

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**2017 LAKE ERIE INTERCLUB CRUISE**  
**June 24 - June 28, 2017**

**NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE**

**Organizing Authority:** The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise

**Host:** Buffalo Canoe Club, Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club, Buffalo Yacht Club, Erie Yacht Club, Port Dover Yacht Club, Dunkirk Yacht Club, Sugarloaf Sailing Club, Sugarloaf Harbor Marina

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise (Cruise) will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS)<sup>1</sup> and the following:
  - a. The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing)
  - b. This Notice and Conditions of Race (Notice of Race, or NOR) and any amendments
  - c. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments
  - d. Applicable U.S. and Canadian governmental requirements
- 1.2 All boats will meet the safety requirements of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER 2017.0) for the Nearshore Category and any other requirements specifically identified in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The current PHRF-LE class rules shall also apply to all boats in the Racing Division and to boats competing in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruising Division Founder's Trophy series, as administered by PHRF Lake Erie.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 This event is open to members of US Sailing and Canadian Yachting Association or other National Authorities, members of recognized yacht clubs, members of recognized sailing class associations, and others as may be designated by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2 The Organizing Authority shall, at its sole discretion, and whose decision is final and without appeal, determine eligibility and placement within Divisions and Classes.
- 2.3 Eligible boats shall register by mailing the completed entry form together with all fees and valid rating-measurement and insurance certificates, in time to arrive by the specified deadlines.
- 2.4 Mail-in registration forms are available at <http://www.erieinterclub.com> Mail or deliver to:

Lake Erie Interclub Cruise Registrar  
3939 West Ridge Road, Suite B20  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16506

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<sup>1</sup> Copies of the RRS and US Prescriptions can be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules>

- 2.5 Deadlines for receipt of registration materials are as follows: All Racing and Cruising Divisions 1700 hours, Friday, June 16, 2017.
- 2.6 Acceptance of registrations received after the specified deadline is at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and will result in a late fee of \$100.00 (US).<sup>2</sup>
- 2.7 All boats shall deliver a completed and signed "Waiver of Liability" as part of the registration form.

### **3. INTERCLUB CRUISE FEES**

- 3.1 The required entry fee for all Racing Divisions is \$275.00 (US). The fee for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruising Division Founder's Trophy series is \$200.00 (US). The fee for Cruising Division boats that intend to continue on the Cruise after completing the Founder's Trophy series is \$275.00 (US).
- 3.2 Boats entering the Interclub Cruise for the first time will have a reduced entry fee of \$250.00 (US). First time entrants will not be excused from late fees, if applicable.

### **4. CURRENT PHRF CERTIFICATE / ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 All Racing Division boats shall provide with their registration a copy of their current (2017 PHRF-LE) handicap certificate.
- 4.2 Racing Division boats without a current PHRF-LE certificate may be assigned a temporary rating at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority, which shall be valid for the current year's Cruise only and cannot be appealed.
- 4.3 Boats participating in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruising Division Founder's Trophy series will sail with the Racing Division using a PHRF-LE Non-Spinnaker Fleet racing handicap. The Organizing Authority will assign a handicap for any unrated boat, which shall be valid for the current year's Cruise only and cannot be appealed.
- 4.4 All boats must have on board a functional motor with means of mounting (for outboards) and carrying enough fuel capable of propelling the boat for a minimum of 50 miles.
- 4.5 All boats entering a race must have a minimum of two people on board for the duration of the Cruise.
- 4.6 All spinnakers, main sails and headsails (larger than 130%) must have proper sail numbers. Boats without proper sail numbers or with duplicate sail numbers of another boat must notify the Race Committee boat (RC Boat) prior to starting and upon finishing each race.
- 4.7 A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

### **5. SAFETY**

- 5.1 All boats must carry equipment required by the State and Country of registration at all times.
- 5.2 Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions. The Race Committee strongly recommends (but does not require) that all personnel on deck wear personal flotation when starting.
- 5.3 It is recommended that a boat should carry a life sling or equivalent man overboard rescue device with a self-igniting light stored on deck ready for immediate use.

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<sup>2</sup> All dollar amounts are in U.S. dollars.

- 5.4 All boats shall monitor VHF Race Channel 79 from the one hour warning sound of a Racing or Cruising Division start and continue to monitor until all fleets have started. No signals will be displayed from ashore.
- 5.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area via VHF Race Channel 79, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore by notifying the Race Committee.

## 6. IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the Sailing Instructions, class flags will be as follows:

| Class | Class Flag | Division |  | Class | Class Flag | Division |
|-------|------------|----------|--|-------|------------|----------|
| A     | WHITE      | RACING   |  | E     | GREEN      | RACING   |
| B     | LT BLUE    | RACING   |  | F     | BLACK      | RACING   |
| C     | YELLOW     | RACING   |  |       |            |          |
| D     | ORANGE     | RACING   |  | X     | PINK       | CRUISING |

- 6.2 Class flags must be flown on the backstay or other conspicuous position in the stern of the boat, and shall be displayed from the warning signal until the finish has been acknowledged.
- 6.3 Boats may fly the official Interclub Burgee during the Cruise on an appropriate staff or pennant halyard.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Race packets including additional Sailing Instructions will be available on Friday, June 23, 2017 from 1700-1900 hours at the Erie Yacht Club.

