FORD SHOAL DISTANCE RACE

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Class Rules of PHRF-Lake Ontario (i.e. LO) shall apply.
- 1.3 Rules may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 A boat may use propulsion from the engine to get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, provided the boat does not gain significant advantage in the race.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to all yachts with a current valid PHRF-LO certificate. If you do not have a valid PHRF-LO certificate please contact Committee Chairman Lauren Crossett via email laurencrossett@gmail.com as early as possible, and prior to late registration. If any participant does not have a valid PHRF-LO certificate prior to the race, one can be issued for a fee.
- 2.2 Each skipper is responsible for providing a complete and accurate crew list. The required form is in Appendix B. It must be submitted at check-in time.

3 FEES

- 3.1 (a) Entry fee is \$45 if received before 8:00PM EST on Thursday August 15th, 2024
 - (b) Late entry fee is \$55 if received after 2:00PM EST on Friday August 16th, 2024
 - (c) Registrations will not be accepted after 6:00PM EST on Friday August 16th, 2024
 - (d) All fees are in US Dollars
 - (e) Except at the discretion of the regatta committee, requests for refunds, less \$15 charge for expenses incurred, will not be honored after Friday August 15th, 2024 at 8:00 PM.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: early registration is encouraged and will be available online after May 15th on the FHYC website via the YachtScoring system Please contact the chairman (Lauren Crossett laurencrossett@gmail.com) if you are not able to register online.
- 4.2 Late Registration: begins Friday August 16th at 2:00PM
- 4.3 Registration Deadline: Friday August 16th at 6:00PM Check-In via Phone: (315)-391-2466 or in person at FHYC Friday August 16th at 2:00PM to 5:45PM
- 4.4 Skippers Meeting: Saturday August 16th at 8:00AM at FHYC or via Zoom (link to be provided)- A representative from the boat crew, skipper or delegate, must check in and attend the skippers meeting.
- 4.5 First warning signal: Saturday August 17th at 9:00AM
- 4.6 Racing time limit: Sunday August 17th 17:00PM
- 4.7 Awards presentations: 4 pm Saturday August 17th at FHYC 14510 West Side Dr, Fair Haven, NY 13064

5 MEASUREMENTS & DIVISIONS

- 5.1 PHRF-LO Ratings for registrations will be verified on http://www.phrf-lo.org/ by the race scorer. Boats without ratings will have one established for the race by the FHYC club handicapper or race committee delegate per advance notification in section 2.1.
- 5.2 Division splits will be based on PHRF-LO ratings and fleet splits will apply for Spinnaker, and Cruising boats. A One Design division will be made if there are enough participating boats, 3 boats will be required to agree to participate.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 2:00PM on Friday August 15th and will be distributed at the skippers meeting. A draft version will be available in advance on the Fair Haven Yacht Club website fhyc.org.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The start and finish will be near the Fair Haven Bay entrance and details will be provided in the sailing instructions.
- 7.2 Attachment D shows the racing area which covers both coastal and open waters of Lake Ontario.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The general course is from the Little Sodus bay channel around the Ford Shoal Buoy and back. Further information will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The scoring system will use PHRF-LO handicap ratings with Point to Point (P2P-TCF) correction for PHRF divisions. Competitors will be asked to take their buoy rounding times for special scoring conditions set by the race committee (If required).
- 9.2 Competing boats may be required to record their FINISH TIME in the following format 00:00:00 (Hr, Min, Sec) and submit their time by either TEXT or CALL to (315)-391-2466. Your finish time MUST be received by 5PM August 17th to be scored.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 Boats should minimize communication and refrain from exchanging information that would change the conduct of the race for any competitors. This excludes the exchange of location specifics for vessels in the shipping lanes. Emergency communications are fully allowed and expected. The restrictions above also apply to mobile, satellite, and cellular telephones.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Flags will be awarded to the top three finishing boats in their division.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race as prescribed in "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024". The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13 OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITIES

13.1 The safety of a sailing yacht and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner and the skipper. The owner and the skipper must make certain that the yacht is fully found seaworthy and well crewed. They must satisfy themselves as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and equipment. They must see to it that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, that the crew has been instructed in its use, and that the equipment is deployed when necessary. Neither the minimum required equipment, nor the inspection of a yacht by the race committee for compliance, limits the responsibility of the owner and skipper for the safe operation of a sailing yacht in this race.

14 INSURANCE

14.1 All participating boats must carry adequate liability insurance coverage for collision and bodily injury. Proof of insurance may be requested by Race Committee.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information contact Lauren Crossett via email: laurencrossett@gmail.com

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