



## Rochester Hospice Regatta 2016

August 20-21, 2016

Hosted by Genesee Yacht Club to benefit Sunset House



# Notice of Race

### 1. EVENTS

1.1 The Sunset House Memorial Hospice Regatta 2016 will consist of one day of course racing and one day of optional pursuit racing.

1.2 August 20: The Rochester Hospice Regatta 2016 is a three-race series for PHRF- rated Spinnaker and PHRF-rated Genoa Only (GO) fleets. A Youth Division will sail as many races as possible. The overall winner of the Spinnaker Fleet will earn an invitation to the National Hospice Regatta 2017.

1.3 August 21: The Rochester Race is a 9-12 mile coastal race for PHRF Spinnaker and Genoa Only boats with a pursuit start.

### 2. RULES

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 Class rules of PHRF-LO (PHRF Lake Ontario) will apply.

2.3 Rule 44.1 is changed. (see 10.1)

2.4 Rule A2 is changed. (see 12.1)

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats for which a PHRF-LO rating may be established.

3.2 A boat must have a valid PHRF-LO Certificate to be eligible for the overall championship and to qualify to participate in the National Hospice Regattas Alliance Championship.

3.3 All boats should have a valid PHRF-LO Certificate. If a boat does not have a valid certificate, a handicap rating will be assigned at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

3.4 Based on participation, three separate courses are planned: Spinnaker, GO, and Strictly Cruising. Crews with significant racing experience will not be eligible for the Strictly Cruising fleet. Each fleet will be split into divisions based on PHRF ratings and qualified One Design divisions (available to classes with at least five entries). Fleet splits will be made at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

### 4. ENTRY

4.1 Boats shall be entered by completing the official entry form and submitting it either on-line or by mail to Robert Elliott, 542 Melwood Drive, Rochester, NY 14626, to be received by August 12, 2016. Entries received after this date must include a \$25 late fee. Downloadable entry forms and on-line registration are available at <http://www.rochesterhospiceregatta.com>.

## **5. FEES**

5.1 The Basic Entry is \$100 which includes both Saturday and Sunday races plus one ticket to the Saturday cookout/awards ceremony. The Basic Entry Fee is \$125 for registrations received after August 12.

5.2 The Sponsor-level entry fee is \$250 which includes both Saturday and Sunday races plus 4 tickets to the Saturday cookout/awards ceremony

5.3 The entry fee for participants in the Youth Division is \$10 per person.

## **6. SCHEDULE**

6.1 Friday, August 19:

Skippers shall check-in between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, at the GYC clubhouse.

6.2 Saturday, August 20

Late check-in between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. at the GYC clubhouse.

8:00 a.m. Hospice Regatta Competitors' meeting at GYC

10:00 a.m. Hospice Regatta First Warning

2:30 p.m. No warning signal after 2:30 p.m.

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Approximate time of start of Hospice Regatta Fleet Review.

4:00 p.m. Planned start of the Hospice Regatta Picnic. Band performs from 4 to 6.

6:00 p.m. Hospice Regatta Awards Presentation.

6.3 Sunday, August 21

8:30 a.m. Rochester Race Competitors' meeting at RYC Burgee Bar

10:00 a.m. Sunday, Rochester Race First Warning

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online at <http://www.rochesterhospiceregatta.com> after June 1, 2016, and will be distributed at check-in.

## **8. VENUE**

8.1 The regatta shall be held on the waters of Lake Ontario near Rochester Harbor.

8.2 Specific course locations will be announced at the competitors meetings.

## **9. THE COURSES**

9.1 Course layouts will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of part 2 or rule 31 (Touching a mark) while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a two-turns penalty."

## **11. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

11.1 All boats shall have radios that are able to communicate on channel 9, 16, 68, 71, and 72.

11.2 Except in an emergency boats shall neither transmit nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This includes cell phones, and all mobile devices.

11.3 The Race Committee will communicate with the fleet via VHF radio. All boats shall monitor at all times the appropriate channel for their race course.

## **12. SCORING**

12.1 Appendix A Low Point Scoring System will be used, EXCEPT, no scores will be excluded, and the overall winners of the Spinnaker and Genoa Only fleets will be determined by scoring all boats in each fleet as a single division according to their PHRF corrected finish time for each race. Ties will be broken on the basis of overall fleet scores in accordance with RRS A8. This modifies RRS A2.

## **13. PRIZES**

13.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each division. In addition, the Charlie Bertrand Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on GO Course, and the Elaine Carter Hospice Regatta Champion Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on the Spinnaker Course.

The first place Spinnaker Fleet boat will be invited to represent Rochester at the National Hospice Regattas Championship Regatta in 2017.

## **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.

## **15. INSURANCE**

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **16. More Information and Addresses**

16.1 For more information about the Regatta, contact Bob Elliott by email at [elation@rochester.rr.com](mailto:elation@rochester.rr.com) or telephone at 723-5856, or Bill Topping, PRO by email at [billtopping@frontiernet.net](mailto:billtopping@frontiernet.net) or telephone at 230-8593. For more information about Sunset House, please visit <http://www.sunsethouse.info>.