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1 All racing will take place on the open waters of eastern Lake Erie.

## 9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

|        |               |                                       |
|--------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Race 1 | JUNE 24, 2017 | ERIE TO PORT DOVER RACE and CRUISE    |
| Race 2 | JUNE 25, 2017 | LONG POINT BAY COURSE RACE and CRUISE |
| Race 3 | JUNE 26, 2017 | PORT DOVER to PORT COLBORNE RACE      |
| Race 4 | JUNE 27, 2017 | PORT COLBORNE to POINT ABINO RACE     |
| Race 5 | JUNE 28, 2017 | POINT ABINO COURSE RACE               |

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1 The Racing Division will sail three point-to-point races and one course race in Port Dover and Point Abino/Buffalo (each) as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruising Division Founder's Trophy series will take place on the first two days of the Cruise (Erie to Port Dover on June 24, and the Long Point Bay Course on June 25). Cruising Division boats are welcome to sail with the fleet for the balance of the Cruise but will not be started.

## 11. SCORING

| Position  | Points | Position                              | Points              |
|-----------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st Place | 1      | RET (Retired After Finishing)         | (Finishers + 2) Pts |
| 2nd Place | 2      | DNS (Did Not Start)                   | (Class + 4) Pts     |
| 3rd Place | 3      | OCS (On Course Side)                  | (Class + 2) Pts     |
| 4th Place | 4      | DSQ (Disqualified)                    | (Class + 6) Pts     |
| Nth Place | N      | DNE (Disqualification not Excludable) | (Class + 8) Pts     |
|           |        | DNF (Did Not Finish)                  | (Finishers + 2) Pts |
|           |        | DNC (Did Not Compete)                 | 88 Pts              |

- 11.1 Tie breaking procedures will follow RRS A8.
- 11.2 There are no throw out races. All races count equally. (This NOR instruction modifies RRS A2.)
- 11.3 Use of a spinnaker by a boat competing in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruising Division Founder's Trophy series shall be grounds for disqualification.

## 12. AWARDS

- 12.1 The Racing Division will have flags awarded for first, second, and third place finishes for each race.
- 12.2 The Racing Division will have flags awarded for overall first, second, and third place for the series.
- 12.3 The Interclub Trophy (Buffalo-Courier Express) will be awarded to the best overall boat in the Racing Division.
- 12.4 The winner of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruising Division two-day series will be awarded the Founder's Trophy in Port Dover on June 25. Additional prizes may be awarded at that time.

## 13. DOCKAGE

- 13.1 Dockage will be available only to those who have completed registration for the Cruise. This dockage will be provided by the Erie Yacht Club, Port Dover Yacht Club, Sugarloaf Sailing Club, Buffalo Yacht Club based on availability at the time of the Cruise and the finish of each race. Additional overflow dockage at the Port Dover Yacht Club will be available in the Commercial Basin on the east side as you enter the harbor. NOTE: All Cruising Division boats will be docked in the Commercial Basin.
- 13.2 Competitors shall follow the directions of the respective host Yacht Club Dock Master. Failure to comply with the directions of the Dock Masters and/or crew or organizers shall be grounds for protest and possible expulsion from the Cruise.

## 14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death. Proof of Coverage is required for registration.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and other participants sailing in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See, e.g., RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Host Clubs, Sponsors, or any other Organization or Official) shall not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or personal injury to any competitor or other participant, including death, sustained as a result of participating in this event. By participating in this event, each entrant agrees

to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such entrant's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- 15.2 As used in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term "Person-in-Charge" means the person who is designated on the Entry Form as the Person-in-Charge, whether or not the boat owner.
- 15.3 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-Charge, who must assure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and sailed by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. The Person-in-Charge must be satisfied with the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The Person-in-Charge must assure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. The acceptance of a crew by the Person-In-Charge, the establishment of equipment or safety requirements by the Organizing Authority, or an inspection (or the non-inspection) of a boat by the Race Committee shall not in any way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Person-in-Charge.

## 16. CONDUCT

- 16.1 The Person-In-Charge shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during, and after each race. In the event of a serious misconduct, destruction of property, or failure to comply with a request of the Race Committee or instructions from the Dock Master or harbormaster in any Cruise port, the Race Committee may file a protest or take such other action as it deems appropriate against the Person-In-Charge, boat and/or crew.

## 17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Organizing Authority Website – <http://www.erieinterclub.com>

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| Cruise Coordinator:  | Heather McBrier   | (814) 602-2747 | hmcbbrier@gmail.com                 |
| Registrar:           | Tracy Burnside    | (814) 838-9762 | tracyburnside@mcbrierproperties.com |
| Chairman:            | Andy Elkin (PDYC) | (519) 428-5412 | ayjeea@gmail.com                    |
| First Vice Chairman: | Merrily Kuhn      | (716) 491-9558 | Merrily-edders@verizon.net          |