



## 2011 IRC North American Championship Regatta Toronto, Ontario

Hosted by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and  
The International IRC Owner's Association – Lake Ontario Fleet

**August 11 – 14, 2011**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

(Subject to Amendment)

#### **GENERAL**

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club and the International IRC Owner's Association – Lake Ontario Fleet invite all IRC yachts with a valid 2011 IRC rating certificate to the 2011 IRC North American Championship Regatta and the 2011 IRC Grand Prix on the waters of Lake Ontario.

#### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority is the Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC) and the International IRC Owner's Association – Lake Ontario Fleet.

#### **2. HEADQUARTERS**

The official Regatta Headquarters is at the RCYC, 150 Cherry Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 2G1.

#### **3. RULES**

- 3.1** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the IRC Rules 2011, Parts A, B and C.
- 3.2** In the event of conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions (and any amendments thereto) shall prevail. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 3.3** The Sailing Instructions may describe rule changes or changes to specific class rules.
- 3.4** All yachts shall minimally comply with the 2010-2011 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5, posted at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org). All yachts shall be exempt from

Regulation 4.01.2 and 4.26.9. Yachts that are not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from Regulation 3.14. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

- 3.5 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties other than disqualification under Racing Rule of Sailing 64.1, for violations of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations or other rules, except for the rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 3.6 RRS 41 will be changed so that from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until she finishes racing for the day, a boat shall not receive outside help except as permitted by Rules 41 (a)-(e) from any outside source except for other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Race Committee.
- 3.7 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting reopening of a hearing on the last day of racing.
- 3.8 No national prescriptions will apply except for the CYA prescriptions to RRS 68.
- 3.9 Video and/or photographs taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 3.10 Each boat shall be equipped with a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving.
- 3.11 Regatta Regulations shall apply and will be posted on the official notice board and the RCYC website at [www.rcyc.ca](http://www.rcyc.ca).
- 3.12 The official language is English.

#### **4. ADVERTISING**

All yachts shall be required to display an event bow sticker, boom sticker and backstay flag if provided by the Organization Authority.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 5.1 Entry is open to all IRC yachts with a valid 2011 IRC rating certificate.
- 5.2 Owners shall be current members of their National Authority (CYA for Canada, US Sailing for USA).
- 5.3 Eligible boats can enter online through [www.rcyc.ca](http://www.rcyc.ca) or at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com). An official entry form including an executed liability waiver and entry fee must be submitted online before Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Late entries will be accepted as per Section 6.1 of this Notice of Race.
- 5.4 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to limit the number of entries to any class and may reject the entry of any yacht that may not fit the general parameters of the other yachts entered.
- 5.5 Any supplemental entry forms including crew liability waivers and crew lists will be available through [www.rcyc.ca](http://www.rcyc.ca) or at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and shall be submitted at check-in where required.
- 5.6 All crews will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability form prior to racing and must be submitted at the time of check-in.
- 5.7 Crew lists shall be submitted at the time of check-in. Any subsequent change to the crew list requires prior written consent of the Race Committee.
- 5.8 The crew number printed on each boat's certificate shall not be exceeded or the crew weight shall not exceed 85kg multiplied by the crew number printed on the certificate.

- 5.9** For yachts requiring weigh-in, the weigh-in will take place as specified in Section 7.4 of this Notice of Race.
- 5.10** In the case of a boat rated as a one-design, and when her IRC crew limitation exceeds her one-design class crew limitation, a boat shall comply with her one-design class rules.
- 5.11** By August 11, 2011 at 2000 hours, all yachts shall have completed the following:
- Complete registration, including payment of entry fee;
  - Crew Waiver form signed and submitted;
  - Crew list submitted;
  - A valid 2011 IRC rating certificate;
  - Weigh-in and measurement completed, if required;
  - Provide proof of insurance.

**6. FEES**

- 6.1** The fee for entries received by Tuesday, August 2, 2011 is as follows on the chart below. Entries may be allowed after the deadline however, an additional charge of \$50 may be imposed at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

Yacht Length*	Entry Fee** (CAD)	Number of Dinners Included:		
		Friday	Saturday	Total
29' and under	<b>\$200</b>	2	2	<b>4</b>
30' – 34'	<b>\$250</b>	3	3	<b>6</b>
35' – 39'	<b>\$300</b>	3	3	<b>6</b>
40' – 44'	<b>\$400</b>	4	4	<b>8</b>
45' – 49'	<b>\$500</b>	5	5	<b>10</b>
50' +	<b>\$600</b>	6	6	<b>12</b>

