



# **2023 BLOOMER CUP**

**LUDINGTON YACHT CLUB**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

The Ludington Yacht Club is pleased to announce the 2023 Bloomer Cup Regatta will be held off the Ludington Harbor on September 9, 2023 (alternate Sept 10). The race is open to all sailing craft.

## **Sailing Instructions**

**GOVERNING AUTHORITY:** The series will be governed by the rules as defined by ISAF 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing and the US Sailing Prescriptions and Lake Michigan PHRF, as modified herein.

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in every race or series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 of RRS, 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 or race.

## **Requirements to Participate in Regatta:**

- The series is open to all sailboat owners who meet USCG requirements for the size of the boat and number of persons on board.
- The regatta will be scored utilizing MWPHRF time-on-distance and skippers must provide a current or past (within the last 5 years) to the LYC Race Committee. If a current MWPHRF certificate is not provided, the LYC Race Committee will assign a handicap (see Entry Form).
- Owner must maintain a liability insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$250,000 per incident or the equivalent applicable to the boat during the 2022 Bloomer Cup Regatta.

## **Bloomer Cup Regatta Racing Details**

- Maintain a working VHF radio and monitor Channel 69 for announcements by the LYC Race Committee.
- The Bloomer Cup Regatta will consist of one, single division race.
- Race start at 1:30pm in the waters of Lake Michigan immediately offshore of Ludington Harbor.
- Race course length will be approximately 10 nautical miles with three legs defined by buoys.
- There is no time limit for completing the race, however, the LYC Race Committee reserves the right to call the race if weather conditions warrant.

## Captain's Meeting

A captain's meeting will be held in the Ludington Yacht Club at 11:30pm on Saturday, September 9th. Additional details necessary for the race will be provided at the captain's meeting including GPS locations of race marks, direction of race, race start details, finish line, and more.

## Timing of Race

- Each captain will be responsible to maintain an accurate elapsed time for their boat in hours, minutes and seconds (HH:MM:SS) from the start horn until the boat finishes.
- The elapsed time will be entered on a timecard signed by the captain certifying the correctness of the information and displaying the date, boat name, elapsed time (HH:MM:SS), the name of the boat ahead at the finish, and the name of the boat behind at finish.
- The timecard must be turned in to the LYC Race Committee as soon as practical upon completion of the race course, but no later than 1 hour after the time the last boat finishes the race.
- It will be at the discretion of the LYC Race Committee whether to accept any other form of timing of the race for a particular boat.

## Regatta Awards:

Individual race and regatta awards will be given at the regatta awards ceremony.

## Race Day Agenda

10:30am	Coffee, Donuts at Ludington Yacht Club
11:30am	Skippers Meeting at Ludington Yacht Club
1:30pm	Race Start
5:00pm	Awards Ceremony at LYC
6:00pm	Dinner at Ludington Yacht Club

## Other Ludington Yacht Club Details:

- LYC Volunteers will prepare a post-race dinner, \$20/per person: "Burn your own" New York Strip steaks, side dishes and dessert
- Members and guests will have access to the LYC bar services.
- No-charge dockage is offered to owners at LYC based on available space, with rafting permitted as necessary.

Please contact Captain Tim Tibbits, LYC Race Committee Chair at [ttibbits2092@gmail.com](mailto:ttibbits2092@gmail.com) or 231-690-0961 if you have any questions.