



2008 Lake Huron International Regatta

July 4th, 2008

Notice of Race

1. Management

1.1. Port Huron Yacht Club is the organizing authority of the 2008 Lake Huron International Regatta (*LHIR*) and has appointed the Port Huron Yacht Club LHIR Race Chairman (*RC*) to conduct the Race and related activities. The RC has the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the Race and to reject the entry of any boat at any time before the start of the Race.

2. Rules

2.1. The Race shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS), which includes the following (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions):

- 2.1.1. The prescriptions of U.S. Sailing
- 2.1.2. This Notice and Conditions of Race (*Notice of Race*).
- 2.1.3. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments.
- 2.1.4. Applicable U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard Rules and Regulations.
- 2.1.5. Lake Huron Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (*PHRF*) rules as administered by the RC.

3. Eligibility / Entry

3.1. This race is open to all yachts that complete the entry on time. Entry forms are available at PHYC and also on the Internet for download at www.phyc.org. A boat’s application to race shall be conditioned upon the Race Committee’s acceptance of the boat as an entrant in the Race.

3.2. The Race Committee must receive the following items before July 4th, 2008.

- 3.2.1. Completed Entry Form with entry fees as noted. Late fee will apply after June 29th, 2008.
- 3.2.2. Copy of all required rating information and certificates.

4. Schedule of events

- 4.1. Entry Due Sunday June 29th, 2008
- 4.2. Late Entry 1800-2100 Thursday July 3rd, 2008 at PHYC
- 4.3. Skipper Sign, Crew Dinner & Bloody Mary Hour 1400-1600 Friday July 4th, 2008 at PHYC
- 4.4. Skipper’s meeting 1600 Friday July 4th, 2008 at PHYC
- 4.5. Warning Gun 1900 Friday July 4th, 2008
- 4.6. Dinner and Drinks 1800-1930 Saturday July 5th, 2008
- 4.7. Award and Entertainment 1930 – Close Saturday July 5th, 2008.

5. Courses

- 5.1. **Port Huron 100 (87 NM)** - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, to Southern Lake Huron Weather Buoy, across Lake Huron to Port Sanilac, and down the U.S shore to finish at Port Huron. Final course details will be included in; the sailing instructions.
- 5.2. **John Blunt Memorial (68 NM)** - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, across Lake Huron to Lexington Harbor, and down the U.S shore to finish at Port Huron.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. Final SI will be posted at the notice board by 1400 on July 4th, 2008. Unofficial SI may be posted on the PHYC web site.

7. Classes / Splits / Starting Order

- 7.1. Division I – PHRF
- 7.2. Division II – IRC (Port Huron 100 Course Only)
- 7.3. Division III – Cruising ASM Division (John Blunt Course Only)
- 7.4. Division IV – Jib and Main (John Blunt Course Only)
- 7.5. Final class splits and starting order will be posted at the notice board by 1400 on July 4th, 2008. Unofficial splits may be posted on the PHYC web site.

8. Ratings & Handicaps

- 8.1. Yacht entering PHRF, Cruising ASM and JAM classes must a valid 2008 PHRF handicap certificates issued by any local authority. The RC may adjust individual PHRF handicaps to compensate for differences in handicapping methods employed by various handicapping authorities to be in accordance with Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws and local PHRF ratings.
- 8.2. Cruising ASM will be defined by the following limits
 - 8.2.1. Headsails must be flown hanked to the headstay or in the headstay groove except that asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown as provided in 4, stated below.
 - 8.2.2. Staysails may not be flown.
 - 8.2.3. If a roller-furler credit is given, (a) all headsails must be cut for the roller-furler, (b) the roller-furler must be used throughout the race and (c) during headsail changes, the old sail must be dropped to the deck and the new sail then put on the roller-furler and hoisted.
 - 8.2.4. Symmetrical spinnakers may not be used. Asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown provided they (i) are flown without a whisker or spinnaker pole and (ii) are attached to a tack point along the center line of the yacht that is no more than 12 inches fore or aft of the jib tack.
 - 8.2.5. Whisker or spinnaker poles may be used only for headsails.
- 8.3. JAM will be defined by the following limits
 - 8.3.1. Jib and main sails only.
 - 8.3.2. Whisker or spinnaker poles may be used only for headsails.
- 8.4. No changes in ratings initiated by competitors, and no revised rating certificates, will be accepted after July 3rd, 2008.
- 8.5. PHRF handicaps assigned by the Race Committee are final.
- 8.6. Yachts entering the IRC class must have a valid 2008 IRC certificate issued by their national authority.

9. Responsibilities of Skipper and Crew

- 9.1. The Port Huron Yacht Club, its officers and members, the members of the Race Committee and sponsors shall not be liable for any loss of life, injury to persons or damage to property that may occur during or related to the Race.
- 9.2. As used in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term “Skipper” means the person who is designated on the Entry Form as “Skipper” and who is in charge of the boat, whether or not the owner.
- 9.3. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who must insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and sailed by an experienced and physically fit crew. The Skipper must be satisfied with the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and gear and must insure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

10. Advertising

- 10.1. The Race is an invitational regatta, which the organizing authority has designated advertising Category A in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20.4.3, for all classes and divisions.

11. Notices and Website Information

- 11.1. The RC will post information on the Official Notice Board located at PHYC. Competitors will be deemed to have knowledge of such information from the time it is so posted. The posted information will include assigned ratings and may include amendments to the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2. Unofficial information may also be posted on the PHYC website at www.phyc.org.