

Friday, July 14, 2023: Second Day (Cruise Day)

9:00 a.m. (Racing) – The race course will be open for one hour to test, tune, and practice.

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Racing) – Qualifiers by racing class will be conducted. The Race Director will announce what classes are being run and the details of how the race program will be operated.

12:00 p.m. (noon) (Cruising) – As this is designated as “Cruise Day”, a long-cruise has been planned. Those that wish to join the cruise will meet at the registration booth outside of Paradise Cove (see map). The cruise will start on Sturgeon Lake and proceed up the Mississippi River to the confluence of the St. Croix River at Prescott, WI. The group will then proceed up the St. Croix River to Hudson Pier Beach in Hudson, WI (approximately 28 miles). This is a popular beach and boat parking spot on the St. Croix. The group will stop for a while and those who would like to grab a bite to eat or something to drink can explore Downtown Hudson’s many options.

As the day progresses, representatives will be inspecting hovercrafts for the Technical Innovation Award and the Quality Build Award.

7:00 p.m. SPEAKER – A guest speaker will be presenting at Paradise Cove (see map). Speaker TBA

Evening – Attendees will be on their own for dinner. There are many restaurants and bars at Treasure Island Casino & Resort, but you can also check out Hastings, MN (upriver 14 miles); Prescott, WI (upriver 11 miles); or Redwing, MN (downriver 8 miles through Lock & Dam 3). There is live music every Friday and Saturday in the Parlay Lounge.

Saturday, July 15, 2023: Third Day (Race Day)

All Day (Cruising) – There are many cruising opportunities in this area. Check of Sturgeon Lake, Upper Mississippi through St. Paul and into Minneapolis (if you are adventurous), or go south through Lock & Dam 3. Don’t forget about the “Treasure Hunt”. Harbor Bar in Redwing, MN will have a band from 3-7 p.m.

Another option would be to participate in racing, volunteer to be a race official, or just watch the racing action.

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Hovercraft Rides will be given to the public by HCA vender Fly Hovercraft. The ride price and location will be disclosed closer to the event and the location will depend upon conditions.

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Racing) – Racing heats will take place with breaks in between for demonstrations. Depending upon the progress, the championship race may take place on Saturday. If time becomes an issue, remaining championship races will occur Sunday.

7:00 p.m. ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER – Attendees are invited to the HCA’s Annual Dinner at Paradise Cove (see map). Dinner is provided under the cost of registration. Make sure to wear the wrist band provided to you at check-in. The meal will be served buffet style and a cash bar will be serving drinks.

The Annual HCA meeting will take place during the dinner, where the HCA President will give an update of the club. Members will have the opportunity to vote for representatives to the Board, as well as vote for the Hovernaught of the year.

Sunday, July 16, 2023: Fourth Day (Closing Day)

We bid you a fond farewell as you pack up and head home. On the way home you can start looking forward to Hoverally 2024!

11:00 a.m. – The Board will have a quick meeting to elect officers and discuss the event. This will take place outside of Paradise Cove.

All Day – Informal cruising