



2016 Lake Huron International

Friday July 1st - Sunday July 3rd

Hosted by the Port Huron Yacht Club



Notice of Race

1. Management

1.1. Port Huron Yacht Club is the organizing authority of the 2016 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. Eligibility / Entry

3.1. This race is open to all yachts that complete the entry and pay all fees by July 1st, 2016. Entry can be accomplished by visiting Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) and completing the online registration.

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

4. Fees

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

4.2. A \$25 late fee will be applied after June 28th.

5. Schedule of events

5.1. Early Skipper Check-In from 1800 – 2000 on Friday July 1st.

5.2. Event kickoff party at PHYC Bar after 2000 on Friday July 1st.

5.3. Final Entry and Skipper Check-In from 1200 – 1400 on Saturday July 2nd.

5.4. Skipper’s meeting 1400 on Saturday July 2nd, conference call maybe used as well.

5.5. Warning Gun 1800 on Saturday July 2nd.

5.6. Protests to be heard prior to awards on Saturday July 3rd.

5.7. Awards 1200 on Sunday July 3rd, dependent on number of finishers by this time.

5.8. Awards party to following 5.7 at PHYC Bar.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. Final SI will be posted on the Yacht Scoring web site by June 28th.

7. Courses

7.1. **LHI Course** - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, then north to Lower Lake Huron Buoy and then south to the finish at Port Huron.

7.2. **John Blunt** - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point and then to finish at Port Huron.

8. Classes / Splits / Starting Order

8.1. Classes will be PHRF, Cruising ASM and JAM

8.2. PHRF and Cruising ASM can race any course.

8.3. JAM yachts can race on the John Blunt course only.

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

8.5. Final class splits and starting order will be posted at the notice board by 1400 on July 2nd, preliminary posted prior.

9. Ratings & Handicaps

- 9.1. Yachts entering PHRF, ASM and JAM classes must have a valid PHRF handicap certificate issued by Lake Huron or 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.
- 9.2. ASM will be defined by the following limits as described in the Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws.
- 9.3. JAM will be defined by the following limits as described in the Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws.
- 9.4. No changes in ratings initiated by competitors, and no revised rating certificates, will be accepted after July 1st.
- 9.5. PHRF handicaps assigned by the Race Committee are final.
- 9.6. All scoring will be Time on Time (*TOT*) for this event.

10. Dockage at Port Huron YC

- 10.1. All competitors that are planning to dock at PHYC prior to the race must contact RC with an arrival date in advance.
- 10.2. The PHYC dockage is limited but will be provided prior to the race to as many competitors as possible.
- 10.3. Dockage will be available at PHYC until 1200 on July 9th.
- 10.4. Competitors wanting to extend dockage at PHYC past 10.3 must make arrangement with PHYC Commodore in advance.

11. Disclaimer of liability of Skipper and Crew

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.

12. Insurance

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