

2009 PHYC / SYC Specials Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *2009-2012 The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) national authority will apply.
- 1.3 Individual class rules on file in writing for the current race year with the Race Chairmen will apply when applicable.
- 1.4 Individual class rules can not change any aspect of a race detailed in the PHYC/SYC Special Series SI.
- 1.5 No single-handed racing is allowed in the PHYC/SYC racing program.
- 1.6 Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws shall apply to yachts required to have a 2009 valid rating.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The races are open to all yachts owned by members of the Port Huron Yacht Club and Sarnia Yacht Club who have properly registered with the PHYC/SYC Race Chairmen.
- 3.2 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the PHYC/SYC Race Registration Form prior to March 15th, 2009.
- 3.3 Entries not received by March 15th will be considered late and may not be considered toward class/split construction.
- 3.4 SYC yachts must also complete the SYC Registration Form.
- 3.5 Yachts must also register and pay fees with individual classes in which they intend to race.
- 3.6 Yachts racing in PHRF, Cal 25, Cruising or Handicap A classes must have a 2009 Lake Huron PHRF Certificate.

4 FEES

- 4.1 There are no fees for PHYC yachts.
- 4.2 SYC fees for racing are required for SYC yachts.
- 4.3 The classes will set the individual class fees.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 **Blue Point Race:** Saturday, June 6, Warning at 0955.
- 5.2 **Miller High Life St. Clair River Race:** Saturday, July 18, Warning at 1155.
- 5.3 **Lexington Race:** Sat/Sun, August 8 & 9, Warning at 1025.
- 5.4 **Port Sanilac Race:** Sat/Sun, August 22 & 23, Warning at 0925.
- 5.5 **Earl Smith Night Race:** Saturday, August 29, Warning at 1755.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at least 4 days prior to the race at PHYC/SYC. They may also be available on the PHYC Web Site (www.phyc.org) or the SYC website (www.sarniyachtclub.on.ca).

7 CLASSES

- 7.1 Classes
 - 7.1.1 PHRF – Shall race in accordance with Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws and have a current Lake Huron PHRF rating.
 - 7.1.2 PHRF Cal25 - Yachts shall race in accordance with Cal 25 Class rules and have a current Lake Huron PHRF rating.
 - 7.1.3 Cruising Class – Yachts in this class shall have a current Lake Huron PHRF rating, with special limitations on sails as specified in the Cruising Class Racing Rules.
 - 7.1.4 Handicap Class – Yachts in this class shall have a current Lake Huron PHRF rating and then be adjusted for skipper experience, sail age and sail usage.
 - 7.1.5 30 Square Meter – Boats in this class must conform to the 30 Square Meter Rule.
 - 7.1.6 6 Meter - Boats in this class must conform to the 6 Meter Rule.
- 7.2 Acceptance of a yacht in a class will be in accordance with the rules of that class. A yacht eligible to race in more than one class may race in the class of its choice, but shall indicate its choice on the PHYC/SYC Race Registration Form.
- 7.3 Registered yachts can not change classes after 72 hours prior to the first race of the Special Series.
- 7.4 An owner of a yacht wishing to changes class must complete the CHANGE OF CLASS FORM and have it approved by both the Class Representative and Race Chairmen by the time shown in 7.3.
- 7.5 Formation of a class
 - 7.5.1 Six or more yachts are required and the approval of the PHYC and SYC Organizing Authority.
 - 7.5.2 Classes must maintain a minimum of six yachts registered
 - 7.5.3 Classes with five yachts or less a class will be dissolved
 - 7.5.4 The PHYC and SYC Organizing Authority may at their discretion allow a class with five yachts or less to continue as a class.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** See the applicable SI for each race.

9 SCORING

- 9.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, unless written class rules are on file by May 1st for the current year with the Race Chairmen. See SI for additional details.

10 RESULTS

- 10.1** Preliminary results will be posted on the official notice boards as soon as possible following a race. Corrections or errors need to be reported to the Race Chairmen, Fleet Captain or the Race PRO in writing. If no corrections are reported within 72 hours, results will become final. Skippers are reminded that the club website is not the official race results bulletin board.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1** Flags will be given to the top three finishers in each class for each series, as well as the top three overall in each class.
11.2 Trophies for individual races may be awarded. See the applicable SIs for each race.
11.3 A King Trophy for each club (PHYC/SYC) will be awarded to the best finishing boat with the strongest competition that completes all five Special Series races. This will be determined by scoring the King Trophy qualifier with high point scoring.
11.4 Trophies for the series will be awarded to first overall in each class.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1** Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

13 INSURANCE

- 13.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14 CLASS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

- 14.1** Class Captains are responsible for the race committee boat assignments that their class is assigned. This responsibility includes providing information to the PRO prior to the race and for the duration of the race a competent race committee boat and crew. Classes should plan to provide seven people as crew for the race. This crew will function under the direction of the PRO of the day. A class that fails to meet these responsibilities may be protested by Race Committee and assessed a penalty by the Protest Board.