



NOTICE OF RACE
The LOWISA 45 Main Regatta

Registration August 1st, Sailing Regatta, August 2nd – August 6th, 2010

Host LOWISA 45
c/o Fred Finlayson, Commodore, Rob Eby Vice-Commodore
email: sailowisa@gmail.com

Organizing Authority: LOWISA

Venue: Lake of the Woods, Ontario

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Rules, the CYA of which are a subset, the rules of the one -design classes entered, the rules of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF), the rules of Portsmouth, and LOWISA as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Questions about the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing; questions and their answers will be communicated to all competitors by way of notice.

Eligibility

The LOWISA Sailing Regatta is open to all sailboats as defined by the RRS. Competitors will be members in good standing of the CYA or the US Sailing Association (a card is the normal method of proof). All sailors must be members of their respective class associations where applicable. Competitors must meet all ownership and class membership requirements and must complete all aspects of the registration process to become official participants; to be eligible for scoring, entrants must register.

All LOWISA regatta entrants will be started based on their fleet assignment. Minimum fleet size is 3 boats. Based upon the number of entrants, the Race Committee or LOWISA reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or rearrange divisions or the number of starts for the Regatta. The Race Committee's or LOWISA's decision on the division in which a competing yacht will be scored is final and not subject to protest.

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 (LOWISA as the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, hosts, 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.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000.00 per event or the equivalent thereof.

Entry and Fees

To be eligible for scoring participants must be registered.

Registration is available; pre-registration is encouraged:

Online via PayPal at <http://www.lowisa.org>

By completing the online registration form and returning via snail-mail at:

LOWISA 45
c/o Rob Eby, Vice-Commodore
41 Deer run Drive.
Winnipeg, MB
R3P 2L4

Or as a PDF to sailowisa@gmail.com

In person at: Northern Harbour in the Boat Club from 1000 –1600hrs, August 1st, 2010

Highway 17 East
Kenora, ON

Pre-registration up to June 1st 2010 for the 45th LOWISA Sailing Regatta week-long racing event: \$185.00.

Cruising Fee per boat \$125.00

Note: There will be no exchange considerations. USD & CDN funds are considered to be at par. Taxes are not applicable.

Registration Deadline: 1600 hrs, August 1st, 2010 in person at Northern Harbour in the Boat Club.

Courses: LOWISA 45

The maps provided by LOWISA are for planning purposes only and are NOT for navigation purposes. LOWISA recommends current federal publications; racing instructions should be transferred to the actual navigational charts for use on the LOWISA regatta. The choice of charts is strictly the choice of the participant; LOWISA accepts no responsibility or liability for participants. Official navigation charts are recommended. Written instructions take precedence over drawn courses. Charts for 2010 include: 6212.

A generalized description of the week includes:

01/08/10 Arctic Glacier Annual Youth Regatta 1300 hrs.

Start: 1300 hrs. at the host Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club. Awards immediately following.

Main Regatta Registration and Measurement at the Northern Harbour Boat Club. 1000 hrs. to 1600 hrs.

1800 hrs LOWISA Skippers' Meeting at the Northern Harbour Boat Club with briefing on local lake knowledge, water datum, star anchoring, navigation and buoy tips. Opening Ceremony and Sailors' Social with beer and brats to follow immediately.

02/08/10 Race Day One

Start: 1100 hrs. Near Northern Harbour Docks

Anchorage: Witch Bay

No formal social events are planned for this evening

03/08/10 Race Day Two

Start: 1000 hrs. Near Witch Bay

Margarita night, Fun with tequila and visiting with old friends.

