

**OFFICIAL INVITATION**  
**LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE SAILING ASSOCIATION**  
**15th ANNUAL LWSA REGATTA**  
**Sunday Series**

**Sundays, August 22-29 & September 5, 2004**

The LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE SAILING ASSOCIATION (LWSA), cordially invites you to participate in our 15th Annual Regatta, a three week series of Sunday afternoon racing. If you have never participated in a regatta before, this is the one to try.

Early registration is requested (there is an additional fee of \$10.00 after 8/16). Final registration will close at 5:30PM on Saturday 8/21. The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 5:30PM Saturday evening, August 21st at Fay's Boat Yard in Gilford. There will be multiple classes subdivided into racing classes that can use spinnakers and cruising classes that are limited to flying headsails. The number of classes will be determined by the spread of the PHRF ratings of the registrants. J80 Fleet 1 will race as a one design class within the racing class.

The racing on each of three consecutive Sundays will include up to three windward-leeward races as conditions permit for the Racing Classes. Cruising Classes will be sent on island courses as conditions warrant. There will be no skipper's meetings on following Sundays. Boats need only to show up out on the water for the first warning signal at 1:00 PM.

All boats will be rated using the PHRF handicap

system. If you don't have a rating certificate, please call (603) 899-6179 weeknights to request a temporary PHRF rating. The PHRF Handicapper will issue a temporary certificate just for this event. Entry is limited to sailing vessels 20 feet or longer. We will be sailing under USSA Rules and LWSA Sailing Instructions (copies will be available at the Skippers' Meeting or download from the LWSA website at [www.lwsa.org](http://www.lwsa.org)). We suggest that you have a copy on board. You are, of course, required to have the normal safety equipment on hand.

On Sunday evening, September 5<sup>th</sup>, following the racing, there will be a social and awards ceremony at a to be announced location.

An Official Entry Form is included with this invitation letter. Please fill it out and return it at your earliest opportunity to the LWSA at the address indicated.

On behalf of the Race Committee, and The LWSA, we look forward to seeing you.

Bob Knowles - Dave Webster, Race Chairman

# OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE

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1. **RULES:** The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2001 – 2004)*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of PHRF New England, the LWSA/WYC Combined Sailing Instruction for the 2004 season, and any other applicable rules.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any sailboat over 20 feet may participate. Boats that do not have a current PHRF certificate may compete by obtaining a temporary certificate. Such boats are advised to pre-register to allow sufficient time for accurate handicapping.
3. **ENTRY & FEES:** Boats must register by submitting a completed Official Entry Form along with a check made out in the appropriate amount payable to LWSA. Pre-registration should be postmarked no later than August 16, 2004 and mailed to LWSA, PO Box 7047, Gilford, NH 03247. The early registration fee is \$25 (\$20 for USSA members). There is an additional fee of \$10 for entries received on August 21st at registration.
4. **CLASSES:** Boats must register to compete in the PHRF Racing, PHRF Cruising, or J80 One Design Division. Cruising Division may not use spinnakers. The divisions may be further subdivided as required.
5. **ADMINISTRATION:** Race headquarters for the event will be “The Rec Room” at Fay’s Boat Yard, 71 Varney Point Road, Gilford, NH.
6. **RACING AREA:** Races will ordinarily be started on “The Broads”. In the case of extreme conditions, the race committee may elect to start races southwest of Welch Island.
7. **COURSES:** The race committee will set “Buoy” courses as it deems appropriate for the Racing class. Course signals will be posted on the committee boat as per the Sailing Instructions. Island courses will be set for Cruising Classes as conditions warrant.
8. **SCHEDULE:**
  - Saturday, August 21, 2004**
    - 1700 Registration
    - 1730 Skipper’s meeting
  - Sunday, August 22, 2004**
    - 1300 Warning signal for first race
  - Sunday, August 29, 2004**
    - 1300 Warning signal for first race
  - Sunday, September 5, 2004**
    - 1300 Warning signal for first race

