad weather we will cancel it.

The endpoint of each leg will be any point on the shore at the end location.

Click here to download the Day 2 chart. <http://www.nacra.ca/AroundPEC/Chart-pec-day2.jpg>.

Starting location: Trenton boat launch on the east side of the river.

If you are coming Friday night then you can probably put a tent up at the launch site or else stay at: Holiday Inn TRENTON

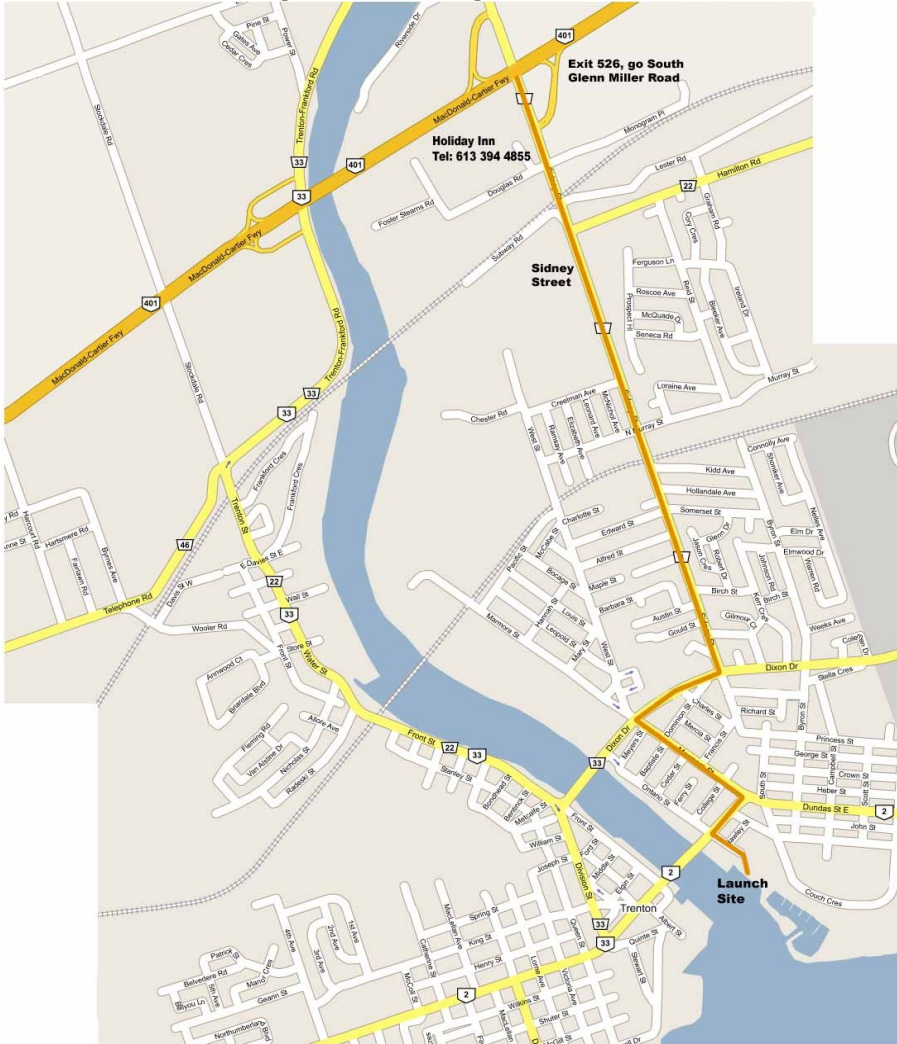
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Trenton Launching Site driving directions.



Day 1

Saturday night stop over will be in Hay Bay at the Perfect Vue Resort.

4159 County Road 9, Napanee, ON

613 354 3001 Contact is: Joann Robins. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN CABIN OR CAMPING.

<http://www.perfectvueresort.com/>

They have BBQs there and lots of room for tents.

Day 2 - from Hay Bay to Waupoos (Smiths Bay).

Sunday night stop over will be in Waupoos at the Accomodating Bay campground.

<http://www.accommodatingbay.com> Laura Anthony 613 476 4734

