

# GNS interclub series of Lake St-Louis



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*Beaconsfield Yacht Club, Pointe-Claire Yacht Club, Royal St-Lawrence Yacht Club*

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**May 21 to October 20, 2024**  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

## Notice of Race (NOR)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS)
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 17h00 on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, on the Official Notice Board.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located at [www.gnsracing.com](http://www.gnsracing.com).
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 77.
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats with a valid SLVYRA PHRF Handicap and all centerboard boats with a valid Portsmouth Yardstick handicap.
- 4.2. PHRF Classes as determined by SLVYRA and Centerboard Classes are distributed in Divisions which are defined as follows:
  - Division 1: PHRF 1 Spinnaker and White Sail, and PHRF 2 Spinnaker and White Sail
  - Division 2: PHRF 3 Spinnaker only
  - Division 3: PHRF 2 and PHRF 3: White Sail only
  - Division 4: Centerboard

A change of Division within a Series is not permitted. The Division in which a boat checks in for her first race of a Series shall stand for the entire Series, overriding what she may have registered or re registered for on [gnsracing.com](http://gnsracing.com). De facto, she shall be scored only for that Division, without grounds for appeal, until the next Series for which she may check in a different Division. Even though registration on [gnsracing.com](http://gnsracing.com) is mandatory for race management, RC check in is what will always prevail over any other source of information. A boat will be scored a DNS (Did Not Start) should she race in a different Division from which she checks in for her first race of a series.

- 4.3. Eligible boats must pre-register for the season by filling the Registration Form which can be found on the Official Notice Board at [www.gnsracing.com](http://www.gnsracing.com). An unregistered boat will not appear in the scoring, but will have her finishes reinstated upon completion of registration.
- 4.4. Checking in: On each racing day, an eligible boat shall check in by sailing, with its mainsail hoisted, past the transom of the Race Committee signal vessel on Starboard tack and hail to the race committee the Division that she intends to compete in. The Race Committee will acknowledge the check in with a hand signal (thumbs up, ok, or wave). When multiple races are scheduled for a day, a boat need only comply with this process before her first race of the day.
- 4.5. White Sail eligible boats must have a white flag affixed to their backstay.
- 4.6. For Division 1, a boat shall decide to sail an entire series under either a White Sail handicap or a Spinnaker handicap. Changing handicap within a series is not allowed.
- 4.7. Once checked in, a boat is considered having come to the racing area for all the races of that day.

## 5. EVENTS

5.1. The GNS interclub series of Lake St-Louis consist of 6 independent series, each scored separately.

## 6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Dates of racing:

Warm-up May 14 & 16, [scheduled first warning signal 18h40](#)

	May	June	July	August	September	October
GNS S1	21,28	4,11,18,25				
GNS S2	23,30	6,13,20,27				
GNS S3			2,9,16,23,30	6,13,20,27		
GNS S4			4,11,18,25	1,8,15,22,29		
GNS S5					1,8,15,22	
FROSTBITE / GNS FROSTBITE					29	6,13,20

6.2. Number of races and scheduled first warning signal:

Event	Races			Scheduled first warning signal
	Total Planned	Per day Scheduled	Per day Maximum	
GNS S1	6	1	1	18h40
GNS S2	6	1	1	18h40
GNS S3	9	1	1	18h40
GNS S4	9	1	1	18h40
GNS S5	8	2	3	11h00
FROSTBITE / GNS FROSTBITE	12/6	3	4	10h00

## 7. VENUE

7.1. NOR [Addendum «A»](#) shows the approximate location of the racing area.

## 8. SCORING

8.1. Each Division within each Series will be scored separately.

8.2. FROSTBITE will be scored separately for: GNS FROSTBITE September 29 and October 6 combined, and for FROSTBITE September 29, October 6,13 and 20 combined.

This is designed to extend PCYC and BYC racing season up to their haul out.

8.3. To constitute a series

- i. For GNS S1, S2, S5 and GNS FROSTBITE, two (2) races are required to be completed.
- ii. For GNS S3, S4 and FROSTBITE, three (3) races are required to be completed.

8.4. For each series, when fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

8.5. For each series, when four (4) or five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

8.6. For each series, when six (6) or seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

8.7. For each series, when eight (8) or nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her three worst scores.

8.8. For each series, when ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her races, excluding her five worst scores.

8.9. Rule A5.3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

8.10. A boat will be considered having come to the racing area once she has complied with the process set out in 4.4.

8.11 The boat of a competitor serving Sailor's Supper duty will be scored for that race with the average of points scored by the boat in that series, excluding discards.

## 9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- In an event, when fewer than 4 boats from a division are scored only the first-place boat will be awarded a prize.
- In an event, when fewer than 5 boats from a division are scored the first place and second place boats will be awarded a prize.
- In an event, when 5 boats or more are scored in a division a prize will be awarded to the first, second and third place boats.

## 10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1. 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 or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 11. INSURANCE

11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 000 000.00\$ CAD per incident or the equivalent.

## Addendum A



