



# 50th Annual SPSC Invitational Regatta 8 July 2023

Notice of Race

## 1. Rules

- The event will be governed by the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

## 2 Sailing Instructions

- The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available no later than noon on July 5th.
- Any changes to the SI's will be posted on the SPSC Noticeboard in the clubhouse sunroom.

## 3 Communication

- All boats must carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 16 and 69.
- Courtesy broadcasts may be made to competitors on Channel 69.

## 4 Eligibility and Entry

- The event is open to all boats with PHRF ratings. A current valid measurement certificate or rating certificate is not required. This changes rule RRS78.1.
- Essex County PHRF association rules are in effect, except that there are no minimum crew requirements.
- Boats wishing to participate must register for the event in advance, using the South Port Sailing Club registration portal. Boats register online at [www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com)

## 5 Entry Fee

- \$35 per boat, (payable at SPSC Welcome Desk), which includes 2 food tickets.
- Early registrations received before July 1<sup>st</sup>, will reduce entry fee to \$25.
- Additional food tickets will be available at SPSC for \$10/person.

## 6 Schedule

- Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> - Early registration ends.
- Wed July 5<sup>th</sup>: SI's are posted online and at SPSC
- Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>:
  - 6PM – 8PM: Welcoming out-of-club boats to SPSC.
- Saturday, July 8th, 2023:
  - 8AM – 10AM: Welcoming out-of-club boats to SPSC.
  - 10:30AM: Skippers meeting at SPSC Clubhouse porch.
  - Noon: 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal on race course.
  - Food, fellowship and awards to follow racing at SPSC.



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## 7 Venue and Courses

- This event will be held on Lake St Clair.
- The course will be a single long-distance race. Details of actual course to be sailed, will be as per SI's.
- Start and finish line will be between the SPSC mark 4, and the mast on the SPSC RC boat.
- Fleet splits/starts, (based on PHRF ratings, and/or single/double-handed, and/or one-design fleets) to be decided based on regatta registrations and will be announced in the SI's.

## 8 Berthing

- Overnight dockage for non-SPSC boats will be assigned by SPSC Harbourmaster as requested, and pending availability.

## 9 Risk Statement

- As per RRS3, 'the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. Each competitor must agree that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, including strong winds and unexpected changes in weather, boat failures, injury, and possible death due to drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Further, in an effort to adhere to the highest standards of competitive behaviour, and in keeping with new guidelines published by Ontario Sailing Association, no bullying, physically or verbally aggressive, or disrespectful behaviour will be tolerated from any skipper or crew from any boat participating in the Regatta, regardless of if they are SPSC members or not.

## 10 Insurance

- Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

## 11 Prizes

- Flags will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers on corrected time.
- Prizes will be awarded for:
  - Best "presented" boat (pre-race subjective judging)
  - Best-dressed crew (pre & post-race subjective judging)
  - Best apres-race cocktail (after-race subjective judging)
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