

2014 International Race

One of the oldest races on Lake Superior, this race begins in Thunder Bay and terminates in the twin cities of Houghton and Hancock, MI, USA, leaving Isle Royal to starboard. Course length is 96 nautical miles.

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Finishing the International

The finish line is between the lighthouse and green light at the entrance to the Portage Upper Entry. Please hail the "International Race Committee" on VHF 72 when you are approximately fifteen minutes from finishing. Give your boat name and current position. Also, when you cross the finish line, please record your GPS finish time in case the Race Committee is no longer on station.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 5th, 2014

0800 Check-in begins at **Hancock City Dock** – this is a different location than last year. Hancock City Dock is on the **west** side of the lift bridge. You will not need to go under the bridge to check into customs. Consult the map on the next page. If you arrive before 0800, side tie to the dock and do not leave the boat until customs arrives.

1200 Refreshments available for racers at Porvoo Park in Hancock

1900 Dinner at Porvoo Park pavilion

2000 Awards Ceremony at Porvoo Park pavilion

2100 Live music with Gary Tunstall at Porvoo Park pavilion

Wednesday, August 6th, 2014:

0900 Coffee and donuts for racers at Copper Island Beach Club - sponsored by City of Hancock

1600 Wednesday night sailboat racing (West Side of bridge on the Portage Canal)

1900 Social hour at Copper Island Beach Club

Thursday, August 7th, 2014:

1100 Start time at North Entry for race to Bayfield. Boats should probably leave the dock by 0900 to make the start.

City of Hancock Public Transit

You can call public transit M-F 7am to 5pm for a ride to interesting places in Hancock, including shopping and beach access. The number is 906-482-3450. After hours you can try 906-369-3450. Access may be limited after hours.

Hancock City Docks

Docking at the Hancock City Dock is free of charge Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for all boats participating in the International. You will need to side tie to the dock. The depth is at least seven feet all along the main dock. Avoid the dock area directly in front of the Ramada. The dock was recently built and does not yet show up in Google Maps.

Porvoo Park

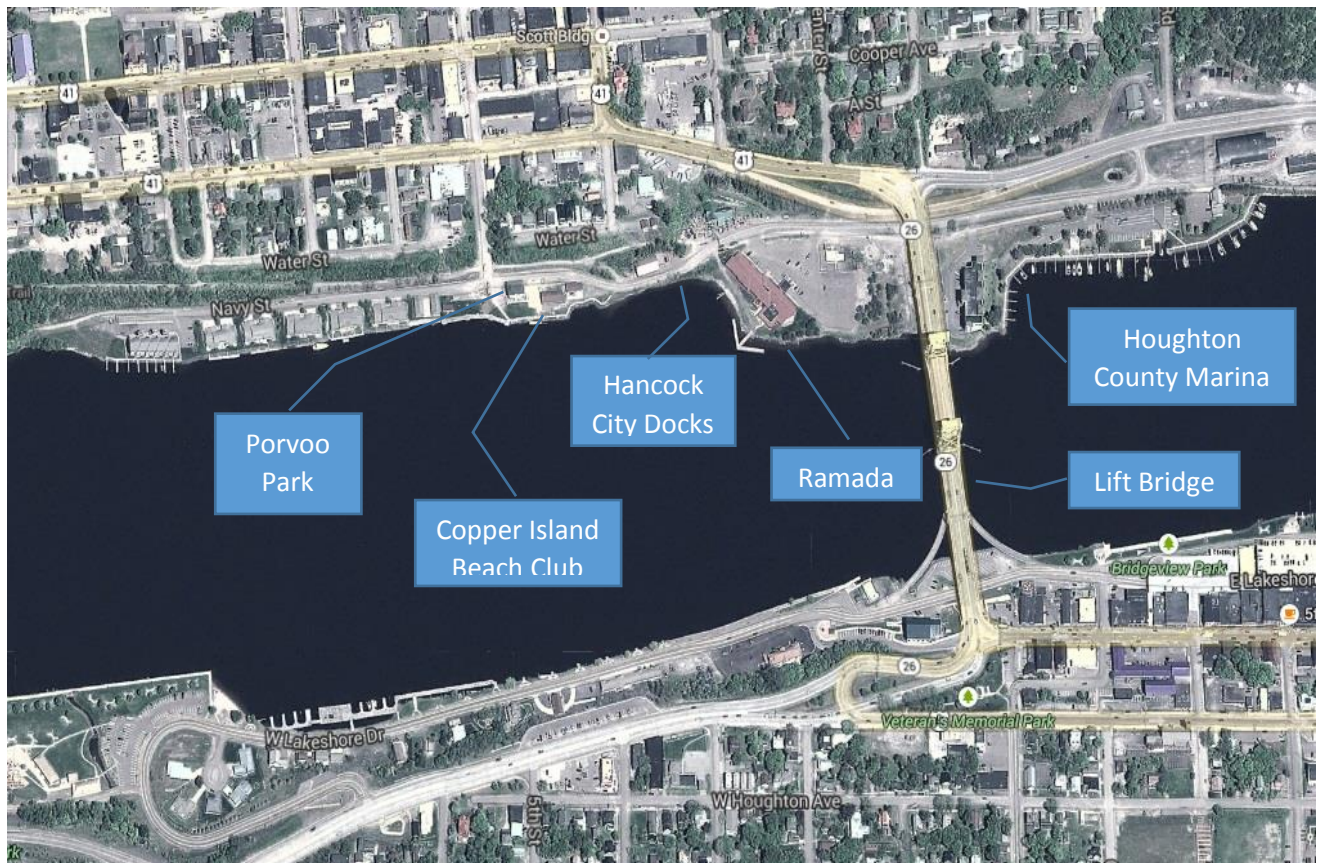
Racers may use the Porvoo Park restrooms at any time. Tuesday night dinner, awards, and live music will be at the Porvoo Park pavilion.

Ramada

The Ramada Waterfront hotel in Hancock is just a few yards from the dock. If you make a reservation one month in advance and tell them it is for the International Race, you should receive a 15% discount. Call 906-482-8400 for reservations.

Houghton County Marina

If your boat requires a full service hookup with electrical connections, you can try the Houghton County Marina on the east side of the bridge. 906-482-6010. Even if you have a reservation at the Houghton County Marina, you will need to clear customs at the Hancock City Dock.



Questions, Information, Assistance

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