



LOWISA 54

August 4th-10th, 2019

Lake of the Woods International Sailing Association

Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada

www.lowisa.org

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, as published by *World Sailing*.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The LOWISA Sailing Regatta is open to all sailboats as defined by the RRS.
2.2 Competitors will be members in good standing of the CYA or the US Sailing Association (a card is the normal method of proof).

3 REGISTRATION

- 3.1 To be eligible for scoring, participants must be registered.
3.2 The deadline for online registration, event ticket purchase, and payment is August 2nd, 2019.
3.3 In person registration, check-in and materials pick-up will take place Saturday August 3rd, 2019 12-3pm at Northern Harbour, Kenora.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows for all racing boats:
 \$125 Early: Online June 16th, 2019 - June 30th, 2019
 \$175 Regular: Online July 1, 2019 - August 2nd, 2019
 \$250 Late Entry: In-Person August 3rd, 2019
4.2 Wristbands for all Social Activities:
 \$150 Early: Online June 16th, 2019 - June 30th, 2019
 \$175 Regular: Online July 1, 2019 - August 2nd, 2019
 \$200 Late Entry: In-Person August 3rd, 2019
4.3 Individual tickets to the Skipper's meeting and Commodore's Ball can be purchased

5 SCHEDULE

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| Date | Event | Time |
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| June 16th - June 30th | Early Entry (Online) | |
| July 1st - August 2nd | Regular Entry (Online) | |
| August 3rd | Late Entry (In-Person) | 12pm-3pm |

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| August 3rd | Material Pick-Up | 12pm-3pm |
| August 3rd | Skippers Meeting | 6pm |
| August 4th | Race 1 | 11am |
| August 5th | Race 2 | 11am |
| August 6th | Race 3 | 11am |
| August 7th | Layover Day Race (optional) | 12pm |
| August 8th | Race 4 | 11am |
| August 9th | Race 5 | 11am |
| August 10th | Race 6 | 11am |
| August 10th | Commodore's Ball | 6pm |

6 VENUE

6.1 Racing will take place on Lake of the Woods in Ontario, Canada.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1 RRS 44.1 will apply.

8 SCORING

8.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS will apply.

8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 COURSES

9.1 Full courses will be set out in the Sailing Instructions and online prior to the event.

9.2 Any maps provided by LOWISA are for planning purposes only and are NOT for navigation purposes. LOWISA recommends current federal publications; racing instructions should be transferred to the actual navigational charts for use on the LOWISA regatta. The choice of charts is strictly the choice of the participant; LOWISA accepts no responsibility or liability for participants. Written instructions take precedence over drawn courses.

9.3 Relevant Navigation Charts:

6212: Kenora to Aulneau Peninsula

6217: Ptarmigan Bay and Shoal Lake

10 MEASUREMENT

The seaworthiness, condition of the boat and equipment, and capabilities of each crew member are the sole responsibility of the Captain of each boat. LOWISA reserves the right to measure or inspect any boat, its sails, running gear and for compliance of Transport Canada required safety equipment prior to or during the regatta. It is expected that one design boats will be compliant to its Part D Class Measurement and Inventory of Required & Optional Equipment as per the One Design requirements. All boats will sail with required equipment and measurements that meet the Transport Canada minimum safety requirements and the one design, PHRF or Portsmouth ratings. In addition, all boats will carry at least two VHF radios, one of which must be audible and operational by the Captain of each boat (in the cockpit). Boats challenged by formal protest by LOWISA or any competitor will be heard by the protest committee. Transport Canada's requirements may be found on their website at the address listed below in 16.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online by July 27th, 2019 at 5pm.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

All LOWISA entrant vessels must have two on-board and functioning VHF radios, with at least one in good operating condition.

Morning Net announcements will be communicated at 9am on VHF channel 72. These announcements will present information on daily weather forecasts, course clarifications, evening anchorages, social event updates, and provide a time to pose questions and comments. Additional communications will be made at 1800hrs informing the fleet of race results, which will also be posted on the Race Committee boat. Please tune in to VHF channel 72 for up-to-date regatta info. Please refrain from using VHF channel 72 for any other reason; use it as a LOWISA listening channel only.

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. No notices of protest will be accepted by VHF radio.

At other times, the LOWISA committees will monitor VHF channel 16. Participants should use VHF Channel 16 for hailing purposes only, except in an emergency. Boat-to-boat hailing, especially in anchorages, should be made using low transmit power from VHF Channel 16, and then move to another agreed upon channel for communication.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to all divisional winners as well as the winners of the Layover Day race.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The

organizing authority will not accept any liability for material boat or equipment damage or personal injury or death sustained to any person or other being in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta or any associated events or activities.

16 SAFETY

All entrants shall carry on board the safety equipment as required by Transport Canada. Canadian participants may be required to have a Pleasure Craft Operators Card. Non-Canadian Residents will not need a Pleasure Craft Operators Card to operate a power driven vessel in Canada if their vessel has been in Canada for less than 45 days. Full details are available by calling the Canadian Registry of Ships at 1.877.242.8770 or visiting:

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/TP/TP511/boat.htm>

Post-Finish Safety Gear Inspections: Each boat shall be prepared to be inspected upon finishing each race. Boats will be required to present all required Transport Canada and Lowisa required safety gear. The Race Committee has sole discretion to choose which boats shall be inspected. Boats failing a Post-Finish Safety Inspection shall be subject to protest and/or disqualification by the Race Committee.

Boats not intending to race are required to inform the committee boat prior to the start of the race and they will be scored DNS. Boats retiring from the race are required to inform the committee boat and they will be scored DNF. Boats that do not race or retire from racing that do not inform the committee boat will be scored DSQ.

17 WEATHER CONDITIONS

The decision to race, or continue to race, by any boat is hers alone. Each boat should monitor weather conditions prior to the start and for the duration of each race. The Race Committee officials may also monitor weather conditions prior to the start and throughout the duration of each race and will attempt to communicate weather projections during Morning Net announcements. Participants are ultimately responsible for determining their vessel's and crew's capabilities for racing and cruising under varying weather conditions. **The LOWISA committee encourages participants to consider safety as the first and foremost priority throughout the duration of this week long event.** Notify the Race Committee directly in the event that you abandon a race.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. In addition, it is recommended that each participant purchase a personal "travel" insurance such as Blue Cross.

19 MEDIA

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the regatta without compensation. By submitting an entry form, the skipper acknowledges and accepts the media conditions referred to herein, and grants the rights referred to herein on behalf of all his crew members.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the commodore of Lowisa 54:

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