



Notice of Race

2022 Buccaneer North American Championship Regatta

September 14th – 18th Clark Lake Yacht Club

1860 Eagle Point Rd. Clark Lake MI 49234

Rev. 3/30/22

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021 – 2024) and the current Buccaneer Class Association (BCA) Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The BCA Racing Rules, in effect at the time of the regatta, will apply and will prevail if there is a conflict with this notice, unless modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3 Identification of Sails: Each boat shall display the sail numbers on her main sail that were designated on their accepted registration. This changes Rule 77.
- 1.4 All boats must carry a floating tow line (minimum 40' and ¼" in diameter).

2. Organizing Authority

- 2.1 The BCA & Fleet 1 in cooperation with the Clark Lake Yacht Club (CLYC) is organizing this regatta.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Buccaneer 18 class entered by a current member of the BCA.
- 3.2 All Buccaneer 18 sailboats manufactured by licensed builders shall be entitled to compete in this regatta. Boats must be configured in accordance with the BCA Racing Rules.
- 3.3 A Buccaneer 18 sailboat is eligible to participate in this regatta as long as one member of the sailing Team is a BCA member.
- 3.4 Registration will be available approximately 4/1/22 and **must be received by August 26** due to catering and other logistics.

4. Fees

- 4.1 \$ 330 + any extras – Received by June 1st
- 4.2 \$ 360 + any extras – Received by July 15th
- 4.3 \$ 390 + any extras – Received by August 26th

5. Fleets

- 5.1 This North American Championship regatta may include 'A' and 'B' fleets, contingent upon the number of competitors. Competitors will select whether to compete in the 'A' or 'B' fleet when they register.
- 5.2 Colored streamers will be required on 'B' fleet boats. They are to be attached to the trailing end of the boom and will differentiate them from 'A' fleet boats.
- 5.3 Skippers can revise their fleet designation up until 12 pm noon on Thursday, September 15th, by notifying the registration desk.
- 5.4 No previous winner of a Buccaneer 18 class sanctioned regatta will be permitted to compete in the 'B' Fleet.
- 5.5 'A' and 'B' fleets may have separate starts.

6. Venue

6.1 CLYC will hold the event on Clark Lake.

6.2 The Race Course may be shared with other sail boat fleets on September 17th & 18th.

7. Event Schedule

7.1 Wednesday Sept. 14 -12:00 hrs. – 20:00 hrs. Early arrival, camping, and boat drop off.

7.2 Thursday Sept. 15 – 09:00 hrs. – 17:00 hrs. Onsite Registration, Boat & Sail Measurement, Lunch time TBD, Practice Races and Welcome evening @ 18:30 hrs.

7.3 Friday Sept. 16 – 09:30 hrs. Competitor's meeting, Warning Signal for the first race @ 10:30 hrs., Lunch time TBD, Dinner @ 18:30 hrs., BCA Class Meeting @ 19:30 hrs.

7.4 Saturday Sept. 17 - Warning Signal for the First Race @ 9:30 hrs. Lunch & Dinner times TBD

7.5 Sunday Sept. 18 – Warning Signal for the First Race @ 9:30 hrs. No BCA Race will be started after 12:00 hrs. Lunch time TBD

8. Courses to be sailed

8.1 All Race courses to be sailed will be displayed on the Port side of the race committee raft prior to each start

9. Scoring

9.1 Three (3) races shall constitute a Regatta.

9.2 Scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system (Appendix A 4) and rule 90.3.

9.3 If 6 or more races are held, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If twelve (12) or more races are held, a boat's score shall be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.

10. Prizes

10.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the number of entrants registered by August 26th.

11. Radio Communications

11.1 Use of hand-held VHF radios is encouraged to receive communications from the Race Committee. Race information will be communicated over the radio whenever necessary.

11.2 The Race Committee will use VHF radio channel 68 to communicate with the fleets.

12. Sailing Instructions

12.1 Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the CLYC website www.Clarklakeyachtclub.org by July 1, 2022. and posted on the official 2022 BNAC notice board in the front window of the clubhouse.

13. Storage/Launching

13.1 The CLYC facility uses an electric hoist or a shallow water ramp to launch boats. **Lifting straps, lines or bridles are not provided.**

13.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spots which are subject to change by the direction of the Buccaneer North American Championship (BNAC) Race Chair

14. Advertising

14.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

14.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

15. Media Rights

15.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the BCA and CLYC for any media rights of persons, boats, and shore activities during the event, to be published in any media worldwide whatsoever for any editorial, promotional, and advertising purposes and to be used in press information.

16. Insurance Requirements

16.1 Each competitor is required to have Liability Insurance with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$100,000 USD that is valid for the period of the regatta.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. (See Rule 4, Decision to Race). The BCA, and the CLYC, and all sponsors and volunteers 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. The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew.

17.2 The Skipper shall be responsible for his own conduct and that of his crew. (See Rule 69, Misconduct). Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat by a committee member in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property, or failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Event Committee member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damage and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta, and further sanctioning by the event Protest Committee.

18. Regatta Contact

18.1 For further information please contact BNAC 2022 Race Chair - Larry Schmida,
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