

**Blackwater Yacht Racing Association
2022 ML Realty/ML Hospitality Invitational Regatta
Smith Mountain Lake VA**

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

GENERAL

Blackwater Yacht Racing Association (BYRA), the Organizing Authority (OA), will hold its 2022 Invitational Regatta May 14/15 2022, based at Pelican Point Yacht Club, Union Hall, VA. ML Realty and ML Hospitality are Elite Sponsors of the event.

- 1 **RULES:** The event is governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 – 2024 and the BYRA Sailing Instructions (SI)*.
- 2 **EQUIPMENT:** All boats shall comply with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Equipment requirements available at: https://dwr.virginia.gov/boating/wog/equipment-regulations/#Required_Equipment and in addition shall carry: one bucket, one compass (a hand-held is acceptable), one anchor and anchor line, and a strong, sharp knife, readily accessible from the cockpit.
- 3 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** The event is open to all Members in Good Standing of Blackwater Yacht Racing Association (BYRA), and non-member guest boats.

Entry forms are attached as Appendix A. Signed entry forms and entry fees must be submitted to the Treasurer not later than May 7. The entry form includes the order form for event shirts and the order form for Saturday night's BBQ dinner.

After May 7, late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. The entry fee for boats registering after May 7 is \$50, and an event shirt order cannot be guaranteed.

To participate in the event, a boat must display an identifying sail number.
- 4 **FEES:** The entry fee is \$42 per boat and includes one event shirt (please specify the size required).
- 5 **CLASSES AND HANDICAPS:** Classes shall be established and races handicapped using a modified PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) handicap system set by the BYRA Handicap Committee. Boats without BYRA PHRF handicaps will be assigned a PHRF handicap by the BYRA Handicap Committee.
- 5.1 Classes shall generally be assigned as follows however adjustments may be made at the discretion of the Handicap Committee in consultation with the Fleet Captain.

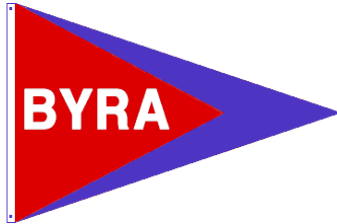
Class Designation	General Description	BYRA 'Spinnaker Rating'
Class I	Boats designed primarily for racing	Up to 199
Class II	Harbor 20/Alerion 20	220
Class III/IV	Cruising boats designed for club racing and cruising carrying spinnakers or not	130 - 300

- 6 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI):** Sailing Instructions are available on the BYRA website on the **Official Notice Board** <http://www.byrasailing.org/Regatta.htm> in the "Racing Info - Regatta" tab. Amendments to the SI and Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board. It is the responsibility of all competitors to check the Official Notice Board for amendments and notices.
- 7 **COMMUNICATIONS:** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard US VHF channels. Failure to carry a VHF radio, or to hear or understand instructions will not be grounds for a request for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

- 7.1 The race committee shall communicate oral changes to the SI on the water via VHF radio. Such transmissions shall be binding on all competitors. The race committee shall communicate on VHF channel 9 unless changed.
- 7.2 A Skipper's meeting shall be held at the BYRA clubhouse at Pelican Point Yacht Club (PPYC) at 12:00 on May 14, 2022.
- 8 **VENUE/COURSES/SCHEDULE:** Races will be sailed on Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia.
- 8.1 Three races are scheduled, two on May 14 and one on May 15. The first warning signal is scheduled for 13:00 May 14, 2022.
- 8.2 The choice of racing area and course type will be subject to wind conditions on the day of racing, The racing area for upwind/downwind/reaching "around the buoys" races will generally be in the Blackwater River off Pelican Point Yacht Club, the Roanoke River or in Bull Run. Distance "Road" courses will generally start and finish in the Blackwater River in the vicinity of PPHYC or in Bull Run and will be run around government marks or dropped marks in the Blackwater River/Bull Run/Roanoke River range.
- 9 **SCORING:** RRS Appendix A Low Point Scoring System shall be used as described and adjusted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10 **RISK STATEMENT:** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* 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 damage or permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 11 **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.
- 12 **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday afternoon.
- a) Regatta trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place overall for each class with three or more boats qualifying.
- b) For classes with fewer than three participants, prizes will be awarded for the boats qualifying.
- 13 **MEDIA:** Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves, their crew and the boat they are sailing during the events to be published in any media. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 14 **SOCIAL EVENTS:**
- 14.1 Races on Saturday and Sunday will be followed by post-race social gatherings at PPHYC.
- 14.2 A pulled pork and chicken BBQ dinner will be held Saturday at 6:00 PM at the BYRA clubhouse at PPHYC for competitors and their families and guests. Please see the Entry form for additional details.
- 15 **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact the BYRA Fleet Captain by email or phone as listed on the BYRA website – www.byrasailing.org

