



# Notice of Race (NoR)

Small Boat Fall Series  
September 8 to October 27, 2024  
Buffalo Yacht Club

1 Porter Ave. Buffalo, NY 14226

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Buffalo Yacht Club (BYC).

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the current Lightning class rules and the current ILCA class rules.

## 2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on [YachtScoring.com](http://YachtScoring.com) prior to 9/1/24.

## 3 Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the first floor, lake side porch window of the Buffalo Yacht Club.
- 3.2 On the water race committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72. Failure to hear or understand broadcasts is not grounds for protest or appeal.

## 4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to any sailboat class under 22ft that has a minimum of 5 paid entries.
- 4.2 Invited one design classes: Lightning, Laser and ILCA, Sunfish, Melges 15, Force 5, Harbor 20, Rhodes 19. The organizing authority reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion. Other classes that wish to participate should contact the OA by email at [Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com](mailto:Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com)
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at [YachtScoring.com](http://YachtScoring.com).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Sailors are not required to be members of the International Lightning Class Association, Buffalo Laser Class Association or the International Laser Class Association.

## 5 Fees

- 5.1 Entry fee for the Small Boat Fall Series at the BYC are as follows:

Class	Fees	Total
Lightning	Entry Fee Dry Sail Fee 24 Food & Beverage Tickets	\$250
ILCA	Entry Fee 8 Food & Beverage Tickets	\$70
Other Classes	Entry Fee Dry Sail Fee TBD Food & Beverage Tickets	Contact OA

- 5.2 Each food and beverage tickets are good for the following:  
1 Sunday football buffet or 1 limited bar menu item or 2 beers or 1 mixed drink.

## **6 Crew Limitations**

- 6.1 There are no crew limitations.

## **7 Schedule**

- 7.1 Registrations opens on August 1, 2024 and will remain open until October 27, 2024

- 7.2 Dates of racing:
- Sunday, September 8, 2024
  - Sunday, September 15, 2024
  - Sunday, September 22, 2024
  - Sunday, September 29, 2024
  - Sunday, October 6, 2024
  - Sunday, October 13, 2024
  - Sunday, October 20, 2024
  - Sunday, October 27, 2024

- 7.3 The race committee will aim to complete 3 races per day. However, extra races may be sailed each day at the discretion of the race committee.

- 7.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1030.

- 7.5 No warning signal will be made after 1230.

## **8 Venue**

- 8.1 Event venue will be in front of Erie Basin Marina inside the Buffalo Waterfront break walls.

## **9 Course**

- 9.1 The courses sailed will be windward/leeward or triangles.

## **10 Penalty System**

- 10.1 Event will follow The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) Appendix V – Alternative Penalties V1

## **11 Scoring**

- 11.1 The scoring system is as follows: low point scoring.
- 11.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 There will be no throw out races.

## **12 Chartered or Loaned Boats**

- 12.1 If you are interested in participating, please reach out to [Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com](mailto:Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com) for contact info on charting a boat.

## **13 Berthing**

- 13.1 Lightnings may be kept in the Buffalo Yacht Club dry sail area from September 6, 2024 to October 31, 2024. Please note you can only access the club dry sail area through the club house or with a RFID card issued to BYC slip holders. Please contact Matt Franzek or Leah Trow to coordinate dropping your boat off after payment of the entry fee. The club will be breaking down the basin in mid-October, as such boats may need to be reorganized at this time.

- 13.2 Laser storage will be organized through the Buffalo Laser Class Association. Please email [Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com](mailto:Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com) if any issues arise.

**14 Risk Statement**

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees to acknowledge that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drawing, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

**15 Insurance**

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$10,000 USD per incident or the equivalent. The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has valid third-party liability insurance.

**16 Prizes**

- 16.1 Prizes will be given for first, second and third place in both the Lightning and ILCA classes.

**17 Further Information**

- 17.1 For further information please contact Lightning Class District 5 by emailing [lakeeriedistrict@googlegroups.com](mailto:lakeeriedistrict@googlegroups.com), Buffalo Laser Class Association by emailing [buffalo-laser-class@googlegroups.com](mailto:buffalo-laser-class@googlegroups.com) or the OA by emailing [Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com](mailto:Matthew.Franzek@gmail.com).