



Lake Yacht
Racing Association
Established 1884

NOTICE OF RACE

2007 Great Lakes International Challenge Cup
Past Commodore Ira G. Ross Great Race
For the James H. Righter Trophy
and
The Shore Sails Cup and The Stolze Cup

Buffalo Yacht Club
Buffalo, New York, USA

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

- 4.1
- (a) Race office will open August 17, 2007 at 0900 hours.
 - (b) Registration from August 17, 2007 1000 hours to 1700 hours.
 - (c) Crew weighing on August 17, 2007 from 1000 hours to 1700 hours.
 - (d) Practice from August 17, 2007 from 1200 hours to 1600 hours
 - (e) First briefing at August 17, 2007 at 1800 hours.
 - (f) First meeting with umpires on August 17, 2007 at 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening Ceremony on August 17, 2007 at 1830 hours.
 - (h) Racing days will be August 18 to August 19, 2007
 - (i) Time of the first race each day will be 0900 hours
 - (j) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the last race of each day.
 - (k) Prize giving on August 19, 2007 at 1600 hours.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Regatta dinner, for skippers.
- (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Eight 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.
- (c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of 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.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/local currency/check.

6.2 Entry Fee

- (a) A entry fee of \$150.00 US shall be included with any application submitted for the application to be considered.
- (b) Should the OA not accept the application, the \$150.00 will be returned along with a letter informing the applicant that they will not be competing in the event.

6.3 Damage deposit

- (a) 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.
- (b) In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.4 Withdrawal from the Event after acceptance by the OA

Should a team, after being accepted to compete in the event, withdraw from such competition without providing suitable substitution for their withdrawn entry, such team will be reported to ISAF.

7 RULES

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, and 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 will not apply.
- (c) 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) Eight 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 262.5 kg (578.7 pounds), when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (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:
Stage 1 - a double round robin
Stage 2 - a knock out series of the top two boats from Stage 1, first to score 3 points
- (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 course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be off of the Buffalo Harbor Entrance Main Lighthouse

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

13 PRIZES

- (a) The principal prize for overall first place will be The James H. Righter Trophy. This trophy will be awarded to the team that wins Stage 2 or has the highest point total from Stage 1 if conditions do not permit a knock out series.
- (b) For teams entering under the auspices of LYRA, the team with the highest point total coming out of the double round robin (stage 1) will be awarded the Stolze Cup.
- (c) For teams entering under the auspices of I-LYA, the team with the highest point total coming out of the double round robin (stage 1) shall be awarded the Shores Sails Cup.

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.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

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 (phone) – office@buffaloyachtclub.org – or Timhunt@jwhcorp.com – 716-440-7108 for an invitation.

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