



## Lake Ontario Racing Council Series

May to September, 2024

Organizing Authorities: Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club, Etobicoke Yacht Club, National Yacht Club, Port Credit Yacht Club, Queen City Yacht Club and Royal Canadian Yacht Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Lake Ontario Racing Council (LORC) Series is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and can be found at [https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/sail\\_canada\\_prescriptions\\_2021\\_2024\\_14\\_03\\_2022.pdf](https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/sail_canada_prescriptions_2021_2024_14_03_2022.pdf)
- 1.3 The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for each of the events to count in the LORC Series will apply for the scoring and racing requirements of the individual events to count towards the series. See Notice of Race 7 below.
- 1.4 The rules for the Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) handicap divisions are PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each of the individual events comprising the LORC Series.
- 1.5 Class rules for all classes shall apply unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each of the individual events comprising the LORC Series.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at each club's website for each event.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 For the location of the official notice board, refer to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions of the individual events included in the LORC Series.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the channels listed in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions of the individual events included in the LORC Series.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The LORC Series is open to boats with a valid PHRF-LO certificate for the class they are racing in or boats of a recognized one design class.
- 4.2 A minimum of 5 boats make a class. Expected one design classes include Beneteau 36.7, C&C27, Etchells, Ideal 18, J80, J105, Melges 32, Shark, Viper 640, VX One and 8 Metre. Although not a one-design class, Viking 28's may be allowed to race level if the registration numbers are met.

**4.3** [DP] [NP] Notwithstanding any rule contained in RRS Appendix G, or any specific class rule, each boat 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.

**4.3** Eligible boats are those that complete registration with the event hosts listed in Notice of Race 7. Registered competitors will be automatically entered into the LORC Series and scored based on their results in the LORC Series events.

## **5 FEES**

**5.1** There is no additional fee to be scored in the LORC Series other than the regatta fees for each event.

## **6 ADVERTISING**

**6.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority of each event and/or LORC.

## **7 SCHEDULE**

**7.1** For registration, measurement and inspection, number of races and scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race, refer to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions of the individual events included in the LORC Series.

**7.2** Events, locations and dates comprising the LORC Series:

ABYC Open Regatta	Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club	May 25 – 26, 2024
RCYC Open Regatta	Royal Canadian Yacht Club	June 15 – 16, 2024
PCYC Open Regatta	Port Credit Yacht Club	July 6 – 7, 2024
NYC Open Regatta	National Yacht Club	August 10, 2024
EYC Open Regatta	Etobicoke Yacht Club	August 24 – 25, 2024
QCYC Open Regatta	Queen City Yacht Club	September 7, 2024
Donald D. Summerville Memorial Race	Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club	September 21, 2024

## **8 SCORING**

**8.1** There will be one division for each of the classes.

**8.2** The scoring system is as follows:

- a)** Each event of the series shall be scored according to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for that event.
- b)** The US Sailing High Point Percentage Scoring System for a Long Series (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/scoring-a-long-series/>) will be used to calculate a boat's LORC Series score. To qualify for inclusion in the final series results, a boat shall compete in at 66.6% of the completed races.

## **9 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship

by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

**10 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance.

**11 PRIZES**

**11.1** Prizes will be awarded at the annual LORC banquet.

**11.2** Trophies will be awarded to the:

- Overall winner in each One Design fleet provided the boat competed in at least four of the LORC Series events
- Overall winner in each PHRF division provided the boat competed in at least four of the LORC Series events

**12 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please go to <https://www.lorc.org>.