**GIYC Labor Day Race**

**Grosse Ile Yacht Club**

**September 9 &10, 2023**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

Last edited on September 1st, 2023

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 2000 on July 28th. 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: $50.
4. **Schedule**
   1. Skippers Meeting at GIYC at 0900 on 9/9.
   2. Approximate first start is at 1100 on September 9th.
   3. No skippers meeting on 9/10. First start at 1200 on September 10th.
   4. Multiple races scheduled for each day. No races may be started after 6pm both days.
   5. Afterglow at Grosse Ile Yacht Club following the race both days.
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 0900 on September 9th. <https://noticeofrace.net/eventpage.aspx?&ID=1170>
7. **Venue**
   1. Races will be in Northwestern Lake Erie using the West Shore Sail Club race marks. Courses will be Windward-Leewards.
8. **Scoring**
   1. Boats will be scored based on PHRF corrected time on distance adjustments.
   2. The Low-Point System in Appendix A will be used.
   3. A boat’s series score shall be the total of all her race scores. No races are excluded. This changes Rule A2.1 A minimum of one race will constitute a series.
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 0900 on September 4th.
    4. A One Design class may be added if there are enough entrants.
11. **Prizes**
    1. Flags will be awarded at the GIYC Awards Night in the fall.
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)