

Little Traverse Yacht Club

48th Annual Regatta Including the **2008 ROLEX US-IRC National Championship** And the **2008 LTYC PHRF Regatta**

Harbor Springs, Michigan USA
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 25, 26, and 27, 2008

Notice of Race

Rules

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing; The prescriptions of US SAILING; the Sailing Instructions, and this Notice of Race.

For the 2008 ROLEX US-IRC National Championship, (IRC, Division 1) the 2008 IRC Class Rule, parts 1, 2, and 3 shall apply.

For the 2008 LTYC PHRF Regatta, (PH, Division 2), the 2008 Lake Michigan PHRF Rule shall apply. Time on time scoring will be utilized, with the TCF = 650 / (650+HCP)

Advertising

The Regatta is classified as Category C under ISAF Regulation 20. Competitors in IRC, Division 1, are required to display bow stickers and backstay pennants supplied by ROLEX.

Eligibility and Entry

The 2008 ROLEX US-IRC National Championship is open to boats with 2008 endorsed certificates. An IRC, Division 1 entry limit of 50 boats may be imposed. IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained from US SAILING (401-683-0800 or IRC@ussailing.org). Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact www.rorcrating.com.

The 2008 LTYC PHRF Regatta, is open to boats with valid LMPHRF Certificates indicating a handicap of 132 or lower. Boats otherwise qualifying that do not supply LMPHRF certificates may have PHRF handicaps assigned by LTYC. Assignment of handicaps is offered as an accommodation and such handicaps are not subject to competitor initiated review or protest, but may be changed by LTYC before or during the Regatta. A PH, Division 2, entry limit may be imposed.

A one design class within IRC, Division 1, with a minimum of 10 boats entered will be given a separate start.

A one design class within PH, Division 2, with a minimum of 10 boats entered will be given a separate start and will race Friday, as well as Saturday and Sunday.

Eligible boats may enter on line via the link at the LTYC website: www.LTYC.org or via www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=176 not later than June 20, 2008, without late entry fee.

Late entries may be accepted through Friday, July 18, 2008

Crew Limits

The IRC Certificate crew number limitations will apply for IRC, Division 1.

Fees

1.	IRC, Division 1: (3 days racing)	Under 40' 40' but less than 50' 50' and over	\$300 \$350 \$400
2.	PH, Division 2: (2 days racing)	Under 40' 40' but less than 50' 50' and over	\$200 \$250 \$300
3.	PH, Division 2, (3 days racing)	OD Add \$100 per boat (Same as IRC, Division 1)	
4.	Other Fees:	Late entry fee \$100 Assigned PHRF rating \$50	

Description of Racing

Each Division will be divided into classes, perhaps 4 classes per division, depending on entries.

IRC, Division 1, including any IRC One Design classes, have three windward-leeward races scheduled on Friday.

PH, Division 2, races only Saturday and Sunday, except that PH, Division 2, One Design classes have three windward-leeward races scheduled on Friday.

Two w/l courses may be utilized Friday. Faster classes will start first.

On Saturday all boats in the Regatta will sail a traditional "Tour of the Bay" race. The faster classes will start first, and will sail a longer course although all classes use a single starting line and a single finish line.

On Sunday, three windward-leeward races are scheduled for each class. Three separate courses will be utilized, with classes assigned to courses in relation to their speed.

Registration

A representative from each IRC, Division 1, boat, (and from each PH, Division 2, OD boat) is required to register at the LTYC Clubhouse between 1600 and 1800 Thursday, July 24, 2008.

A representative from each PH, Division 2, boat, (except Division 2 OD boats that race Friday) is required to register at the LTYC Clubhouse between 1600 and 1800 on Friday, July 25, 2008

Schedule of Races

Friday, July 25, 2008

Classes: All IRC, Division 1, and any PH, Division 2, OD classes
Three races, windward-leeward, are scheduled on each of two courses
First signal, 1030

Saturday, July 26, 2008

Classes: All IRC, Division 1 and PH, Division 2 classes
One "Tour of the Bay" race is scheduled
First signal, 1100

Sunday, July 27, 2008

Classes: All

Three windward-leeward races are scheduled for each Class
First signal, 1030

Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at the LTYC at registration. They will also be posted on the LTYC website. www.ltyc.org and www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=176.

Venue

The racing will be in the waters of Little Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan, adjacent to Harbor Springs, Michigan

The Courses

The courses for Friday and Sunday will be windward-leeward, with from 2 to 6 legs. A windward offset mark may be used. A leeward gate may be used.

The course for Saturday is a multi-leg "Tour of the Bay" race of 7 to 10 legs. The course for the day is chosen by the Race Committee, seeking to orient the legs generally upwind and downwind. Both fixed and set marks are utilized. The course for the faster classes is extended with longer legs.

Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes:

Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters.

There will be no Throw-out race in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.

1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

The "Tour of the Bay" race will be weighted at 1.5

The Best Overall Performance, and thus the Division Champion shall be determined as follows:

The combined corrected seconds per mile for all races completed will be calculated for the winner of each class. The class winning boat with the lowest combined corrected seconds per mile is the Champion of her Division.

Social

Friday, July 25, after racing - The Ugotta Regatta Party at the Irish Boat Shop for crews and friends. Beer, Band, Brats, and Banter.

Saturday and Sunday mornings the LTYC Junior Sailing Team will present a fund-raising Pancake Breakfast at the Club.

Saturday, July 26, after racing - complimentary food with Dutch-treat cocktail party at the LTYC.

Sunday, July 27, after racing - awards presentation, complimentary food with Dutch-treat cocktail party at the LTYC.

Berthing

Transient slips and dockage, usually involving rafting, is available at nearby marinas. The marinas and LTYC will cooperate in suggesting dockage suitable for the competing boats. Information will be available on the event website and supplied on regatta entry.

Accommodations

Information on housing in the area will be available on the event web site and supplied on regatta entry.

Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

Prizes

The ROLEX US-IRC National Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat in IRC, Division 1, with the best overall performance in the division. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

The Little Traverse Yacht Club Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat in PH, Division 2, with the best overall performance in the division. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Further Information

For further information please contact: Questions regarding the regatta may be directed to LTYC (231-526-7919) or www.ltyc.org

Regatta Chairman: Kevin Farrell – Kevin@FarrellMudd.com

Important Notes:

We would like to call your attention to the importance of all yachtspersons abiding by all rules and regulations designed to protect the quality of the water in our bay.

Michigan law prohibits the discharge of sewage from yachts. Yachts participating in this Regatta are subject to inspection for compliance with the law.

Provisions will also be made to provide adequate facilities on shore for trash and litter. We will certainly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Parking within the City is limited and your cooperation and respect of parking regulations is appreciated. Note the diagram of available parking spaces for crew vans, buses and trailers which accompanies this Notice.

Each yacht owner is solely responsible for the conduct of his yacht's crew, before, during and after the event, afloat and ashore. Conduct deemed unbecoming to a yachtsperson may result in disciplinary action and disqualification.