

Highlander Class International Association

Nationals 2024

North Cape Yacht Club
11850 Toledo Beach Road
La Salle Township, Michigan 48145

Highlander Fleet 4

July 24th-28th, 2024

Rules:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the Highlander Class Association International Constitution, By Laws, Chief Measurer's Rulings and Specifications, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments made at the event. In the event of any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and said amendments will prevail.

VHF Radio: The Race committee intends to communicate to competitors via VHF and voice

The Regatta is designated as non-advertising.

Organizing Authority:

This regatta is sponsored by the Highlander Class International Association (HCIA) and North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC). The official headquarters will be at North Cape Yacht Club 11850 Toledo Beach Road, La Salle Township, Michigan 48145

Eligibility:

This regatta is open to skippers of Highlander Class boats. Skippers must be Active or Junior members of the Highlander Class International Association (HCIA) and boats shall be registered with the HCIA.

Eligible boats may enter by registering online at the Highlander Class International Association (HCIA) web site and paying the applicable entry fee prior to June 27, 2024 (The "early registration deadline") To be considered enters into the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all applicable fees.

Late entries will be accepted after June 27,2024 upon payment of the late registration fee in addition to the applicable registration fee up to but no later then July 18,2024. The Organizing Authority may extend the June 27,2024 early registration deadline and /or wave the late fee at its sole discretion.

Measurement:

All boats and sails will be measured in accordance with the Rules Governing Highlander Racing. Unless prior arrangements have been made with the Chief Measurer, all boats must enter the measurement process prior to 10:30am Thursday July 25th, 2024.

Schedule of Races:

8 Races are scheduled; however, one race will constitute a regatta. No races will be started after 12:00pm on Sunday July 28th

Schedule of Events:**Wednesday July 24th**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Registration & Measurement Open

4:00 pm Race committee will run practice start and races (not mandatory for competitors)

Thursday July 25th

9:00am to 12:00 pm Registration & Measurement Open

1:00pm Competitors Meeting for National Championship, Juniors, Women's & Masters

2:25 pm Warning Signal for the First Race of Highlander Nationals, the race committee will start as many races as possible

6:00 pm Casual Dinner with Highlander Class Meeting 7:00 pm.

Friday July 26th

9:25 am First Warning for Day 2 of the Highlander Nationals. Maximum 3 races consecutively. Possible on shore break (30 minutes min.) with 2 races possible later in the day

Saturday July 27th

9:25 am First Warning for Day 3 of the Highlander Nationals Maximum 3 races consecutively. Possible on shore break (30 minutes min.) with 2 races possible or if 8 races have been sailed, Juniors, Women's and Masters Nationals racing will begin (All boats will return to shore to exchange crews if needed)

7:00 pm Highlander Nationals Banquet at club

Sunday July 28th

9:25 am First Warning for the Final Day of Highlander Nationals make up races or Juniors, Women's and Masters Nationals

1:00 pm Awards for all divisions unless Nationals racing is complete on Saturday then National awards will be presented at the banquet.

Fees:

Regatta Entry \$225.00, \$275.00 after June 27, 2024

Non-US Sailing Member + \$5.00

Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race:

The Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race will be available on the HCIA website.

Official Notice Board

The official notice board will be on the main door way of North Cape Yacht Club at the north side of the building.

Course:

The courses will be sailed on Western Lake Erie, approximately one mile to the east of NCYC. The Courses will be Windward/Leeward courses. (The course descriptions will be in the Sailing Instructions)

Signals a Shore

Signals to competitors will be on the flag staff located between North Cape Yacht Club and the water cut to the lake.

No races will begin before 30 minutes after the AP flag has been removed

Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and other electronic devices. Reception of publicly available "smart phone" application information is permitted.

All radio transmission to and from the Race Committee shall be conducted of VHF Channel 71

Support Boats

There shall be no contact of communication by coach of support boats with entered boats from the time of departure from the dock until the finish of the last race of the day

Launching

Launching will be provided by NCYC at the host area west of the club house. It will be available from Wednesday July 24th till Sunday July 28th

Berthing

Competitors will be assigned a berthing space at NCYC in accordance with their entry date

Scoring:

Scoring will be according to the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A, except if seven (7) or more races are sailed and completed, the highest individual score for each competitor will be discarded. 8 races are scheduled with one race constituting a regatta. This is in Accordance with Article VI, Section 11 of the Highlander Class rules.

Awards:

Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 5th place for Championship Division. If enough boats constitute a Presidents division, then 1st through 3rd place will be awarded. 1st place trophy will be awarded in the Women's, Juniors and Masters divisions. The following special trophies will be awarded if possible:

- a. Sail-A Gair-Highest finishing skipper in their first Nationals
- b. McLeod-Highest finishing all family boat defined by HCIA rules.
- c. Pignolet 'Piglet'- Highest finishing all family boat in Presidents division
- d. Bahama Mama-Highest finishing skipper under 19 years of age at start of regatta
- e. Chapin- Highest finishing all family boat whose skipper is sailing their first Nationals
- f. Corpus Christi-Highest finishing fleet with three or more boats, other than the host fleet.

Risk Statement

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. By participation in this Event each competitor agrees and acknowledges the 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 of and unstable platform and fatigue resulting increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning trauma hypothermia of other causes.

The Organizing Authority, Host Club, Host Fleet, Race Committee and Protest Committee will not accept any liability of damage or injury to any person, including death, arising out of, directly or indirectly, any person's participation in the Event

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident, and shall provide proof of insurance prior to entry

Lodging:

Camping is welcome on the grounds of NCYC and campers are invited to use the showers and restroom facilities.

Cold Camping fee \$25 for the event (tent no electrical hook ups)

Directions:

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