



## **2016 Niagara Hospice Past Commodores Regatta: In memory of Past Commodore Keith Dawdy**

Saturday, June 11th, 2016  
Youngstown Yacht Club  
Youngstown, New York

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of and financial support for Niagara Hospice. The Niagara Hospice Regatta will qualify one team to compete in the "NATIONAL HOSPICE REGATTA CHAMPIONSHIP" to be held in the Spring of 2017 by the Galveston (TX) Community Sailing Center at Sea Scout Base Galveston (SSBG).

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US SAILING and applicable Class rules.
- 1.2. RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules or class rules regarding crew positioning.

#### **2. Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1. The regatta is open to Shark 24, J/22, J/70, J/88 and Beneteau 36.7 one-design boats, and to all boats with a current PHRF-LO Certificate. Other one-design classes than the above-named classes may compete with prior consent of the Race Organizers. A minimum of four (4) entries will be required of any one-design fleet to race as a class.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing entry online at:  
<http://niagarahospiceregatta.com/regatta/>
- 2.3. All entries are to be completed no later than 1200 Hrs on Friday, June 3, 2016. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Organizers.

#### **3. Fees**

The entry fee is \$50 (US Funds) and may be paid by registering on-line at:  
<http://niagarahospiceregatta.com/regatta/>

#### **4. Schedule**

- 4.1. The first warning signal will be 0945 Hrs. with six (6) sprint races scheduled. Starts for succeeding races will be as soon as practical after conclusion of previous race. One Design

classes with four (4) or more registrants will have an individual class start. A sprint racing schedule modification may be signaled by the Race Committee signal boat.

- 4.2. Additionally, a “River Race” may be held at the conclusion of the sprint races.
- 4.3. No starting sequence will commence after 1700 Hrs.
- 4.4. Awards will be presented at the Youngstown Yacht Club as soon as practicable after the conclusion of racing.

## 5. Sailing Instructions

Will be available at <http://niagarahospiceregatta.com/regatta/> on or before June 8th, 2016 at 1300 hrs, and at the Youngstown Yacht Club after 1700 hrs June 8th, 2016.

## 6. The Courses

- 6.1. The sprint courses racing area will be on Lake Ontario in the vicinity of the Niagara River, and will be set using inflatable marks selected by the Race Committee. Sprint courses will be single loop course, windward – leeward or rectangular format.
- 6.2. The “River Race,” if held, will be conducted on Lake Ontario in the vicinity of the Niagara River and in the Lower Niagara River using fixed aids to navigation and inflatable marks with course selected by the Race Committee.

## 7. Penalty Rule

The Two-Turns Penalty Rule (RRS 44.1 and 44.2) shall apply.

## 8. Scoring

- 8.1. The Low Point System described in RRS Appendix A will apply except as follows:
  - 8.1.1. Two (2) sprint races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - 8.1.2. PHRF class boats will be scored using PHRF-LO “time on time” with flying sails handicap rating.
  - 8.1.3. RRS Appendix A is modified such that normal points will be divided by 2 for the “River Race” only.
  - 8.1.4. Each boat’s series score will be its total points from all races (no discard). This modifies RRS Appendix A2.
  - 8.1.5. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series per class. Any class not completing two (2) races will not be eligible for the Regatta Championship prize.

## 9. Prizes

The Regatta Champion will be the winner of a selected class having four (4) or more boats registered completing the series. The selected class will be chosen by random draw with chances proportional to number class registrants receiving a score of other than DNC in a least one (1) race. The draw will take place upon the conclusion of racing. The Regatta Champion will be qualified to represent Niagara Hospice at the 2017 National Hospice Regatta Alliance

Championship. An alternate team will also be selected using a similar method. There will also be prizes for each class based on number of boats registered.

**10. Disclaimers of Liability**

Sailing and sailboat racing are activities which involve inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See, RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Race Organizers (which include the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, and any other organization or regatta or yacht club official) shall in no event be responsible, or bear any liability for, damage to any boat, equipment or other property, or any injury to any person, including death, sustained during or in connection with this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees, and is deemed, to voluntarily release the Race Organizers described above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Competitors are advised that this event is held in waters near the international border between the United States and Canada. The Race Organizers shall in no way be responsible for marking or otherwise delineating the location of the international boundary. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to be and remain solely responsible for his or her own compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States and Canada.

**11. Insurance**

Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

**12. Further Information**

For information concerning eligibility and participating classes, contact Adam Burns at 716.713.5119 or [adamburns05@yahoo.com](mailto:adamburns05@yahoo.com).