



2014 Lake Huron International

Friday July 4th - Sunday July 6th, 2014
Hosted by the Port Huron Yacht Club



Notice of Race

1. Management

1.1. Port Huron Yacht Club is the organizing authority of the 2014 Lake Huron International (*LHI*) and has appointed the Port Huron Yacht Club LHI 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 (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 of Race (*NOR*).

2.1.3. The Sailing Instructions (*SI*) 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. Advertising

Advertising shall be per current ISAF Regulation 20.

4. Eligibility / Entry

4.1. This race is open to all yachts that complete the entry and pay all fees by July 4th, 2014. Entry can be accomplished by visiting Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) and completing the online registration.

4.2. A boat’s application to race shall be conditioned upon the RC acceptance of the boat as an entrant in the Race.

5. Fees

5.1. The required entry fee for this event is \$50 USD.

5.2. A \$25 late fee will be applied after June 29th.

6. Schedule of events

6.1. Final Entry and Skipper Check-In at PHYC from 1800-2000 on Friday July 4th.

6.2. Event Kick-Off Festivities at PHYC on Friday July 4th evening.

6.3. Skipper Check-In from 1300 – 1400 on Saturday July 5th.

6.4. Skipper’s meeting 1400 on Saturday July 5th, conference call maybe used as well.

6.5. Warning Gun 1800 on Saturday July 5th.

6.6. Protests to be heard prior to awards on Sunday July 6th

6.7. Awards 1300 on Sunday July 6th, dependent on number of finishers by this time.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. Final SI will be posted on the Yacht Scoring web site by June 29th.

8. Courses

8.1. John Blunt Memorial (74 NM) - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, across Lake Huron to Port Sanilac Harbor, and down the U.S shore to finish at Port Huron.

8.2. Kettle Point (47 NM) - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point and then to finish at Port Huron.

9. Classes / Splits / Starting Order

9.1. Division I – PHRF

9.1.1. PHRF competitors can race on any course.

9.1.2. Only yachts with a PHRF rating of 168 or higher can race on the Kettle Point course.

9.2. Division II – ASM Division

9.2.1. ASM competitors can race on any course.

9.3. Division III – Jib and Main (JAM)

9.3.1. JAM yachts can race on the Kettle Point course only.

9.4. RC may move a yacht or yachts from one course to another to produce competitive classes with similar rated yachts.

9.5. Final class splits and starting order will be posted at the notice board by 1300 on July 5th.

10. Ratings & Handicaps

10.1. Yachts entering PHRF, ASM and JAM classes must have a valid PHRF handicap certificate issued by Lake Huron and DRYA PHRF authorities. 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 ratings.

10.2. ASM will be defined by the following limits as described in the Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws.

10.3. JAM will be defined by the following limits as described in the Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws.

10.4. No changes in ratings initiated by competitors, and no revised rating certificates, will be accepted after July 4th.

10.5. PHRF handicaps assigned by the Race Committee are final.

10.6. All scoring will be Time on Time (*TOT*) for this event.

11. Dockage at Port Huron YC

11.1. All competitors that are planning to dock at PHYC prior to the race must contact RC with an arrival date in advance.

11.2. The PHYC dockage is limited but will be provided dockage prior to the race to as many competitors as possible.

11.3. Competitors must move to BYC MAC Week dockage after finishing the race. Only Skippers that have been approved by the PHYC Commodore for BYC MAC week dockage at PHYC can return to PHYC after the race.

12. Disclaimer of liability of Skipper and Crew

12.1. 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.

12.2. 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.

12.3. 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.

13. Insurance

13.1. Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.