

Notice of Race



Lake Ontario 300 Challenge

Amended 2008-06-19 to Section 6, Sub-Section 6.3

1. ORGANIZATION: LO300 Inc. is a member in good standing of the Canadian Yachting Association. The race is operated by LO 300 Inc.

2. EVENT: The 2008 SOLMAR Lake Ontario 300 will be commenced at 10:30hrs Saturday, July 19th, 2008 from the Port Credit Yacht Club, 115 Lakefront Promenade, Mississauga L5E 3G6.

3. INSPECTION: All yachts shall be inspected for the mandatory equipment requirements listed in Appendix A to the Notice of Race. The inspection may be undertaken by a Safety or Flag Officer of the entrant's Yacht Club, or by arrangement with the Lake Ontario 300 Safety Officer. A yacht must successfully complete this inspection prior to the start of the race. Appendix A to the Notice of Race may be found at: www.lo300.org/web_resource/pdf/2008_NOR_AppendixA_20080327.pdf

4. RULES: The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS). Canadian Yachting Association prescriptions will apply and may be found at: www.sailing.ca/racing/management/rules/index.asp

4.1 Advertising - the race is designated Category C.

4.2 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 will replace Part 2 of the "RRS" between 20:00hrs and 06:00hrs for the duration of the race. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 may be found at: www.imo.org/Conventions/contents.asp?doc_id=649&topic_id=257

4.3 Individuals and boats shall comply with the 2008-2009 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations "Category 3" found at: www.sailing.org/specialregulations.php

4.4 Mandatory equipment requirement for this event are listed in Appendix "A" to this Notice of Race.

4.5 Rule 41 – "Outside Help" is modified herein to allow all forms of communication. Each yacht may communicate with any person, competitor, yacht or outside source of information available using any means available throughout the race.

5. FLEETS, DIVISIONS: Fully Crewed and Double Handed, Mono and Multi Hull Yachts. Mono Hull Classes will be divided into Spinnaker and White Sail Fleets. Multi Hulled Classes will be spinnaker only. Each Fleet will consist of one or more Divisions based on PRHF-LO rating, IRC Rule or GLMRA.

5.1 Division Organization (Splits) will be posted before 08:00hrs July 19, 2008 on the Official Notice Board.

6. ELIGIBILITY / ENTRY: Yachts shall be not less than 24 feet L.O.A., Mono Hull Yachts will hold a valid PHRF-LO, or IRC certificate. Multi Hull yachts will hold a valid GLMRA certificate. Yachts will meet the requirements of Appendix "A" of this Notice of Race.

6.1 Yachts entered in the Double Handed Class shall be crewed only by a skipper and one other crew, both of whom shall be not less than 18 years of age. Skippers in the Fully Crewed Classes shall be not less than 18 years of age, and at least one other crew member shall not be less than 18 years of age.

6.2 Eligible yachts may be entered in the race by submitting a completed Entry Form and Entry Fee either by mail or online at: www.lo300.org

6.3 Entry Forms must be completed and filed with the registrar prior to 23:59 hrs, Monday July 14, 2008.

6.4 Supporting documentation for a complete entry includes all information requested in the online entry form as well as the yacht's valid rating certificate number, insurance information, crew information and payment of the entry fee.

7. SAIL NUMBERS, IDENTIFICATION: Competitors' yachts shall only display a sail number registered specific to the yacht at the time of its commission. Requests to display alternative sail numbers to the yacht's commission may be approved by the LO300 Race Committee if filed with the registrar prior to 19:00hrs on July 18, 2008.

7.1 All competitors will be provided 2 boat stickers that shall be placed on the bow of their yachts during the course of the race.

8. FEE: \$185 (Can.) per entry.

9. SKIPPERS' MEETING AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Skipper or a representative of each yacht will attend the Skippers' Meeting to be held at the Port Credit Yacht Club. The meeting will be held on Friday, July 18, 2008 and will begin at 19:00hrs. The final Sailing Instructions will be distributed at that meeting.

10. CHECK IN DURING THE RACE: It is mandatory that each yacht file a Sail Plan with the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) prior to 10:00 hrs on July 19, 2008 but not before the Skippers' Meeting. Mandatory Call Ins will be required to the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) to report location every six (6) hours until the Sail Plan is closed. The procedure and penalty system will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11. STARTING TIMES: The Warning Signal for the first Divisional Yachts will be at 10:25hrs on Saturday, July 19, 2008. The Starting System will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

12. THE COURSE:

12.1 **Spinnaker Course:** The spinnaker fleets will sail a 308 nautical mile clockwise circumnavigation of the lake, starting at Port Credit, then on to Gibraltar Point/Toronto, Whitby, Main Duck and Yorkshire Islands, Ford Shoal, Youngstown, Oakville, and finish at Port Credit. All marks of the course will be taken to Starboard.

12.2 **White Sail Course:** The white sail fleets will sail a 300 kilometre (approximately 160 nautical miles) navigation starting at starting at Port Credit, then on to Gibraltar Point/Toronto, Whitby, Wautoma Shoals, Youngstown and finish at Port Credit. All marks of the course will be taken to Starboard.

12.3 Detailed Course Diagram and Mark information may be found at: www.lo300.org/registration_info_courses.php

13. RACE TRACKING: All yachts will carry a transponder for tracking by FIS Tracking Services. The cost of the transponder rental is included in the Entry Fee. A security deposit will be required and can be registered via the internet. Details will be communicated by email to all participants.

14. SCORING: PHRF-LO time on time formula, IRC Rule and GLMRA will be used. Yachts will be scored in their own Fleets and Divisions.

15. AWARDS: Trophies and/or flags will be awarded to the winning yachts in each Division and Fleet. Awards Night will be October 4, 2008 at the Port Credit Yacht Club. A list of trophies may be found at: www.lo300.org/registration_info_trophies.php

16. REGISTRAR ADDRESS: The LO300 Registrar address is C/O Townsend Rogers, 2-1400 Cornwall Road, Oakville, Ontario L6J 7W5