Appendix A- Entry Form

2022 ML Realty/ML Hospitality Invitational Regatta



Saturday May 14 - Sunday May 15

Organizing Authority: Blackwater Yacht Racing Association, Union Hall, VA

Skippers' Meeting: 5/14/2022 - 12:00 PM- Pelican Point Yacht Club, Union Hall, VA followed by two races, weather permitting.

Entry Fee: **\$42** (includes **Regatta T-shirt** if registered by **May 7th**
Late Entry Fee after May 7 - \$50

Post-race social hours Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday Night BBQ Dinner 6:00 PM BYRA Clubhouse at PPYC: **\$16.00** per person

Sunday – One race anticipated, followed by award of regatta trophies for the top three finishers in each of three classes (PHRF/TOT).

Regatta T-shirts: \$16.00 (Please reserve not later than May 7th)

Please visit <http://www.byrasailing.org/Regatta.htm> for the official Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and more information.

If you are racing as a guest, please email BYRA Fleet Captain Tom Miller by May 7th to obtain your handicap.

Contact Fleet Captain Tom Miller, Email: tom_miller@cox.net for additional info.

See page 2 for the official entry form and dinner and T-shirt order form.
Please make your check payable to **BYRA** and return it with the form to:
Bob Toone, 37 Paradise Lane, Union Hall, VA 24176
Email: bobtoone@yahoo.com

Blackwater Yacht Racing Association
Smith Mountain Lake, Union Hall, VA USA

2022 MLR/MLH INVITATIONAL REGATTA ENTRY FORM

Boat Name			
Boat Owner			
Yacht Club			
Sail Number			
BYRA Handicap (if known)			
Handicap Modifiers		List Modifiers	
A Genoa LP greater than 155%, -5 seconds/mile B Working Jib 100% or less, +5 seconds/mile C1 Headsail Roller Furling, + 3 seconds/mile C2 Mainsail Roller Furling, + 3 seconds/mile D Non-folding, Fixed Blade Propeller, + 3 seconds/mile E Shoal Draft not defined in PHRF Tables, + 6 seconds/mile F ODR (One Design Racer, no modifiers allowed) G Other (Describe, i.e. rig, keel or rudder modified)			
Class (if known)			
Skipper or Person in Charge			
Mailing Address			
Email			
Cell Phone			
Liability Insurance Declaration		I declare that the boat being entered in this event is covered by valid liability insurance and will be for the entire period it will participate in any BYRA event.	
Initials:			
Rules Acceptance Declaration	I agree to be bound by <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 – 2024</i> including US Prescriptions and all other rules that govern this event. In particular I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout the event. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers(organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.		
Initials:			
Signature of Owner, Skipper or Person in Charge			
Entry Fee: (\$42 on or before May 7, \$50 after May 7)		T-shirt size:	Total: \$
Dinners: \$16 each	Number BBQ pork:	Number Chicken:	Total: \$
Extra T- Shirts:	Small:	_____	\$16
	Medium:	_____	\$16
	Large:	_____	\$16
	XL:	_____	\$16
	XXL:	_____	\$18
	XXXL:	_____	\$18
			Total: \$

Total Enclosed:

\$ _____