



# 2007 Lake Huron International Regatta

PORT HURON 100 - JOHN BLUNT MEMORIAL

Long Course

Short Course



## Notice of Race

### 1. Management

Port Huron and Sarnia Yacht Clubs are the organizing authority of the 2007 Lake Huron International Regatta (*LHIR*) and has appointed the Port Huron and Sarnia Yacht Club Race Committee (*Race Committee*) to conduct the Race and related activities. The Race Committee has the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the Race and to reject the entry of any boat at any time before the start of the Race. The Race will start on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The fleet will be divided into divisions and classes according to rating/handicap and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### 2. Rules

The Race shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS), which includes the following (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions):

- a. The prescriptions of U.S. Sailing
- b. This Notice and Conditions of Race (*Notice of Race*).
- c. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments.
- d. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- e. Applicable U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard Rules and Regulations.
- f. Lake Huron Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (*PHRF*) rules as administered by the Race Committee.

### 3. Responsibilities of Skipper and Crew

- a. Port Huron and Sarnia Yacht Clubs, its officers and members, the members of the Race Committee and sponsors shall not be liable for any loss of life, injury to persons or damage to property that may occur during or related to the Race.
- b. As used in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term “Skipper” means the person who is designated on the Entry Form as “Skipper” and who is in charge of the boat, whether or not the owner.
- c. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who must insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and sailed by an experienced and physically fit crew. The Skipper must be satisfied with the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and gear and must insure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the acceptance of a Crew List, the establishment of equipment or safety requirements nor an inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- d. Port Huron and Sarnia Yacht Clubs strongly recommends (but does not require) that all personnel on deck wear personal flotation when starting and finishing without exception, and at all other times except when the captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside. Competitors are reminded that it is the competitor’s individual responsibility for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions (RRS 1.2) and that each boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing (RRS 4). Competitors are required to notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity if the boat withdraws from the Race.

#### 4. Advertising

The Race is an invitational regatta, which the organizing authority has designated advertising Category A in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20.4.3, for all classes and divisions.

#### 5. Eligibility

This race is open to all yachts of Lake Huron Yachting Association (*LHYA*) and other affiliated sailing organizations. An invitation may be requested by sending a letter, to Port Huron Yacht Club, 212 Quay St, Port Huron, MI 48060. Entry forms are available on the Internet for download at [WWW.PHYC.ORG](http://WWW.PHYC.ORG). A boat's application to race shall be conditioned upon the Race Committee's acceptance of the boat as an entrant in the Race.

a. Division I - PHRF

It is expected that there will be more than one PHRF class. Preliminary class splits will be posted at the Race Bulletin Board at PHYC on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Unofficial splits may be posted on the PHYC web site. Final class splits will be announced at the skipper meeting.

b. Division II – Cruising ASM Division.

It is expected that there will be more than one Cruising ASM class competing. Preliminary class splits will be posted at the Race Bulletin Board at PHYC on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Unofficial splits may be posted on the PHYC web site. Final class splits will be announced at the skipper meeting.

Boats in the cruising division are subject to the following limitations.

1. Headsails must be flown hanked to the headstay or in the headstay groove except that asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown as provided in 4, stated below.
2. Staysails may not be flown on sloop-rigged boats. Other boats may fly a staysail in the fore triangle provided that the combined areas of the staysail and the headsail do not exceed the maximum LP stated on the boat's 2007 Valid PHRF Certificate or Lake Huron PHRF Application. Refer to paragraph 7.c.
3. If a roller-furler credit is given, (a) all headsails must be cut for the roller-furler, (b) the roller-furler must be used throughout the race and (c) during headsail changes, the old sail must be dropped to the deck and the new sail then put on the roller-furler and hoisted.
4. Symmetrical spinnakers may not be used. Asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown provided they (i) are flown without a whisker or spinnaker pole and (ii) are attached to a tack point (or are attached to a tack line that is led to a tack point) that is no more than 12 inches fore or aft of the jib tack.
5. Whisker or spinnaker poles may be used only for headsails.