*\*To determine applicable entry fee, the LOA should be rounded downward to the nearest lower whole number (e.g., 36.7=36).*

*\*\*Plus 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)*

- 6.2** The entry fee includes:
- Local dockage at RCYC is available August 10-14, 2011. Yachts arriving before this date should contact the RCYC Sailing Office to make arrangements. Local dockage will also be available from August 1 to accommodate those yachts participating in the 2011 IRC Canadian Championship, July 29-31.
  - Dockage, electricity, water during the event.
  - One RCYC parking pass per regatta day, per yacht.
  - Tickets for dinners as stated in Sections 6.1 and 6.3.
- 6.3** Each yacht will receive dinner tickets as specified in Section 6.1 for dinners held on Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13. Additional dinner tickets for these nights can be purchased at the regatta website, check-in or at the RCYC Sailing Office for \$30.00 each (plus 13% HST).

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 The 2011 IRC Grand Prix event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 11, 2011 and will be scored independently of the remainder of the regatta. A total of two races are scheduled for this day.
- 7.2 A total of eight races are scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with no more than four races per day.
- 7.3 No warning signal may be made after 1400 on Sunday, August 14, 2011.
- 7.4 The social and racing schedule, subject to change, is as follows:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, August 10	1600 – 2000	Registration, Weigh-in, Measurement (if required)
Thursday, August 11	0900 – 2000 1400 After racing, ASAP	Registration, Weigh-in, Measurement (if required) Warning Signal for the 2011 IRC Grand Prix (optional) Skipper's Briefing Weather Briefing Opening Ceremonies 2011 IRC Grand Prix Awards Presentation BBQ
Friday, August 12	1100 After racing, ASAP	First Warning Signal Après Race Social & Reception Daily Awards Dinner
Saturday, August 13	1100 After racing, ASAP	First Warning Signal Après Race Social & Reception Daily Awards Dinner
Sunday, August 14	1100 After racing, ASAP	First Warning Signal 2011 IRC North American Championship Awards Presentation and Closing Ceremonies BBQ

## 8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Each yacht shall submit a valid 2011 IRC rating certificate to the RCYC Sailing Office or at regatta check-in by Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 2000. No changes shall be made after this date without the permission of the Organizing Authority. Rating certificates shall not be changed after Friday, August 5, 2011.
- 8.2 Yachts, including all qualifying equipment and sails may be subject to random inspection by the Organizing Authority at any time during this event.
- 8.3 For the purposes of IRC Rules 21.1.5 (a-g) the 2011 IRC Grand Prix and the 2011 IRC North American Championship shall be considered separate events.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS**

Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than August 2, 2011. Class assignments and scratch sheets will be available at check-in and online.

## **10. RACING AREA AND COURSES**

Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Ontario, south of Toronto Island. Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1** RRS 44.1 will be changed so that except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark, start mark or finishing mark a yacht may take a one turn penalty.
- 11.2** RRS 44 will be changed to allow 40% scoring penalties to be taken after racing and prior to a protest hearing.
- 11.3** Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **12. ARBITRATION**

For protests involving the rules of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to the protest hearing.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes: Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, not to exceed points equal to the number of starters. This changes Appendix A5. There will be no discard races in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A2. One race shall be completed to constitute the IRC Grand Prix event and the North American Championship. The distance race will be weighted at 1.5 times the windward-leeward races to compute the North American Championship series. This changes Appendix A2.
- 13.2** The Best Overall Performance, and thus the IRC North American Champion, shall be determined by the following. The average corrected seconds per mile for all races completed will be calculated for the winner of each class. The class winning yacht with the lowest combined corrected seconds per mile is the Champion.

## **14. DOCKAGE**

Space has been reserved for the event at the RCYC. Docks will be assigned upon arrival. All boats shall be docked at the RCYC while not racing from Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 2000 hours to Sunday, August 14, 2011.

## **15. HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS**

No yacht shall be lifted out of the water after 2000 on Thursday, August 11, 2011 through the conclusion of the event without permission of the Race Committee.

## **16. PRIZES**

- 16.1** All boats entered will compete for Regatta Overall prizes which will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places.
- 16.2** Daily prizes will be awarded each evening.

## **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1** 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 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.
- 17.2** A Crew Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release and the fully executed Crew Waiver Form shall be submitted prior to racing.

## **18. INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Proof of insurance will be required at registration.

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please visit our website at [www.rcyc.ca](http://www.rcyc.ca) or [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) or contact the RCYC Sailing Office.

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