

WEEKEND RUNAWAY: MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

WHERE TO PARTY LIKE A DRUNKEN SAILOR AT THIS WEEKEND'S BOAT RACE



How do you celebrate completing the longest and oldest freshwater sailboat race in the world?

With a huge party honoring the crews from 350 boats that just traveled 300 miles from the Chicago Yacht Club to **the ultimate post-race party at one of the Midwest's pristine getaways, Mackinac Island.**

Even if you're not a sailor, there are still plenty of *What About Bob*-worthy activities at the Mac. Make the most of this weekend's **Race to Mackinac** with our handy travel guide.

Official Parties

Ditch the boat shoes for a pair that doesn't smell like fish, and toast the fearless skippers in style at the **Grand Hotel Porch Party.**

Sun July 17 5:30-7:30p. \$40 ticket required, formal attire. 286 Grand Ave. (800-334-7263)

Drink like a sailor and share "thar I was" tales of glory with the crews at the finish line during the **Sailor's Celebration at the Grand Hotel Tea Garden,** where white is the new black.

Tue July 19 2-6p. 286 Grand Ave. (800-334-7263)

Crash Pad

Located on the main strip, **Main Street Inn & Suites** will provide you with a warm bed, friendly staff, free fudge each night and a bill that won't make you cry. This beautiful B&B-style inn overlooks the docks where you can heckle oncoming boats, or drink every time you see one.

\$165-\$395 a night. 7408 Main St. (906-847-6530)

Food & Drink

This little diner is tucked away along the busy Main Street, but don't let **Chuck Wagon's** small size fool you. The BBQ bacon cheddar burger is a favorite, served as blackened or bloody as you like on a house-made pretzel bun.

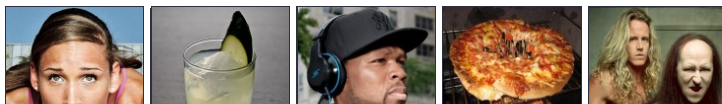
7400 Main St. (906-847-0019)

Woods Restaurant is so upscale, you need to take a horse and carriage to get to it.

Scenic forest views? Check. Smiley piano player in the corner? Check. Over-priced, under-portioned food? Check. A very impressed date? Guaranteed.

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