



Open Regatta Season 2014 Notice of Race

Covering
ABYC Regatta, **May 24 & 25**
RCYC Open Regatta, **June 21 & 22**
PCYC Open Regatta, **July 5 & 6**
EYC Open and Levels Regatta, **August 23 & 24**
QCYC Open Regatta, **September 6 (& 7)**

The Lake Ontario Racing Council (LORC) and the applicable regatta host club are the organizing authority for each Club's regatta

A host club may be the organizing authority for other separate sailboat racing events concurrent with their open regatta. Separate Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions may govern these other events

1 RULES

- 1.1 The LORC open regatta season events will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Canadian national authority, Sail Canada, will apply. A copy of the prescriptions can be found www.sailing.ca/racing/rules_and_regatta_management/racing_rules_of_sailing

The class rules for the handicap classes are:

For PHRF, PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-L0) applies;

For IRC, the IRC Rules 2014 Parts A, B & C shall apply. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is amended as follows:

Boats may choose to use the maximum crew number printed on the certificate or the crew number multiplied by 85kg as the maximum crew weight

- 1.2 The LORC open regatta season is a level B for Crew Eligibility for the Beneteau First 36.7 Class (ISAF Regulation 22).

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The owner(s) of a boat intending to participate in any regatta shall agree to the online waiver agreement and complete the online registration form including payment by Visa or MasterCard.
The registration form and waiver are available at www.lorc.org.
The deadline for registration is 23:59 hrs on the Tuesday before the race; late entries are acceptable subject to a \$25 plus HST late fee
- 2.2 The LORC open regatta season events are open to any boat that complies with the following:

1. Proof of membership in a national authority under rule 75 for a Canadian owner/skipper is his or her membership card in a Sail Canada member club, while for a US owner/skipper it is his or her individual membership card in US Sailing. This ensures compliance with rule 46 and its prescription.
2. Has a valid PHRF-LO or IRC certificate on board for the handicap class in which she is racing; or is a member of a recognized one-design class with a minimum of five (5) boats registered in a Regatta for that one-design class to be recognized in that Regatta. Those without IRC certificates can contact IRC Ontario to obtain a temporary certificate so they may compete in one regatta per season without a having a full certificate issued.
3. Complies with the applicable equipment requirement of government agencies in her country of registration
4. Is equipped with a working VHF transmitter/receiver supporting Canadian frequencies of 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72 and 73,
5. While racing, shall carry a minimum of a skipper and two crewmembers, except where a lesser number is required by the relevant one-design class rules.
6. Notwithstanding any rule contained in RRS Appendix G, or any specific class rule, each yacht shall carry her sail number on mainsails, spinnakers and each overlapping headsail having a luff perpendicular exceeding 130% of the base of the fore triangle.

2.3 Rating splits by handicap classes

LORC reserves the right to keep like boats together, even if this action overrides one or more boat's separation by rating. In case of an assignment of a boat to a Class outside of her rating band, the owner shall be notified by mail or email. The boat shall continue to use her actual rating for all purposes, except to sail in the LORC assigned class.

ABYC, RCYC, PCYC & EYC Open Regattas

Class	Rating Band	Backstay Class Flag (*)	Class	Rating Band	Backstay Class Flag (*)
IRC 1	1.046 & higher	Black	PHRF A	171 & under	Code Flag "J"
IRC 2	1.000 – 1.045	Orange	PHRF B	174 & over	Yellow & Red
IRC 3	0.925 – 0.999	Blue	Whitesails (NFS)	All	Code Flag "W"
IRC 4	0.924 & lower	Green			

QCYC Open Regatta ONLY

Class	Rating Band	Backstay Class Flag (*)	Class	Rating Band	Backstay Class Flag (*)
IRC 1	1.028 & higher	None	PHRF A	171 & under	Code Flag "J"
IRC 2	1.027 & lower	None	PHRF B	174 & over	Yellow & Red
			Whitesails (NFS)	All	Code Flag "W"

(*) Boats in handicap classes shall fly identification flags as set out above. Flags will be of non-fading material, a minimum of 8" x 12" and shall be flown visibly above the stern rail. Where two colours describe flags, the order of colours will be located diagonally from top of fly to bottom of hoist, with the first named colour above the other at the hoist.

For a list of class participation by regatta, see page 6. As the organizing authorities are open to having additional classes for the season or each open regatta, please check at www.lorc.org for Current Class Participation by LORC open regatta.

3 FEES

Regatta	Date	Classes	Fee (*) & (**)	
ABYC Open	May 24 & 25	All classes	1 day -	\$60.00
			2 days -	\$100.00
RCYC Open Regatta	June 21 & 22	Keel boats & dinghies	1 day -	\$60.00
		Optimists`	2 days -	\$100.00
PCYC Open Regatta	July 5 & 6	All classes	1 day -	\$60.00
			2 days -	\$100.00
EYC Open and Levels Regatta	August 23 & 24	IRC, J-105, 8 Metre, Ben 36.7, C&C 99	1 day -	\$65.00
		All other classes	2 days -	\$115.00
			1 day -	\$55.00
QCYC Open Regatta	September 6	All classes	2 days -	\$95.00
	September 6 & 7	-	1 day -	\$55.00
Regatta Season @ 10% discount		IRC, J-105, 8 Metre, Ben 36.7, C&C 99	2 days -	\$85.00
		All other classes	1 day -	\$270.00
			2 days -	\$373.50
			1 day -	\$261.00
			2 days -	\$355.50

(*) HST is levied on these fees

(**) There is an additional \$25.00 excluding HST for any registration submitted after 23:59 EDT on the Tuesday before any event covered by the registration.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 This Notice of Race applies to following regattas:

Regatta	Dates	Host Club
ABYC Regatta	May 24 & 25	ABYC
RCYC Open Regatta	June 21 & 22	RCYC
PCYC Level & Open Regatta	July 5 & 6	PCYC
EYC Levels and LORC Regatta	August 23 & 24	EYC
QCYC Open Regatta	September 6 (& 7)	QCYC

4.2 The maximum number of races for a regatta will vary from four to eight and will depend on the class involved. The specific details will be defined in the Sailing Instructions for each Regatta.

