

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club
31st Annual River Rat Race
October 19, 2024

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the Racing Rules of sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The equipment rules of sailing shall apply www.sailing.org
- 1.3 The Canadian Shipping Act-small vessel regulation (required safety equipment) shall apply laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2010-91

2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 All boats shall carry a VHS radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 68. On the water, channel 68 will be monitored.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This race is open to all sailboats, and the PHRF handicap system will apply.
- 3.2 Classes will be PHRF and JOG, number of starts will be determined based on entries.
- 3.3 Splits will be posted at 8PM Friday October 18, 2024 and available at the Skipper's meeting at 10:30 Saturday October 19, 2024. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.**
- 3.4 Boats may enter the event by completing the entry form or registering online at noticeofrace.net . Online registration shall be your electronic signature, initials and agreement to the terms on the registration form.

4 FEES **There is no fee for this event.**

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 There will be 5 horn blasts at 11:54AM to signify the warning signal at 11:55am. The first start signal is scheduled for 12:00pm.
- 5.2 Starts and Flag colours will be posted with splits and available at the skippers meeting.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 See attachment A for the course to be sailed. The start will be between the committee boat and an orange mark just south of buoys DF15 and DF16
- 6.2 The finish line will be between between an orange mark and the RC boat located near the LMYC clubhouse. Course may be shortened and RC will make an announcement on channel 68.
- 6.3 Any change in course will be provided at the skippers meeting.
- 6.4 **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY!**

7 BERTHING

- 7.1 All visiting boats are welcome to free dockage for the days prior and post event. Please reach out to Harbourmaster Brian Casey for necessary information (519) 991-9426

8 PRIZE

- 8.1 There will be 2 trophies awarded for this race, The small RAT for JOG and the large Rat for PHRF/Shorthanded. These are awarded for the best corrected time.

9 RISK STATEMENT

9.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate us a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

10 TIME LIMITS

- 10.2 There is no time limit for this race.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 There will be no protests accepted for this race unless there is damage requiring an insurance claim or severe injury. In this case, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race.

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12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in his 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please reach out to: Jacob Robinson, Race Chair, at (226)340-1356 or jacob-robinson1998@hotmail.com or lmocracing@gmail.com

14 SAFETY

14.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

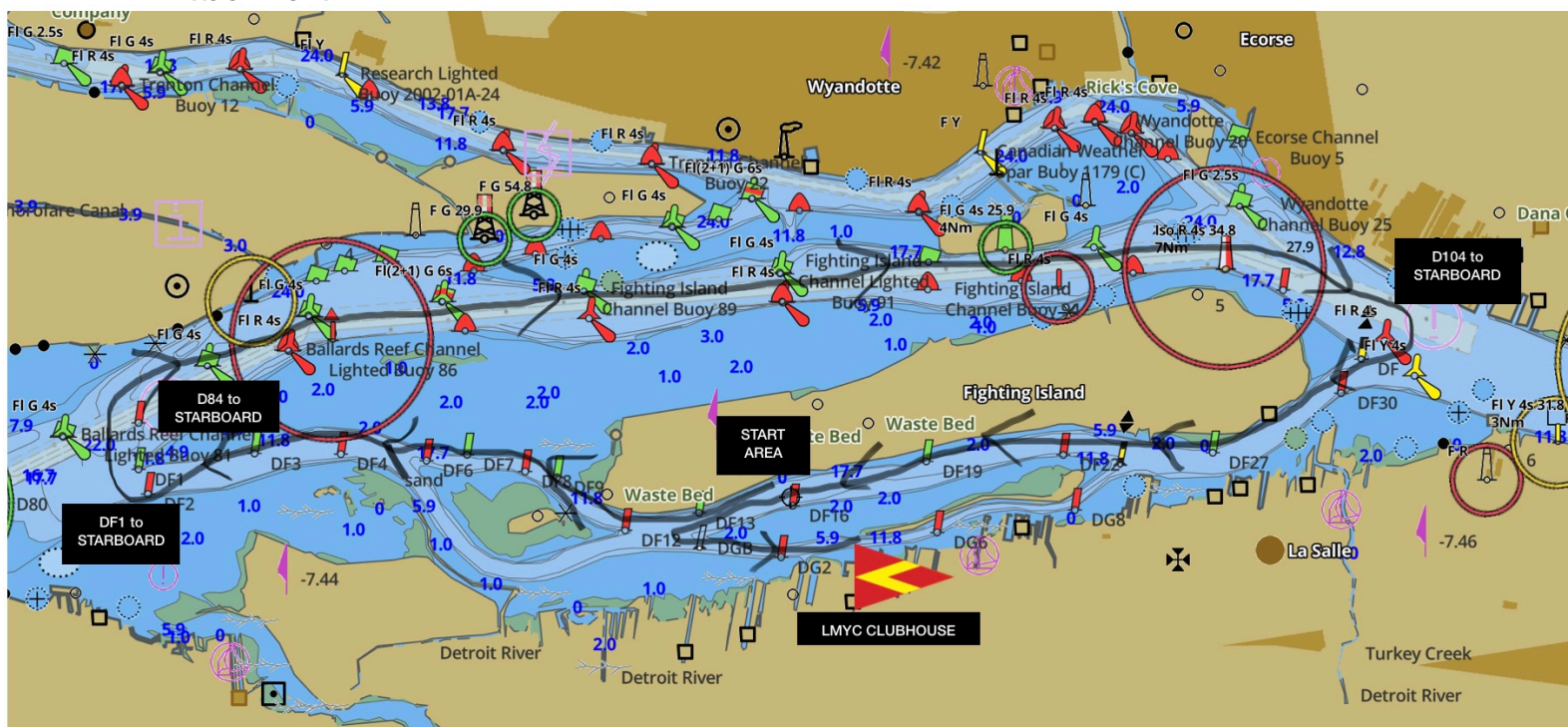
14.2 A boat that starts their engine due to a dangerous situation in the channel with commercial traffic shall notify the Race Committee via VHF 68 when they start their engine and when they turn their engine off.

15 PHOTO AND VIDEO DISCLAIMER

15.1 By participating in the event, competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves and the boat they are sailing during the event to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial, advertising, or to be used in press information without compensation.

After the race, please bring a dish to pass and/or your favourite Chili to share (and maybe judge) , along with your favourite stories about the racing year we have all just enjoyed.

Attachment A



Course: The start will be between an **ORANGE** flag on the committee boat and an **ORANGE** mark located just south of buoys **DF15** and **DF16**.

Proceed south to **DF1** then leave it to **STARBOARD**. Head to **DF84** then leave it to **STARBOARD**. Head north to **D104**, leaving it to **STARBOARD**, then head south sailing between Fighting Island and Canadian Grassy Island to **DGB**, leaving it to **PORT**. The finish line will be located near LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club - HOME OF THE RIVER RATS - between the RC boat and an Orange Buoy. Lines and map are approximate.