

**Interlake Sailing Class 2017 National Championship Regatta
Including Women's, Juniors & Masters Championships
July 26-29 2017
Hosted by Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club, Lorain, Ohio, USA
On the waters of Southern Lake Erie**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the Interlake Sailing Class Association (ISCA) pertaining to sanctioned events.
- 1.2 Bow numbers will be assigned and provided to each entered boat. They shall be displayed on both sides of the hull as directed by the chief measurer or his designee.
- 1.3 As allowed in #14 of article III Hulls & Spars of the ISCA Specifications, the Race Committee intends to use VHF radios on the race-course to communicate with competitors
- 1.4 The following rules will be changed. These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may change other racing rules.
 - 1.4.1 Rule 61.1(a) is deleted. Protest flags are required for a boat intending to protest.
 - 1.4.2 Rule 61.1 d is added. A boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at its earliest opportunity after the finish of the race and before the next race of the incident, its intention to protest and identify the protestee.
 - 1.4.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 60 shall not apply

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitor advertising will not be allowed on hulls, masts & sails.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority or Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club.

3. *ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Interlake Sailing Class Association.
 - 3.1.1 All persons who meet the ISCA requirements for sanctioned events contained in Article IV of the ISCA by-laws, who are members of the Interlake Sailing Class Association
 - 3.1.2 The Women's Championship is open to all women skippers. There are no gender restrictions for crew.
 - 3.1.3 The Junior Championship is open to all skippers under the age of 20 years of age on July 27, 2017. There are no age restrictions for crew.
 - 3.1.4 The Master Championship is open to all skippers who are at least 60 years of age on July 26, 2017 years of age. There are no age restrictions for crew.
- 3.2 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the entry form and sending it together with the required fee to:

2017 Interlake Nationals
c/o Bobby Rhodes
PO Box 697
Lorain OH 44052

All entries must be received July 1st to avoid a "late" fee.
Make checks payable to "LSYC."

- 3.3. Entries will be accepted under the following conditions:
- 3.3.1. Entries for Championship and Challenger Fleets must be received by 5:00 PM on July 1st. If received after July 1 or presented at the regatta registration is subject to a \$50 late fee.
- 3.3.2 The deadline for the presentation of entries at the event for Women and Juniors is 1000 hours on July 26, 2017
- 3.3.3. Competitors intending to register late are asked to notify the Regatta Committee of their intent prior to their arrival at the event at their first opportunity.
- 3.3.4 Registration for Championship & Challenger fleets ends `1400 hours.
- 3.4. All entrants must sign a “Waiver of Liability” releasing The Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club and the ISCA from all liability.
- 3.5 This “Waiver of Liability” is included in the entry form. Junior entrants under the age of 18 must also have a parent or legal guardian sign this waiver.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required Fees are as follows:
- National Championship: \$130 USD
(Non-US Sailing members add \$20)
 - Late fee as of July 1: \$50
 - Junior Championship: \$10
 - Women’s Championship: \$10
 - Masters Championship: Included in the National Championship Fee

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 National Championship: Entrants may register for the Championship or Challenger fleet at their discretion.

Day	Event	Time
Tuesday, July 25	Registration & Measurement	1700-2100 hours
Wednesday, July 26	Registration & Measurement	0900-1400 hours
	<i>(Registration & Measurement for Women's & Junior will close at 1000 hours)</i>	
	Competitors Meeting - Women & Juniors	1000 hours
	First Warning Signal - Women & Juniors	1100 hours
	Competitors Meeting - Nationals & Masters	1600 hours
Thursday, July 27	First Warning Signal - Nationals & Masters	1000 hours
Friday, July 28	First Warning Signal - Nationals & Masters	1000 hours
Saturday, July 29	First Warning Signal - Nationals & Masters	1000 hours
	<i>No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Saturday</i>	
	National Awards Presentation and Dinner	After Racing

6. MEASUREMENTS

Completion of the measurement forms is a mandatory part of registration and must be completed by 1400 hours on Wednesday July 26. Womens/Juniors series competitors must be completed by the series' competitor's meeting.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the registration desk

8. VENUE

Racing will be held in the waters of Southern Lake Erie, off the mouth of the Black River and Lorain, Ohio

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be in the sailing instructions available at the registration desk

10. SCORING

10.1 Women's & Juniors Championship: Up to five (5) races may be attempted. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2

10.3 For the Championship fleet, eight (8) races are scheduled. Three (3) races constitute a series.

10.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her races scores. This changes RRS A2.

10.5 Master's Scoring: There will a "Master's Champion" awarded for each fleet. A competitor's Master's" score shall be the same as their fleet score.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with a Blue Flag

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications except as described in 1.3 above. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Championship Skipper and Championship Crew Perpetual Trophies – awarded to the Skipper & Crew placing 1st in the Championship Fleet.
- Individual trophies to the Skippers & Crews placing 1st through 10th in the Championship Fleet.
- Best First Nationals Award for Skipper & Crew (outside of top awards)
- Challenger Perpetual Trophy – awarded to the Skipper & Crew placing 1st in the Challenger Fleet.
- Individual trophies to the Skippers and Crews placing 1st through 5th in the Challenger Fleet.
- F.K. Holtzman Award – awarded to the fleet with the most participation (not the host fleet)
- Youngest Sailor Award – awarded to the youngest sailor (skipper or crew) sailing in all races in either the Championship or Challenger Fleet.
- Women's/Junior/Masters Perpetual Trophies – awarded to the Skippers & Crews placing 1st in the Women's/Juniors/Masters Championships.
- Individual Trophies awarded to the Skippers and Crews placing 1st through 3rd in the Women's & Juniors.
- Individual Trophies awarded to the 1st place Skipper and Crew of both Master's Divisions

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 (of the RRS), Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the 2017 Interlake Nationals Website at: <http://interlakesailing.org/racing/nationals/> or contact: Tim Parker at timdparker1@yahoo.com or on cell at: 440-263-4365