**GIYC Independence Day Race**

**Grosse Ile Yacht Club**

**July 4, 2023**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

1. **Rules and Management**
   1. This race will be under the management Grosse Ile Yacht Club RACE COMMITTEE, which will have full and final authority in establishing the race articles and in interpreting the rules. The RACING RULES of SAILING (RRS), and the prescriptions of the UNITED STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION, except as modified by this program, will govern all races.
2. **Entry and Eligibility**
   1. Entry is open to all monohull sailing auxiliaries that meet the Federal Requirements for Safety and Lighting. The Skipper must ensure that the yacht is well found, thoroughly seaworthy, and that the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used. The minimum size for any yacht wishing to enter shall be 20 feet LOA unless it has a valid PHRF certificate.
   2. Eligible boats may enter by signing up on the Notice of Race website and uploading a copy of their race entry form, valid PHRF certificate, and proof of insurance. They may also provide the race committee with electronic copies at [race@giyc.com.](mailto:race@giyc.com.) Entry deadline is the skippers meeting on July 4th. If race fee is not being paid through GIYC member account, contact the race committee at [race@giyc.com](mailto:race@giyc.com) to coordinate payment.
3. **Fees**
   1. Required fees are as follows: Free.
4. **Schedule**
   1. Skippers meeting will start at 0900 EDT at Grosse Ile Yacht Club on the upstairs deck. Approximate first start is at 1100EDT.
   2. There will be a barbecue at the club after the race.
5. **Measurement**
   1. Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF certificate. Lake Erie PHRF ratings will be used.
6. **Sailing Instructions**
   1. The sailing instructions will be on the Notice of Race website by the start of the skippers meeting. https://noticeofrace.net/eventpage.aspx?&ID=1167
7. **Venue**
   1. Race will be short to medium distance in Northwestern Lake Erie near the West Shore Sail Club race marks and may include permanent marks around the Detroit River Entrance West Outer Channel and East Outer Channel.
8. **Scoring**
   1. Boats will be scored based on PHRF corrected time on distance adjustments.
9. **Radio Communication**
   1. Courtesy broadcasts by the R.C. will be on VHF Channel 71.
10. **Classes to Race**
    1. Classes include Jib and Main (JAM), and Spinnaker
    2. A minimum of 3 entries are required per class
    3. Each class will be subdivided based on PHRF handicaps and the number of competitors registered. A scratch sheet with class subdivisions will be published on the notice of race website by the start of the skippers meeting.
11. **Prizes**
    1. Flags will be awarded at the GIYC Awards Night in the fall. The following trophies will be announced:
    2. Catboat Trophy (Best Corrected - Spinnaker Fleet)
    3. Commodore Edward Campbell Trophy (Best Corrected - JAM Fleet)
12. **Disclaimer of Liability**
    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.**
13. **Insurance**
    1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
14. **Further Information**
    1. For further information please contact: Michael Fluegemann, 734-751-5513, [race@giyc.com](mailto:race@giyc.com)