Social activities and awards ashore to follow racing on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.
9. **SKIPPERS MEETING:** Sailing Instructions and class assignments will be available at the skippers meeting on Saturday, August 21st. The Skippers Meeting will be held to reiterate information contained in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and to answer questions. There will be no skipper’s meeting on the following Sunday race dates.
10. **SCORING SYSTEM:** The low-point scoring system (Appendix A4 of the racing rules) will apply. One race will constitute a regatta. Each boat’s series score will be the total of all its scores, discarding the worst scores, one for every four races sailed.
11. **PRIZES:** First and Second Place awards will be made in all classes and Third Place Awards will be made in classes with five or more boats.

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer or Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Division: Racing: \_\_\_\_\_ Cruising: \_\_\_\_\_ One Design: \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry Form must be accompanied by:

Entry Fee – \$20.00 (member of US Sailing) / \$25.00 (non-USSA members) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration Fee (If Postmarked after Saturday 08/16) \$ 10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OF ALL ITEMS ABOVE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **LWSA** and mail to: **PO Box 7047, Gilford, NH 03247**

Please cooperate by returning this form and your check as quickly as possible. The Race Committee will be swamped with details as the Regatta approaches and you can help by registering early.

\*\*\*\*\* **THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED** \*\*\*\*\*

# THE LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE SAILING ASSOCIATION 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REGATTA

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## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I, the undersigned Skipper of the vessel \_\_\_\_\_ accept full responsibility for the conduct of each member of my crew and guests during the 2004 LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE SAILING ASSOCIATION (LWSA) REGATTA. I acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for the safety of my crew and vessel.

The LWSA, Fay's Boat Yard, the Regatta's sponsors, and the Race Committee are in no way to be held responsible for accidents, damage or injury to property, vessels, crew or guests arising from any cause during or related to any race or activities of the weekend. Weather and lake conditions must be evaluated by each skipper and each participant is responsible for determining whether it is safe for him to participate. The responsibility of wearing a life jacket rests upon the skipper and the crew. If assistance is provided by Committee vessels and personnel, it is at the risk of the participants.

I hereby agree to all of the Conditions of the 2004 LWSA Regatta and warrant that each member of my crew will read and agree to the conditions. I hereby warrant that my vessel will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with these Conditions; that she will have all the required equipment aboard; that she is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear; that she will be competently manned. I agree that the rating certificate to be filed with the Committee will be the applicable rating for the vessel at the time she starts the race. If I fail to deliver a valid rating certificate, I agree to accept whatever rating is assigned to my vessel by the Race Committee.

A word about alcohol: The availability of liquor at an event of this nature, although customary, carries with it a serious liability exposure for everyone. As has always been the case, the skipper of each entering boat is fully responsible for his crew's performance during the race. Additionally and traditionally, skippers have been responsible for the conduct of their guests and crew ashore. The Race Committee wishes to re-emphasize this responsibility to EVERY SKIPPER. The Race Committee specifically reserves the right to disqualify any yacht whose crew and/or guests do not adhere to the norms of acceptable conduct ashore as well as afloat, and to ban any individual from further participation in the LWSA events during the entire weekend.

In consideration of your accepting my Entry for the race, I do for myself, my executors, my administrators and assigns waive and release any and all claims that I may have against The LWSA, Fay's Boat Yard, the Regatta's sponsors, persons, volunteers, employees and agents, or any one or more of them or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, or assigns, including any and all claims for damage caused by the negligence of any of them, arising out of my participation or that of my vessel in the weekend and its related activities, including pre-start and post-finish operations and shore activities, together with any costs and expenses including attorney's fees that may be incurred as a result of any such claim whether valid or not, and I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of them against any such claims that any officer, member of my crew or one of my guests (or the executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin and assigns of any of them) may have or assert together with any costs and expenses including attorney's fees with respect thereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER OR CHARTERER'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
US SAILING MEMBER NUMBER

