



NOTICE OF RACE

**2015 Great Lakes International Challenge Cup
Past Commodore IRA G. ROSS GREAT RACE
For the James H. Righter Trophy
&**

**David Dellenbaugh
North U Match Race Clinic**

**Buffalo Yacht Club
Buffalo, New York, USA**

June 11th through 14th, 2015

An International Sailing Event at a World Class Yacht Club



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1. ORGANIZING 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

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event. 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

- 4.1 Registration for the clinic and the event will begin on June 10th from 1130 hours to 1630 hours and continue on June 11th from 0730 to 0900 hours.
- 4.2 The clinic will run from 0900 hours June 11th until approximately 1100 hours June 12th.
- 4.3 Registration for the event only will begin on June 11 from 1130 hours to 1700 hours and continue on June 12th from 0730 until 0900 hours.
- 4.4 Crew weighing for the event will commence on June 11th from 1130 hours to 1700 hours and will continue from 0730 until 0900 hours on June 12.
- 4.5 Any requests for an extension will be granted, at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.6 Since the event boats will be used for the clinic, if you are not attending the clinic there will be no practice time.
- 4.7 First briefing will take place on June 12 at 0800 hours followed immediately by the first meeting with the umpires.
- 4.8 The Opening Ceremony will take place on June 12 at 1900 hours.
- 4.9 The racing days will be June 12 to June 14.
- 4.10 Debriefs will be held after the first two days of the competition (June 12 & 13). There is no formal debrief after the sailing on June 14th.
- 4.11 The first start gun is scheduled for 1200 hours on June 12 and 1000 hours for June 13th & 14th.
- 4.12 Daily press conferences will be held 60 minutes after the last race of each day.
- 4.13 The last attention signal on Sunday June 14th will be no later than 1400 hours.
- 4.14 Prize giving will be on June 14 as soon as practicable after the finish of the last race.
- 4.15 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory for all skippers still in the competition on each sailing day:

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Initial briefing for skippers
Daily briefing for skippers
Daily press conferences

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 A maximum of ten skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.2 The Top Collegiate Match Race Skipper(s), as determined by the 2014 ICSA Match Race National Championship are automatically invited to this event.
- 5.3 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 At the time that a skipper submits a request to be considered to compete at the event the following information shall be provided:
 - a. An ISAF Sailor ID.
 - b. The Skipper's current ISAF Ranking, both in the Open Classification and in the Women's Classification (as appropriate)), including number of events sailed and total ranking points accumulated.
 - c. Their National Authority Membership Number and evidence that they are a member in good standing with their National Authority and that such standing will be in effect until the conclusion of the event.
 - d. A JPEG picture of the skipper, minimum dimensions 2" x 3", head shot preferred.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 The skipper will be entered on completion of registration and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card / US currency / check in US Dollars.
- 6.2 **Entry Fee**

Once a skipper has been invited by the OA, an entry fee of \$600.00 US shall be included with the completed application, to be submitted by the deadline specified in the letter of invitation. This entry fee of \$600.00 will include the \$400.00 entry bond which is not refundable should the skipper pull out.
- 6.3 **Damage deposit**

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- 6.3.1 An initial damage deposit of \$ 500.00 US shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This damage deposit may be made by a credit card hold (preferred), by a certified check drawn on a US Bank or by US currency. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- 6.3.2 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 deposit remaining will be refunded within 10 days after the conclusion of the event.
- 6.3.3 All damage to competitor boats will be repaired by the OA. No competitor repair of damage will be allowed.
- 6.4 **Withdrawal from the event after acceptance by the OA**
- 6.4.1 Should a skipper accept an invitation and later withdraw within 60 days of the event, a report may be forwarded to ISAF where it is possible for a zero score to be applied to the skipper's ISAF ranking for this event.
- 6.4.2 Once a skipper has been accepted and the entry fee paid, should a withdrawal from the event by such skipper be requested, the OA will retain the entry bond at a minimum and the balance of the paid entry fee unless a suitable replacement skipper, found by the withdrawing skipper, is accepted by the OA.
- 6.4.3 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.

7 RULES

- 7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C.
- 7.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply (SI Appendix C), and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- 7.3 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD), approved by their national authority, at all times on the water except when on the Crew Holding Boat. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40
- 7.4 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in J22 class type boats provided by the OA.
- 8.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, jib, spinnaker.

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- 8.3 Boats will be allocated by draw at the beginning of the event by the OA. Thereafter teams will move between boats as indicated by a printed schedule.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 262.5 kg (578.7pounds), when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- 9.2 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall not exceed 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.3 The weight recorded at the time of weigh-in will govern for the event.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 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

- 10.1 The event will consist of round robin racing and knockout series. The specific format will be listed in the sailing instructions.
- 10.2 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course areas will be off of the Erie Basin Marina, Buffalo Harbor, Buffalo NY (See pictures at the end of this Notice).
- 11.3 The OA may change the location of the course at their discretion.

12 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Medals will be awarded to the competitors of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

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14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

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

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. 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

- 17.1 Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you are interested in being considered to receive an invitation, please send your sailing resume along with your picture, and the information specified in Section 5.5 above, to the Buffalo Yacht Club at One Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201. Alternatively you can send the requested information electronically to – great_race@buffaloyachtclub.org or Timhunt@jwhcorp.com. Should your request for an invitation be accepted, your picture may be used in a promotional booklet for the event and for display at the event's web site. If you do not receive a response from an electronic request to be invited to compete within 1 week of your request, please call Tim Hunt at 716-440-7108 or 1-800-459-4868, Ext.401.
- 17.2 The deadline for the acceptance of a skipper's request to be considered to compete in the event will be April 10, 2015.
- 17.3 The OA will vote on all requests received by April 10, 2015 during the following week and will begin notifying competitors who are invited during the time frame of April 13th through April 19, 2015.



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For additional information about the event or to submit an application to compete, please contact one of the following:

The Buffalo Yacht Club
One Porter Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14201
716-883-5900 (Office)
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Great_Race@Buffaloyachtclub.org
www.buffaloyachtclub.org

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Possible Course Areas



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