



# Force 5 North American Championship Regatta

Hosted by Port Huron Yacht Club

August 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) national authority will apply.
- 1.3 The Force 5 National Rules will apply.
- 1.4 Under Section 8.02 of the Force 5 Class Association Rules is changed as follows: A bow line (painter) of not less than ¼ inch in diameter and capable of being extended a minimum of 12 feet from bow the boat, while in use, shall be permanently attached to the mast or bow handle prior to leaving shore and shall remain attached for the duration of the event.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all Force 5 Class Association Members.
- 2.2 Competitors can sign up with the Force 5 Class Association at the Event if they are not already a member.
- 2.3 Eligible members may enter by completing the sign up on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) before 2000, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### 3 FEES

- 3.1 An entry fee of \$100 is required to be paid by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014
- 3.2 A late fee of \$20 will apply after the date.

### 4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Practice Races – Wednesday, 1400 to 1600 at Light House Station
- 4.2 Skipper Event Check In – Wednesday, 1800-2000 at PHYC
- 4.3 Skippers Meeting – Thursday, 915 at Light House Station
- 4.4 Racing will be conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- 4.5 Warning for each day of racing is 1030
- 4.6 Races will not be started after 1400 on Saturday
- 4.7 Awards will be on Saturday at 1630 at Light House Station
- 4.8 See event website for social activities

### 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available by August 17<sup>th</sup> on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and at Check-In.

### 6 MEASUREMENT and SAILS

- 6.1 All yachts are subject to inspection prior to 0900 hrs on Thursday. The inspection committee will conduct these inspections at their discretion and as conveniently as possible for all parties.

### 7 COURSE

- 7.1 The race course will be located in Lower Lake Huron
- 7.2 Racing will be conducted as Windward / Leeward.

### 8 RESULTS

- 8.1 Results will be posted following a racing each day on the Notice Board.
- 8.2 The regatta will be scored as defined in appendix A of the RRS using the low point system except that there will be no throw outs.



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## 9 PRIZES

- 9.1 The top finisher for the event will be recognized as the 2014 Force 5 North American Champion.
- 9.2 Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- 9.3 Award will be made to the top Junior (under 18 years of age) participant.
- 9.4 Award will be made to top Woman Participant
- 9.5 Award to top "Challenger Division" participant
- 9.6 Other Awards may be given at the discretion of the Race Chairman.

## 10 LOANER BOATS

- 10.1 Organizing authority will attempt to locate and provide a limited number of loaner boats for persons that are Force 5 Class Association Members and who reside at such a distance from the event that it makes boat delivery impractical. Requests for loaner boats should be made as early as possible in order to insure that a boat can be made available. Please contact Race Chairman to make arrangements.

## 11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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 races.

### Race Chairman Contact Information

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