4.3 The intended time of the warning signal for first race of each day is 1050 and may be modified by the Sailing Instructions for specific regattas to be earlier or later for given classes or fleets.

4.4 No starting sequence will commence after 1530, unless modified in the Sailing Instructions for specific regattas for specific classes.

4.5 Boats not finished racing by 1715 (Eastern Daylight Time) will be scored DNF. This changes Rules 35 and A5.

5 MEASUREMENTS AND INSPECTIONS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions for each regatta, that this NOR covers, will be posted on the Host Club's web site, and will be linked to from www.lorc.org. They will be posted at least 14 days before the event.

Amendments to the Sailing Instructions for each regatta, that this NOR covers, will be posted on the Host Club's website by 1600 the Friday before the regatta. It is the responsibility of each registered skipper to check the website prior to racing. This changes rule 60.1 (b).

7 VENUE AND THE COURSES

The races will be conducted on the waters of Lake Ontario in vicinity of the Host Club for each Regatta. The number of racing areas, specific locations and courses to be sailed will be provided in the Sailing Instructions for each Regatta. The class/racing area assignments are subject to entries received for each Regatta.

The courses will be windward/leeward with a leg length between 0.5 to 2.0 NM with dropped inflatable marks. The full course descriptions will be the Sailing Instructions for each Regatta.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS INCLUDING ARBITRATION

- 8.1 For protests involving a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31, an arbitration meeting may be held in accordance with RRS Appendix L, Addendum C prior to any protest hearing.
- 8.2 The arbitrator may attend the full hearing.
- 8.3 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries, whichever is less. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Each regatta will be scored as a series with one completed race required constituting a series. All races in the regatta to count towards a boat's total score. This changes rule A2.
- 9.2 A boat that did not finish shall be awarded points for the finishing place one more than the number of finishers for that race. This amends rule A4.2
- 9.3 Where LORC is awarding season championships, the following will be used to compute the season championship score as follows:
 - If 15 or more races are completed, 66% (rounded to the nearest whole number, rounding 0.5 upward) must be sailed and this number of best races for each sailboat are used to calculate the season championship
 - If 11 to 14 races are completed, 10 must be sailed and the best 10 for each sailboat are used to calculate the season championship
 - If 10 or fewer races are completed, all must be sailed and all are used to calculate the season championship

10 BERTHING

Free mooring is available at the host club for the weekend of their LORC open regatta.

11 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the race committee.

12 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Race Committee broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed; start times, course changes amends, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This amends rule 60.1(b).
- 13.2 See the Sailing Instructions for each Regatta for a list of VHF Channels used for that regatta.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 The host Club will award prizes for its regatta for each class, as follows:

Number of Boats competing in the Regatta in a class:	Prizes awarded for:
One	First
Two	First
Three	First and Second
Four or more	First, Second and Third

- 14.2 LORC will award Open Regatta Season Championship trophies to any division with at least five participants that competes in three of the five events. Trophies will be presented at the LORC Awards night TBA.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 CAD per event for Canadian boats and \$350,000 USD for US boats. A copy of the policy shall be kept on board the boat.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact LORC or the host club:

	Web Site	Email Address	Phone	FAX
LORC	www.lorc.org	results@lorc.org		
ABYC	www.abyc.on.ca	admin@abyc.on.ca	416-698-4498	416-698-5760
EYC	www.eyc.ca	manager@eyc.ca	416-259-1159	416-259-9808
PCYC	www.pcy.net		905-278-5578	905-278-2519
QCYC	www.qcyc.ca	office@qcyc.ca	416-203-0929	416-203-0931
RCYC	www.rcycopen.ca			

Addendum A
Class Participation by LORC Open Regatta
As of April 1, 2014

The following is the list of Class participation by Regatta, as of its date of issue of this NOR. As the organizing authorities are open to having additional classes for the season or each Open Regattas, please check at www.lorc.org for Current Class Participation by LORC Open Regatta.

	ABYC		RCYC		PCYC		EYC		QCYC	
	Sat. May 25	Sun. May 26	Sat. Jun 8	Sun. Jun 9	Sat. Jul 5	Sun. Jul 6	Sat. Aug 24	Sun. Aug 25	Sat. Sep 7	Sun. Sep 8
420			X	X						
8 Metre	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Albacore			X	X					X	
Beneteau First 36.7	X	X					X	X		
C&C 27-5			X	X						
C&C 99	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Dragons			X	X			X	X		
Etchells	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
I14			X	X						
IRC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
J-105	X	X	X	X						
J-24	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Laser Radial			X	X						
Melges 20			X	X	X	X				
Multihull (Offshore Rally)			X	X						
Optimist			X	X						
PHRF including White Sails	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PHRF (Offshore Rally)			X	X						
RS 400									X	
Shark			X				X	X	X	
Soling										
Star									X	
Thunderbird	X	X								
Viking 28									X	

For contact information on one-design classes, see <http://www.lorc.org/lorcod.htm>