04/08/10 Race Day Three

Start: 1100 hrs. Near Copper Island

Anchorage: 22 Foot Bay

Mt. Gay - Arctic Glacier Pepsi Wilderness Adventure Rum Party

Jack Sparrow *Pirates of the Caribbean* look-alike contest

Arctic Glacier Frozen T-Shirt Contest

05/08/10 Race Day Four

Start: 1000 hrs. Near 22 Foot Bay

Anchorage: Queen Island

Kids' Night: Scavenger Hunt, Canadian Tire Fishing Derby and Bonfire

06/08/10 Race Day Five

Start: 1000 hrs. Near Crow Rock Light

Anchorage: Northern Harbour

Awards Ceremony and Banquet at 1800 hrs. at Northern Harbour with live band and fun till whenever.....

07/08/10 "Last Chance" Optional Windward-Leeward Buoy Races

Start: 1030 hrs. Near Needle Point

Awards for this optional race will follow immediately. This race replaces the layover day race from previous years and is not mandatory for LOWISA awards. Local racers who missed LOWISA are encouraged to show up. It's "run what you brung" with everything from dinghies, to scows, to 40 footers.

All marks and gates will be as per the SIs. Watch for mandatory off-set buoy to windward of start area, (requirement established by race committee or the PRO each day).

Miscellaneous Details

Free put-in Saturday, July 31st and Sunday August 1st at Northern Harbour between 1200 hrs and 1500 hrs. Free lifts out on Saturday August 7th at completion of racing. (For boats requiring a crane, see Gary Hall at Northern Harbour. See Gary Hall for car and trailer parking at Northern Harbour.

Lodging available in various hotels and motels in Kenora and Keewatin area; reservations recommended.

Sailing Instructions, (SI)

Sailing Instructions (SIs), will be available for pick-up until the start sequence at 1000hrs Day 1. They will be discussed at the Skippers' Meeting at the Kenora Harbourfront at 1800 hrs on Sunday August 1st, 2010.

Penalty System

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

Scoring

The Low Point scoring system of RRS will apply: PHRF for displacement hulls and Portsmouth for planing hulls. A registered boat that does not pass through the starting line will be scored DNS.

Inspection & Measurement

LOWISA reserves the right to measure or inspect any boat, its sails, running gear and for compliance of Department of Transport/Canadian Coast Guard required equipment prior to or during the regatta. It is expected that one design boats will be compliant to its Part D Class Measurement and Inventory of Required & Optional Equipment as per the One Design requirements. All boats will sail with required equipment and measurements that match the DOT/Canadian Coast Guard requirements and the one design, PHRF or Portsmouth ratings. Boats challenged by formal protest by LOWISA or any competitor will be heard by the protest committee.

Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

LOWISA communications are made twice daily...at 0900 for general information and changes to the Sis and at 1800 hrs for race results and other general information. (Race results will also be posted on the committee boat). These communications are on VHF channel 72. Please refrain from using VHF channel 72 for any other reason; use it as a LOWISA listening channel only.

No notices of protest will be accepted by BHF radio

At other times, the LIWISA committees will monitor VHF channel 16.

Participants should use VHF Channel 16 for hailing purposes only, except in an emergency. Boat-to-boat hailing, especially in anchorages should be made using low transmit power from VHF Channel 16, and then move to another agreed upon channel for communication.

Required Safety Equipment

All entrants shall carry on board the safety equipment as required by the Canadian Coast Guard. Canadian participants may require a Pleasure Craft Operators Card. Non-Canadian Residents will not need a Pleasure Craft Operators Card to operate a power driven vessel in Canada if their vessel has been in Canada for less than 45 days. Full details are available at: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/TP/TP511/boat.htm> or <http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/debs/obs/menu.htm> or by calling the Canadian Registry of Ships at 1.877.242.8770.

All LOWISA entrant vessels must have an on board and functioning VHF radio.

Miscellaneous Information

Questions and request for specific directions may be made via email at sailinfo@lowisa.org.

Arrivals from the US or Canada who enter Kenora via Highway 17 from the east can contact Ontario Tourism. Ontario tourism is on Highway 17 on the east side of Kenora. Their contact information is:

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LOWBIC/Tourism Kenora
1500 Highway 17 E
Kenora, ON P9N 1M3
807.467.4655
info@lakeofthewoods.com

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