



Buffalo Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE

2009 Great Lakes International Challenge Cup
Past Commodore IRA G. ROSS GREAT RACE
For the James H. Righter Trophy

Buffalo Yacht Club
Buffalo, New York, USA

June 11th through 14th, 2009

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1) ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Buffalo Yacht Club.

2) VENUE

The venue will be Buffalo Harbor, Eastern End of Lake Erie, Buffalo, New York

3) EVENT GRADING

- a) The event has applied for ISAF Grade 3.
- b) This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4) PROVISIONAL PROGRAM (All times will be Eastern Daylight Time)

- a) Race office will open June 11, 2009 at 1100 hours.
- b) Registration on June 11, 2009 1130 hours to 1700 hours.
- c) Crew weighing on June 11, 2009 from 1130 hours to 1700 hours. Any requests for an extension will be granted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- d) Practice on June 11, 2009 from 1130 hours to 1600 hours
- e) First briefing on June 11, 2009 at 1700 hours.
- f) First meeting with umpires on June 11, 2009 immediately following the conclusion of the first briefing.
- g) Opening Ceremony on June 11, 2009 at 1830 hours.
- h) Racing days will be June 12 to June 14, 2009.
- i) The first start gun will be at 0900 hours
- j) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the last race of each day.
- k) Daily de-briefs after the last race of each day are planned.
- l) Prize giving on June 14, 2009 on or after 1600 hours.
- m) Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - i) Initial briefing for skippers.
 - ii) Daily briefing, for skippers.
 - iii) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
 - iv) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5) SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- a) A maximum of Ten (10) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

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- c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, Fax or e-mail is acceptable to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- d) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.
- e) All Skippers shall be members of their own National Authority and provide their membership number upon application.

6) ENTRIES

- a) The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card / local currency / check in US Dollars.
- b) Entry Fee
 - i) An entry fee of \$300.00 US shall be included with any application submitted for the application to be considered.
 - ii) Should the OA not accept the application, the \$300.00 US will be returned along with a letter informing the applicant that they will not be competing in the event.
- c) Damage deposit
 - i) An initial damage deposit of \$500.00 US amount shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - ii) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, the OA may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.
- d) Withdrawal from the Event after acceptance by the OA
 - i) Should a skipper accept an invitation and later withdraw within 60 days of the event, a report will be forwarded to ISAF where it is possible for a zero score to be applied to the skippers ISAF ranking for this event.
 - ii) Once a skipper has been accepted and the entry fee paid, should a withdrawal from the event by such skipper be requested, the OA may retain up to 50% of the paid entry fee unless a suitable replacement skipper is accepted by the OA.
 - iii) Failure of a skipper and team to make weight, as described under Section 9 below, will be considered by the OA to fall under this section.

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7) RULES

- a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009 – 2012 RRS, including Appendix C.
- b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules of the J/22 class will not apply.
- c) Each member of a team shall carry with them onto the race course a PFD approved by the USCG or the equivalent regulating authority of the country from which the competitor hails.
- d) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.

8) BOATS AND SAILS

- a) The event will be sailed in J22 class type boats.
- b) Boats will be provided.
- c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily, or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9) CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall not exceed 4.
All registered crew shall sail all races.
- b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 275 kg (606 pounds), when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
Crews weighing within 5% of the maximum weight (261 kg / 576 pounds) may be subject to a reweigh at any time during the regatta.
- c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10) EVENT FORMAT

- a) The event will consist of the following stages:
 - i) Stage 1 - A single round robin.
(1) At the completion of Stage 1 the top four (4) Skippers, will advance to Stage 2.
 - ii) Stage 2 - Semi-Final Series – A knock out series.
(1) The skipper with the highest combined score from Stage 1 will pick their opposing skipper from the other three skippers advancing from Stages 1.

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(2) The two remaining skippers will race each other.

(3) From each grouping, the first skipper to score two points will advance to the finals

(4) The 2nd place skippers from each semi-finals series will advance to the Petit Finals.

iii) Stage 3 – Petit Finals – A knock out series.

(1) The loser from Match 1 of Stage 2 will face the loser from Match 2 of Stage 2.

(a) The first to score two points will place 3rd in the event.

(b) The other team will place 4th in the event.

iv) Stage 4 - Finals - A knock out series.

(1) The winner from Match 1 of Stage 2 will race the winner from Match 2 of Stage 2

(a) The first skipper to score 3 points will be the winner of the event.

(b) The other skipper will place 2nd in the event.

b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11) **COURSE**

a) The intended course will be windward/leeward/windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

b) The intended course area will be off of the Buffalo Harbor Entrance Main Lighthouse.

c) The OA may change the location of the course at their discretion.

12) **ADVERTISING**

a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority ISAF, regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

b) Teams shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13) **PRIZES**

a) The prize for first place will be The James H. Righter Trophy.

A plaque on the trophy will be engraved for the winning Skipper and the trophy will be retained by the Buffalo Yacht Club.

b) Medals will be awarded to the Competitors who comprise the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams.

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- c) Participation in this event by a skipper affiliated with an I-LYA yacht club will be considered by the Vice President for I-LYA to YRUGL for the 2nd team to be invited to compete for the YRUGL Richardson Trophy Regatta on behalf of I-LYA.
- d) Participation in this event by a skipper affiliated with an LYRA yacht club will be considered by the Vice President for LYRA to YRUGL for the 2nd team to be invited to compete for the YRUGL Richardson Trophy Regatta on behalf of LYRA.

14) **MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

- a) The OA may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15) **COACH BOATS**

Coach boats are not permitted.

16) **DISCLAIMER**

- a) All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk.
- b) The OA, their sponsors, their agents, employees, representatives, trustees, members, race committee, officials, associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

17) **INVITATIONS**

- a) Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you are interested in receiving an invitation, please contact the Buffalo Yacht Club at One Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202 – 716-883-5900 (Ext. 1 Tearria Wright) – office@buffaloyachtclub.org – or Timhunt@jwhcorp.com – 716-440-7108 for an invitation.

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