



Open Regatta Season 2010 Notice of Race

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Skipper's Plan ABYC Regatta, **May 29 & 30**

RCYC Level & Open Regatta, **June 12 & 13**

PCYC Level & Open Regatta, **July 10 & 11**

EYC Open and Levels Regatta, **August 28 & 29**

QCYC/NYC Open Regatta, **September 12 (& 13)**

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, Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply. A copy of the CYA prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at each Regatta¹.
- 1.2 The class rules for the handicap classes are

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

For IRC, the IRC Rules 2010 Parts A, B & C shall apply, IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3 For protests involving an infringement of a rule of part 2 of the RRS, a mediation hearing may be held. (See section 9).
- 1.4 The LORC Open Regatta Season is a level B for Crew Eligibility for the Beneteau First 36.7 Class (ISAF Regulation 22).
- 1.5 The J-22 and J-24 Classes will sail under the Ontario District Standard Sailing Instructions.

¹ The prescriptions of the CYA are also available at <http://www.sailing.ca/files/racing/rules/CYAPrescriptions2009-12.pdf>

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 24 hours prior to a boat's first race.

2.2 The LORC Open Regatta Season Events are open to any boat that complies with the following:

1. The owner/skipper shall be a member of his or her national authority. Proof of membership in a national authority under rule 75 for a Canadian owner/skipper is his or her membership card in a CYA member club, while for a US owner/skipper it is his or her individual membership card in US Sailing
2. Has a valid PHRF or IRC certificate 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
3. Has a valid handicap certificate, on board, for the handicap class in which she is racing
4. Complies with the applicable equipment requirement of government agencies in her country of registration
5. Is equipped with a working VHF transmitter/receiver supporting Canadian frequencies of 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72 and 73,
6. 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.
7. Notwithstanding any rule contained in RSS 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 will be notified by LORC by mail or email. The boat shall continue to use her actual rating for all purposes, except to sail in the LORC assigned class.

Class	Rating Band	Backstay Class Flag (*)	Class	Rating Band	Backstay Class Flag (*)
IRC 1	1.051 and higher	Blue & White	PHRF 2	102 - 138	Code Flag "F"
IRC 2	1.029-1.050	Black & Yellow	PHRF 3	141 - 171	Code Flag "J"
IRC 3	1.028 and lower	Blue	PHRF 4	174 & over	Yellow & Red
PHRF 1	99 & under	Red & Green	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 7. 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.

3 FEES

Regatta	One Design & IRC		PHRF		J-24	J-22
	2 Day	1 Day	2 Day	1 Day		
Series	\$316.00	\$249.00	\$276.00	\$237.00	\$378.00	\$378.00
Skipper's Plan ABYC Regatta	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
RCYC Open Regatta	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
PCYC Level & Open Regatta	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
EYC Open and Levels Regatta	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
NYC/QCYC Open Regatta	NA (*)	\$50.00	NA	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$80.00

(*) Except for one-design classes requesting a second day of racing

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 This Notice of Race applies to following regattas:

Regatta	Dates	Host Club
Skipper's Plan ABYC Regatta	May 29 & 30	ABYC
RCYC Open	June 12 & 13	RCYC
PCYC Level & Open Regatta	July 10 & 11	PCYC
EYC Levels and LORC Regatta	August 28 & 29	EYC
NYC/QCYC Open Regatta	September 11 (& 12)	NYC

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. The maximum number of races for Martin 16 may exceed eight.

4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for first race of each day is 1050.

4.4 No starting sequence will commence after 1530.

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 provided to LORC member clubs by email or FAX by 1600 the Thursday before the Regatta. It is the responsibility of each Member Club to post these amendments on the Club's official notice board. In addition, amendments to the Sailing Instructions may also be emailed to individual entrants who have provided their email address to the LORC Registrar and may be posted on the LORC web site. Failure to notify individual entrants shall not be grounds for redress. 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 MEDIATION

8.1 For protests under a rule of Part 2, where there is no damage, and in which there are no more than two boats involved, there may be a short mediation hearing. Protests not resolved in mediation will be referred to the Protest Committee for a full hearing.

8.2 After the protest has been filed, (refer individual Regatta Sailing Instructions) one designated representative from each boat shall testify before a mediator. No witnesses will be permitted. The mediator may decide on the validity of the protest. This changes RRS 63.5

8.3 A boat, which accepts the opinion of the mediator that she has broken a rule shall receive a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3 (c). This amends rule A2.

8.4 When in the opinion of the mediator one boat has broken a rule and that boat accepts a penalty, her decision shall be binding upon the other party to the protest and the protest shall not be referred to a protest committee. This amends rule 63.1.

8.5 When in the opinion of the mediator both boats have broken a rule and both boats accept a penalty, the protest shall not be referred to a protest committee. If only one boat accepts a penalty, it shall not be penalized further by the protest committee. This amends rule 63.1.

8.6 The mediator may also approve the withdrawal of a protest. This amends rule 63.1.

8.7 The mediator may attend the full hearing.

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, 70% (rounded to the nearest whole number, rounding 0.5 upward) must be
- If 11 to 14 races are completed, 10 must be sailed
- If 10 or fewer races are completed, all must be sailed

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 Cclub 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 the **LORC Open Regatta Season Championship Trophies** for

PHRF Overall based on 70% of racing conducted on:

May 29 – ABYC	July 10 – PCYC	Sept. 11 - QCYC
June 12 – RCYC	Aug. 28 – EYC	

In addition, LORC will award season trophies at the request of any one-design class.

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
NYC	www.thenyc.com	programs@thenyc.com	416-260-8686	416-260 8780
PCYC	www.pcyk.net		905-278-5578	905-278-2519
RCYC	www.rcycopen.ca			

Addendum A
Class Participation by LORC Open Regatta

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	ABYC		RCYC		PCYC		EYC		NYC/QCYC	
	Sat. May 29	Sun. May 30	Sat. Jun 12	Sun. Jun 13	Sat. Jul 10	Sun. Jul 11	Sat. Aug 28	Sun. Aug 29	Sat. Sep 12	Sun. Sep 13
2.4 Metre										
8 Metre	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
Beneteau First 36.7	X	X					X	X		
C&C 34	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
C&C 99	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Etchells	X	X								
IRC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
J-105	X	X	X	X			X	X		
J/22	X	X								
J-24	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
J-35										
Martin 16	X	X								
PHRF	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Shark					X	X	X	X	X	
Soling	X	X								
Star									X	
Thunderbird	X	X								
Viking 28									X	

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