#### 6. Ratings & Handicaps

a. All PHRF boats must furnish with the Entry Form a copy of all of the boat's valid 2007 PHRF handicap certificates issued by any local authority. The Race Committee may adjust individual PHRF handicaps to compensate for differences in handicapping methods employed by various handicapping authorities. Ratings will be posted on the Official PHYC Race Bulletin Board, and may also be posted unofficially on the PHYC website, [www.PHYC.ORG](http://www.PHYC.ORG) as they are assigned. Competitors will be deemed to have knowledge of the assigned rating when it is so posted. Competitors are encouraged strongly to check the website regularly.

b. All PHRF Cruising boats must furnish with the Entry Form a copy of all of the boat's valid 2007 PHRF handicap certificates issued by any local authority. The Race Committee may adjust individual PHRF handicaps to compensate for differences in handicapping methods employed by various handicapping authorities. Ratings will be posted on the Official PHYC Race Bulletin Board, and may also be posted unofficially on the PHYC website, [www.PHYC.ORG](http://www.PHYC.ORG) as they are assigned. Competitors will be deemed to have knowledge of the assigned rating when it is so posted. Competitors are encouraged strongly to check the website regularly.

c. The Skipper of a boat that does not have a valid 2006 PHRF certificate must complete the "Lake Huron PHRF Application" that can be found at [www.lhphrf.com](http://www.lhphrf.com), and submit it and copies of all existing PHRF certificates in the Skipper's possession with the Entry Form. The Race Committee will assign a PHRF handicap to the boat based on the data provided in the Application and other available information.

d. No changes in ratings or handicaps initiated by competitors, and no revised rating or handicap certificates, will be accepted after July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

e. PHRF handicaps assigned by the Race Committee are final.

**7. Entry**

The Race Committee must receive the following items before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

- a. Completed Entry Form with entry fees as noted. Late fee will apply after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.
- b. Copy of the boat's 2007 valid PHRF handicap certificate.
- c. For PHRF / Cruising ASM boats without a valid 2007 PHRF certificate a completed copy of the "Lake Huron PHRF Application" that can be found at [www.lhphrf.com](http://www.lhphrf.com) and copies all existing PHRF certificates in the Skipper's possession.

**8. Registration / Schedule of Events**

Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

At PHYC

1800-2100 Late Race Registration

Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

At PHYC

1400 -1600 Skipper (Representative) Check In

Competitors Lunch

Bloody Mary Hour at PHYC

1600 Skippers Meeting

1900 Approximate Warning Gun

Saturday, July 7<sup>st</sup>

At PHYC

1800-1930 Dinner / Drinks

1930 Awards

2000 Entertainment

**9. Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at registration.

**10. Courses**

**Port Huron 100**

The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, to Southern Lake Huron Weather Buoy, across Lake Huron to Port Sanilac, and down the U.S shore to finish at Port Huron. Final course details will be included in; the sailing instructions.

**John Blunt Memorial**

The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, across Lake Huron to Lexington Harbor, and down the U.S shore to finish at Port Huron.

Final course details will be included in; the sailing instructions.

**11. Scoring**

Each boat will be ranked by her corrected time in the division and class. The boat with the lowest corrected time wins. Time allowances of PHRF classes will be calculated on a time-on-distance of approximately 87 nm for the Port Huron 100 and 60nm for the John Blunt Memorial.

**12. Protests.**

There will be a protest committee appointed by the race committee in compliance with RRS 89.

**13. Environment Control**

The laws of Michigan and Ontario prohibit any through-hull fittings that may be used to pump toilets or holding tanks overboard. The Race Committee will not inspect for compliance, but governmental authorities may do so.

**14. Website and E-mail**

The Race Committee will post information on the Official Port Huron Yacht Club Race Bulletin Board. Unofficial information may also be posted on the PHYC website at [www.PHYC.ORG](http://www.PHYC.ORG). Competitors will be deemed to have knowledge of such information from the time it is so posted. The posted information will include assigned ratings and may include amendments to the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions. Notices to competitors also will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board(s) as provided in the Sailing Instructions.