

64th ANNIVERSARY
2021 LAKE ERIE INTERCLUB CRUISE
US EVENT

June 26 – June 30, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise, an association of representatives from each host.

Hosts: Buffalo Canoe Club, Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club, Buffalo Yacht Club, Erie Yacht Club, Port Dover Yacht Club, Sugarloaf Sailing Club, Sugarloaf Harbor Marina.

Note for 2021: The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise is traditionally an international event with participating Yacht Clubs and boats from both Canada and the United States. The traditional regatta consists of races that cross the Canadian / US border. Due to the COVID-19 border closure between Canada and the US, an international regatta is not possible in 2021. Therefore, the 2021 regatta will continue with simultaneous events in Canada and the US combining to form the 2021 Lake Erie Interclub Cruise. This Notice of Race applies only to the US event. A separate Notice of Race is issued for the CANADIAN event

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise (Cruise) will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)¹ and the following:
 - a. The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing).
 - b. Applicable U.S. governmental requirements.
 - c. The current PHRF-LE class rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This event is open to members of US Sailing and Sail Canada or other National Authorities, members of recognized yacht clubs, members of recognized sailing class associations, and others as may be designated by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2 The Organizing Authority shall, at its sole discretion, and whose decision is final and without appeal, determine eligibility and placement within Divisions and Classes.
- 2.3 In order to be accepted, each registration must be complete, and include the entry form, a valid handicap certificate (or a temporary rating request – see Section 4.2, below), proof of insurance (e.g., a declarations sheet), payment of the registration fee (and late fee, if applicable), and release of liability.

¹ Copies of the RRS and US Prescriptions can be found at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>
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- 2.4 The deadline for completion of registration for all participants, including payment of entry fees, is 1700 hours, Friday, June 18, 2021. Registration can be made online at www.interclub.com. Late registrations can be submitted until June 24, 2021 and must include the entry fee plus a late fee of \$75.00 (US).² Registration may be accepted on-site at the Erie Yacht Club on June 25, 2021 between 1700-1900 hours at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3. INTERCLUB CRUISE FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for all Racing Divisions is \$325.
- 3.2 The entry fee for the Cruising Division 2-day series is \$75.

4. CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE/ ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All Racing Division boats shall provide with their registration a copy of their current (2021 PHRF-LE) handicap certificate.
- 4.2 Racing Division boats without a current PHRF-LE certificate may be assigned a temporary rating at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority, which shall be valid for the current year's Cruise only and cannot be appealed.
- 4.3 Boats participating in the Cruising Division will sail under PHRF-LE and will sail Jib and Main only and be scored as one class. The Organizing Authority will assign a handicap for any unrated boat, which shall be valid for the current year's Cruise only and cannot be appealed.
- 4.4 All boats must have on board a functional motor with means of mounting (for outboards) and carrying enough fuel capable of propelling the boat for a minimum of 50 miles.
- 4.5 All boats entering a race must have a minimum of two people on board for the duration of the Cruise.
- 4.6 All spinnakers, main sails, and headsails (larger than 130%) must have proper sail numbers. Boats without proper sail numbers or with duplicate sail numbers of another boat must notify the Race Committee Vessel (RC Vessel) prior to starting and upon finishing each race.
- 4.7 A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected by the Organizing Authority at any time for compliance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1 All boats must meet the safety requirements of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER 2018.0) for the Nearshore Category and any other requirements specifically identified in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 All boats must carry equipment required by the State and Country of registration at all times.
- 5.3 Each competitor is individually responsible for his or her decisions to wear a personal flotation device and under what conditions.
- 5.4 All boats shall monitor VHF Race Channel 79 from the one-hour warning sound of a Racing or Cruising Division start and continue to monitor until all fleets have started. No signals will be displayed from ashore.

² All dollar amounts are in U.S. dollars.

- 5.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area via VHF Race Channel 79, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore by notifying the Race Committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Race packets including Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 1700-1900 hours at the Erie Yacht Club.

7. IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 Class flags, which will be provided in the race packets, must be flown on the backstay or other conspicuous position in the stern of the boat, and shall be displayed from the warning signal until the finish has been acknowledged.
- 7.2 Boats may fly the official Interclub Burgee during the Cruise on an appropriate staff or pennant halyard.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 All racing will take place on the open waters of eastern Lake Erie.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race 1	JUNE 26, 2021	ERIE COURSE RACE #1 (R) (C)*
Race 2	JUNE 27, 2021	ERIE COURSE RACE #2 (R) (C)
Race 3	JUNE 28, 2021	ERIE TO DUNKIRK (R)
Race 4	JUNE 29, 2021	DUNKIRK TO BUFFALO (R)
Race 5	JUNE 30, 2021	BUFFALO COURSE RACE (R)

* "R" denotes the Racing Division; "C" denotes the Cruising Division (a 2-day event).

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The Racing Division (R) will sail five Races as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Depending on entries, the Cruising Division will sail a separate 2-day race series (C) as shown above.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system of Appendix A will be used, except as modified below.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 RRS A4.2 is modified as follows:

Position	Points
RET (Retired After Finishing)	(Finishers + 2) Pts
DNS (Did Not Start)	(Class + 4) Pts
OCS (On Course Side)	(Class + 2) Pts
DSQ (Disqualified)	(Class + 6) Pts
DNE (Disqualification not Excludable)	(Class + 8) Pts
DNF (Did Not Finish)	(Finishers + 2) Pts
DNC (Did Not Compete)	88 Pts

11.4 A boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. This modifies RRS A2.

12. AWARDS

- 12.1 The Racing Division will be divided into two (3) classes (A, B and C).
- 12.2 The Racing Division will have flags awarded for first, second, and third place finishes for each race.
- 12.3 The Racing Division will have flags awarded for overall first, second, and third place for the series.
- 12.4 The Interclub Trophy (Buffalo-Courier Express) will be awarded to the best overall boat in the Racing Division – US Event. Note that this award will be shared with the best overall boat in the Racing Division of the 2021 Interclub Cruise – Canadian Event.
- 12.5 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats for the 2-day Cruising Division series at the conclusion of that series.

13. DOCKAGE

- 13.1 Dockage will be available only to those who have completed registration for the Cruise. This dockage will be provided by the Erie Yacht Club, Dunkirk Yacht Club, Chadwick Bay Marina, and Buffalo Yacht Club based on availability at the time of the Cruise and the finish of each race.
- 13.2 Competitors shall follow the directions of the respective host Yacht Club Dock Master. Failure to comply with the directions of the Dock Masters and/or crew or organizers shall be grounds for protest and possible expulsion from the Cruise.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death. Proof of coverage is required for registration (see Section 2.3, above).

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and other participants sailing in this event are participating entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3, Decision to Race). The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Host Clubs, Sponsors, or any other Organization or Official) shall not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or personal injury to any competitor or other participant, including but not limited to personal injury or death, sustained as a result of participating in this event. By participating in this event, all participants agree to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such participant's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. CONDUCT

- 16.1 In the event of serious misconduct, destruction of property, or failure to comply with a request of the Race Committee, Cruise Chair, or instructions from the Dock Master or harbormaster in any Cruise port, the Race Committee or Cruise Chair may request that the Protest Committee resolve the issue in accordance with RRS 69.

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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