

61<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
2018 LAKE ERIE INTERCLUB CRUISE

June 23 - June 27, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority:** The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise

**Host:** Buffalo Canoe Club, Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club, Buffalo Yacht Club, Erie Yacht Club, Port Dover Yacht Club, Dunkirk Yacht Club, Sugarloaf Sailing Club, Sugarloaf Harbor Marina

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise (Cruise) will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS)<sup>1</sup> and the following:
- The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing)
  - This Notice of Race and any amendments
  - The Sailing Instructions and any amendments
  - Applicable U.S. and Canadian governmental requirements
  - The current PHRF-LE class rules

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 This event is open to members of US Sailing and Canadian Yachting Association 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 (online or on-site), a valid handicap certificate (or a temporary rating request – see Section 4, below), proof of insurance (e.g., a declarations sheet), and payment of the registration fee (and late fee, if applicable). In addition, each registrant must sign a release of liability required as part of the registration process, and each participating boat must have a designated Person-in-Charge as defined in Section 15.2, below.
- 2.4 The deadline for **receipt** of registration materials for all participants, including payment of entry fees, is 1700 hours, Friday, June 15, 2018. Registration can be made online at [www.YachtScoring.com](http://www.YachtScoring.com) or by submitting hard copy packages to the Registrar's office at 3939 West Ridge Road, Ste. B20, Erie, PA 16506. Online registration is not required but is strongly encouraged. Late registrations may be submitted online until June 21 and on-site at the Buffalo Yacht Club on June 22 between 1700-1900 hours and must include the entry fee plus a late fee of \$75.00 (US).<sup>2</sup> Acceptance of late registrations received after the regular registration deadline is at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

<sup>1</sup> Copies of the RRS and US Prescriptions can be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules>

<sup>2</sup> All dollar amounts are in U.S. dollars.

### **3. INTERCLUB CRUISE FEES**

- 3.1 The entry fee for all Racing Divisions is \$325.00 (US).
- 3.2 The entry fee for a Cruising Division 2-day series is \$150.00 (US).

### **4. CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE / ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 All Racing Division boats shall provide with their registration a copy of their current (2018 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 may elect to sail either Jib and Main or Spinnaker but will sail 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 boat (RC Boat) 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 2017.0) 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.
- 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. IDENTIFICATION

6.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the Sailing Instructions, class flags will be as follows:

Class	Class Flag	Division	Class	Class Flag	Division
A	WHITE	RACING	E	GREEN	RACING
B	LT BLUE	RACING	F	BLACK	RACING
C	YELLOW	RACING			
D	ORANGE	RACING	X	PINK	CRUISING

6.2 Class flags 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.

6.3 Boats may fly the official Interclub Burgee during the Cruise on an appropriate staff or pennant halyard.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Race packets including additional Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, June 22, 2018 from 1700-1900 hours at the Buffalo Yacht Club.

## 8. VENUE

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

## 9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race 1	JUNE 23, 2018	BUFFALO HARBOR TO POINT ABINO	(R) (C1)*
Race 2	JUNE 24, 2018	POINT ABINO TO PORT COLBORNE	(R) (C1)
Race 3	JUNE 25, 2018	PORT COLBORNE TO PORT DOVER	(R)
Race 4	JUNE 26, 2018	LONG POINT COURSE	(R) (C2)
Race 5	JUNE 27, 2018	PORT DOVER TO ERIE	(R) (C2)

\* "R" denotes the Racing Division; "C" denotes the Cruising Division (two 2-day events).

## 10. COURSES

10.1 The Racing Division will sail five Races (R) as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 Depending on entries, the Cruising Division will sail two separate 2-day race series (C1) or (C2) as listed below. Payment of the \$150 entry fee allows for a boat to sail in only one 2-day event.

(C1) June 23, 2018 Buffalo Harbor to Point Abino  
June 24, 2018 Point Abino to Port Colborne

(C2) June 26, 2018 Long Point Course Race  
June 27, 2018 Port Dover to Erie

## 11. SCORING

Position	Points	Position	Points
1st Place	1	RET (Retired After Finishing)	(Finishers + 2) Pts
2nd Place	2	DNS (Did Not Start)	(Class + 4) Pts
3rd Place	3	OCS (On Course Side)	(Class + 2) Pts
4th Place	4	DSQ (Disqualified)	(Class + 6) Pts
Nth Place	N	DNE (Disqualification not Excludable)	(Class + 8) Pts
		DNF (Did Not Finish)	(Finishers + 2) Pts
		DNC (Did Not Compete)	88 Pts

- 11.1 Tie breaking procedures will follow RRS A8.
- 11.2 There are no throw out races. All races count equally. (This NOR instruction modifies RRS A2.)

## 12. AWARDS

- 12.1 The Racing Division will have flags awarded for first, second, and third place finishes for each race.
- 12.2 The Racing Division will have flags awarded for overall first, second, and third place for the series.
- 12.3 The Interclub Trophy (Buffalo-Courier Express) will be awarded to the best overall boat in the Racing Division.
- 12.4 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats for each 2-day Cruising Division series. The Founder's Trophy will be awarded to the winning boat of the Port Dover to Erie Race on June 27.

## 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, Port Dover Yacht Club, Sugarloaf Sailing Club, and Buffalo Yacht Club based on availability at the time of the Cruise and the finish of each race. Additional overflow dockage at the Port Dover Yacht Club will be available in the Commercial Basin on the east side as you enter the harbor. NOTE: All Cruising Division boats will be docked in the Commercial Basin.
- 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, e.g., RRS 4, 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 death, sustained as a result of participating in this event. By participating in this event, each entrant agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such entrant's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 15.2 As used in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term "Person-in-Charge" means the person designated as such by each participating yacht, whether or not the boat owner. Each yacht must designate a Person-in-Charge to be eligible to participate in the Cruise. The owner/skipper identified on the registration form shall be deemed to be the Person-in-Charge unless he or she notifies the Race Committee in writing with the name and contact information of a different Person-in-Charge prior to the Skipper's Meeting at the Buffalo Yacht Club on Friday, June 22, 2018.
- 15.3 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of the Person-in-Charge, who must assure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and sailed by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. The Person-in-Charge must be satisfied with the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The Person-in-Charge must assure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. The acceptance of a crew by the Person-In-Charge, the establishment of equipment or safety requirements by the Organizing Authority, or an inspection (or the non-inspection) of a boat by the Race Committee, shall not in any way limit or reduce the responsibility of the Person-in-Charge.

## 16. CONDUCT

- 16.1 The Person-In-Charge shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during, and after each race. In the event of a serious misconduct, destruction of property, or failure to comply with a request of the Race Committee or instructions from the Dock Master or harbormaster in any Cruise port, the Race Committee may file a protest or take such other action as it deems appropriate against the Person-In-Charge, boat and/or crew.

## 17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Organizing Authority Website – <http://www.erieinterclub.com>

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