

2014 Gay Games Sailing Championship August 10-15, 2014

Hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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The regatta will be organized by Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland OH

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 63.7 is replaced by "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the rule in the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence". The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.5 The one-design class rules of the supplied boats will Not apply.
- 1.6 Class rules regarding membership will not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

In accordance with ISAF Advertising Code, advertising on supplied equipment is only available to the Organizing Authority. Competitors may be required to wear bibs supplied by the Organizing Authority. Boats may be required to fly the event and class flag as provided by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All team members must be eligible and registered participants of Gay Games 9.
- 3.2 Each participant shall enter separately, forming a team of one skipper and three crew.
- 3.3 Two classes are expected. There will be a spinnaker fleet. There will be a jib-and-main-only fleet. (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker)
- 3.4 The number of teams will be limited. Entries will be accepted in the order of paid registration dates.
- 3.5 Entry forms are available on line at www.gg9cle.com.

4. FEES

- 4.1 There is a graduated registration fee required by GG9 depending on the date a participant registers. The registration fee schedule can be found at www.gg9cle.com.
- 4.2 A sailing sport fee of \$280.00 per person will also be required.

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 The types of boat will be the Lightning (http://www.lightningclass.org) for the Spinnaker (Competitive) fleet, and the Tartan Ten (www.tten.com) for the Non-Spinnaker (Recreational) fleet.
- 5.2 Boats will be provided by the organizing authority. A system of draws will provide for fair boat rotation.
- 5.3 Competitors are encouraged bring their own U.S. Coast Guard (or home MNA) approved PFD, with whistle attached. A limited number may be available to those who request in advance.

- Requests should be made to <u>info@glorysailing.org</u>
- No alterations to the boats will be allowed, other than sheet, sail adjustments, and the addition of temporary navigational aids and wind indicators.
- 5.5 Competitors are encouraged to bring their own handheld VHF radio. A limited number may be available to those who request in advance. Requests should be made to info@glorysailing.org

6. THE SAILING AREA AND SAILING FORMAT

- Racing area is in the open waters of Lake Erie, Northwest of the Cleveland Harbor entrance and North of the Edgewater Yacht Club.
- 6.2 Racing will be a Fleet Racing format with two fleets. (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker)

7. SERIES DESCRIPTION AND SCORING

- 7.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series for each of the two divisions. (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker)
- 7.2 Three races are required in order to constitute a series for both the qualifying rounds, as well as the finals
- 7.3 The top ten teams in the qualifying series advance to the finals.
- 7.4 Appendix A and the Low Point Scoring Systems will be used. There will be no throw outs.

8. PRELIMARY SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Mandatory Check-in and skippers meeting shall be Sunday August 10, 14:00 at Edgewater Yacht Club.
- 8.2 Qualification series racing shall take place Monday, August 11th Wednesday, August 13th, with Thursday as a reserve/weather day as needed to complete the series.
- 8.3 The final series shall be held on Thursday, August 14 and Friday, August 15th as needed to complete the series.
- 8.4 Racing each day is scheduled to start at 10:00. No races will be started after 18:00 on Friday, August 15th.
- 8.5 Practice races may be scheduled on Sunday, August 10th and/or Monday, August 11th.

9. SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

Support and coach boats will not be allowed in the racing area. The Organizing Authority will provide spectator boats. A nominal fee may apply for spectators.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 First second and third place medals (Gold, Silver & Bronze) will be awarded to the winners in each of the two divisions (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker)
- 10.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizer with the assistance of the Gay and Lesbian Organization for Racing and Yachting (GLORY).
- 10.3 Prize giving shall immediately follow the completion of racing on Friday.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Gay Games 9 and any affiliated companies and sponsors 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. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as any "Waiver and Release of Liability" as required by GG9 registration.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information http://www.GG9CLE.COM
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