



2026 Lake Huron International

Friday July 10

Hosted by the Port Huron Yacht Club

Notice of Race



1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). This NOR has been prepared in accordance with RRS Appendix J1.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the US Sailing national authority apply.
- 1.3 The PHYC/SYC PHRF By-Laws and Handicapping Rules, Credits and Penalties (HRCP) will apply, and each boat shall have a current PHYC/SYC PHRF rating certificate.
- 1.4 The minimum number of crew per boat is two (2).
- 1.5 RRS 52 applies and the use of autopilots while racing is not allowed.
- 1.6 One Design, Multihull, Cruising Class and Double Handed Class rules apply (Local Double Handed Class rules may allow autopilots).
- 1.7 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) apply.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix RV (Reduced Visibility) rules apply.
- 1.9 Michigan/Ontario boating laws and DNR/Ontario boat safety regulations apply.
- 1.10 Port Huron Yacht Club is the organizing authority of the 2026 Lake Huron International (LHI) Race and has appointed the Port Huron Yacht Club LHI Race Chairman (LHI-RC) to conduct the Race and related activities. The LHI-RC has the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the Race and to reject the entry of any boat at any time before the start of the Race in accordance with RRS 76.1.
- 1.11 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by July 8th on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of instructions in compliance with RRS Appendixes J & S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions will be on the official notice board located at www.yachtscoring.com

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the Yachtscoring Race Page, on www.yachtscoring.com. Notices may also be posted on the race information board at PHYC and SYC as a courtesy.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels, including international distress channel 16, boater calling channel 9, port operation channels and non-commercial channels 68, 69, 71, 72. The vessel VHF radio must be capable of receiving and transmitting within the race course area and also include the area boats must transit to and from their harbors and the race course. It is the responsibility of skippers/owners to maintain and regularly test their vessel VHF receiving and transmitting communications.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The specific non-commercial channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This race is open to all yachts that complete the registration and pay all fees by July 9th. See 4.7.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats with a valid current PHYC/SYC PHRF rating certificate.
- 4.3 The PHYC/SYC PHRF rating certificate applies to boats racing under the PHRF racing handicap system. One Design, Multihull, Cruising Class and Double Handed Class rules apply. No changes in ratings initiated by competitors, and no revised rating certificates will be accepted after July 5. PHRF handicaps assigned by the Race Committee are final.
- 4.4 Classes are: PHRF (Symmetrical and Asymmetrical), Cruising ASM (Cruising Class permitted Asymmetrical Spinnakers only) and JAM (Jib and Main only). LHI-RC may move a yacht or yachts from one course to another to produce competitive classes with similar rated yachts. The final class splits and starting order will be posted on the notice board by 1500 hours on Friday, July 12th.
- 4.5 There is no paper application for entry (see NOR 4.6)
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter the event by signing up on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete the online registration and pay all fees by July 10th. In addition, a boats application to race shall be upon the condition of acceptance by the LHI-RC as an entrant in the race per RRS 76.1.
- 4.8 Late entries may not be accepted.



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5 FEES

5.1 Registration fee is \$25 paid on www.yachtscoring.com.

5.2 Additional fees (mooring, event etc.) may be required for this race by the hosting yacht club.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 The following limitations apply: A minimum number of crew per boat is two (2). See NOR 1.3.

6.2 One Design, Multihull, Cruising Class and Double Handed Class rules may apply.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats shall display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulations, Appendix 1, #20- ISAF Advertising Code.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 This race is a single event not part of any series.

9 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9.1 Online registration for the LHI Race will occur prior to the Skipper's meeting at 1700 hours on Friday, July 10th.

9.2 Class equipment and measurements if needed may occur prior to the Skippers meeting. Times TBA.

9.3 The Lake Huron International Race will take place on July 10th 2026.

9.4 There will be one race.

9.5 The Warning gun will take place at 2000 hours on Friday, July 10th. Protests will be heard prior to the Awards on Saturday, July 11th. Awards will be held at 1200 hours on Saturday, July 11th dependent on the number of finishers by that time.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement/rating certificate.

10.2 Class boats that require pre-race inspection shall have this performed prior to the race.

10.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.4 Boats may be inspected for compliance of weight placement and ballast (RRS 50 and 51).

10.5 One Design Classes may be subject to inspection for compliance of class rules (RRS 78).

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Boats may be inspected for compliance to RRS 50.1(a)

12 VENUE

12.1 The Lake Huron International Race is sponsored and hosted by PHYC.

13 COURSES

13.1 **LHI Course** - From the start boats will go to the Virtual Lexington Mark, located approximately .8 nm southeast of the harbor red light, leaving it to starboard then to the V4 Kettle Point Marker leaving it to starboard then proceed to the finish at buoy R2. Length 55.9 NM.

13.2 **John Blunt Course** - From the start the boats will go to G11 leaving it to starboard then to the V4 Kettle Point Marker leaving it to starboard then proceed to the finish at buoy R2. Length 43.5 NM. **NOTE:** PHRF, One Design and Cruising Asymmetrical Spinnaker Classes can elect to race either course. JAM Classes shall race on the John Blunt Course only.

13.2 Specific mark lat/long locations will be identified in the SIs.

14 PENALTIES

14.1 Penalties on the race course will be addressed according to RRS 44.1 and 44.2

15 SCORING

15.1 All scoring will be based on Time on Distance (TOD) for this event.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support vessels will be marked with an RC flag.



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17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A boat chartered/loaned for this event may carry a sail number in contravention of her class rules (RRS G3) provided that notification has been given to the Race Chairman and or the Class/Fleet Captain.

18 DOCKAGE/BERTHS

18.1 Non-member boats must make prior dockage arrangements for the LHI Race by contacting the PHYC LHI Race Chairman or the PHYC Harbormaster. Dockage will be available at PHYC until 1400 hours Saturday, July 12th. Non-member Racers wishing to extend their dockage must make arrangements with the current 2026 PHYC Commodore (Chuck McMillan). No other person(s) have the authority to grant dockage at PHYC during Mackinaw week. PHYC dockage is limited for the LHI Race but will be provided prior to the race to as many competitors as possible. Some dockage may occur at PHYCs West Harbor.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with permission of the Race Chairman.

20 CLEANING BELOW THE WATERLINE AND USE OF DIVING EQUIPMENT

20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used for the duration of the racing event.

20.2 Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the race event.

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 For a statement of data protection see the PRIVACY POLICY on www.yachtscoring.com.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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.**

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$250,000 per incident.

24 AWARDS/PRIZES

24.1 See <https://phyc.org> Racing/Award, Lake Huron International Race.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact the PHYC **LHI** Race Chairman or PHYC Race Chairman.