3rd Annual Detroit River Spring Dinghy Regatta

Saturday June 14, 2025 Hosted by LMYC and Force 5 Fleet 115

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2 The Force 5 Class Association Rules, found at force5class.org apply to all Force 5 races.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing instructions will be made available on Race Day.
- **2.2** The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official Notice Board inside the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club (LMYC) clubhouse.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online notice board is located at <u>noticeofrace.net</u>. All NOR, SI, Concussion and registration information can be found there.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- **4.1** This event is open to all Force 5 Class dinghies and other small sailing dinghies.
- **4.2** Any other class dinghy with 5 or more boats will receive their own start.
- **4.3** A handicap scoring system will apply to all boats without their own start.
- 4.4 Classes will be defined as follows:

CLASS	SCORING
Force 5	One Design Scoring System
Any style dinghy with 5 or more	One Design Scoring System
Any style dinghy with 4 or less	PHRF Handicap System

- **4.5** Eligible Boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it together with the required fee at registration or by emailing the registration form to lmycracing@gmail.com
- **4.6** Boats may also enter the event by registering online at **noticeofrace.net**.
- 4.7 Pre-Registration is encouraged.

5 FEES

- **5.1** Entry fees are as follows: \$15.00 which includes pizza and water after the races.
- **5.2** Fees may be paid by cheque to LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club, via e-transfer to lmyctreasurer@gmail.com or in cash on the day of the event.

6 SCHEDULE

- **6.1** In person registration will be on Saturday June 14, 2025, between 9:30 10:30AM.
- 6.2 Skippers meeting will be at 11:00AM
- **6.3** Schedule of races will be determined based on the number of registrants and classes registered.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race is 11:55AM
- 6.5 No warning signals will be made after 3:00PM.

7 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- **7.1** It is strongly encouraged, due to the strength of the current in the river, that all skippers and crew wear an approved PFD while on the water.
- **7.2** All boats must have a tow line of a minimum of 15 feet attached to the bow of their boat, or a tow line of a minimum of 20 feet attached to the mast of their boat.

8 VENUE

8.1 All boats shall be launched from the dinghy docks at LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club, 2640 Front Road, LaSalle, Ontario.

9 COURSES

- **9.1** The courses to be sailed will be on the Detroit River between the LaSalle Shore line and Fighting Island, and between Grassy Island and Turkey Island.
- **9.2** Course Sheets will be available at registration time on the day of the event with the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Scoring will be done in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- **11.3** When fewer than 5 races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- **11.4** When 5 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her (1) worst score.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in 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 and death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

13 PRIZES

13.1 Each first place winner's name will be included on the Detroit River Dinghy Regatta plaque that resides in the LMYC clubhouse.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information, please contact: Walt Argent lmyctreasurer@gmail.com (226)350-3315

Information not related to the Notice of Race:

Parking for this event: Anyone brining a boat/gear to this regatta is asked to unload on the grass NE of the clubhouse. Once unloaded, immediately move and park your vehicle/trailer in the parking lot. Vehicles with trailers are to park neatly between the shed and cedar trees in the main parking lot.

Food and Drink: Bottled water will be provided throughout the event and Pizza after all racing has been completed. Please note any allergies on your registration form. Other than these items, please feel free to bring any of your own beverages and snacks.