



INLAND LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION CHOOSES LAKE HARRIET YACHT CLUB FOR EXCITING 2016 ILYA MC INVITE REGATTA, JULY 15 – 17

Minneapolis, MN, May 31, 2016 – The Inland Lake Yachting Association (ILYA), the governing sailing body for the midwest, has chosen Minneapolis' Lake Harriet Yacht Club as the site of the exciting 2016 ILYA MC Invite Regatta, to be held July 15 through 17. Lake Harriet is a 344 acre/90-foot deep lake in the heart of Minneapolis. Other than yacht club support boats, no motorized boats are allowed on the lake, which results in true “flat-water” sailing conditions that are ideal for the MC scow. Many of the best, nationally-ranked sailors in the MC Scow class, which is one of the largest one-design sailboat racing in North America, will take to some of the flattest water in the U.S.. The event is also part of [Lake Harriet Yacht Club's](#) 75th anniversary celebrations.

The regatta will conduct twelve 35-to-45-minute races: Two races in the morning and three races in the afternoon on Friday and Saturday; and two races on Sunday morning. The first race is scheduled for a 10:00AM warning signal on Friday. Except when races are sailed back-to-back, the approximate time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted. No race will start after Noon on Sunday.

“To distinguish this race from other events, our goal is to maximize the amount of racing so that the experience is fast-paced and fun for racers and spectators,” said [regatta co-chair Joe Friction](#). “Lake Harriet is one of the unique sailing venues in the country where true flat-water conditions prevail, which means that, even in low winds, races are on! This will be a great way for families to see sailing at its finest; and it will offer sailors a great way to demonstrate their prowess under competitive conditions.”

RACING INFORMATION

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. If six races are completed, each boat will discard her worst score. If twelve races are completed, each boat will discard her worst two scores, except when prohibited under RRS 88.3(b). All boating regulations of the State of Minnesota will apply.

Trophies will be awarded to the top five skippers in the regatta as well as the top female, top master (50+), top grandmaster (60+), and top junior (<26). Trophies will be presented following haul-out and lunch after the last race on Sunday.

Racers and spectators will be able to follow the races using the race-tracking App, [RaceQs](#). The race replays will be played at the Friday and Saturday post-sailing events. Daily and final regatta reports with photos will be submitted on the LHYC website

([lhycsailing.com](#)), on Twitter ([@LHYC](#)), the [LHYC facebook page](#), [ILYA facebook page](#), and [ILYA scowslants](#).

REGISTRATION

Registration is from 3-7PM on Thursday, July 14, and 7:30-9:00AM on Friday, July 15, at the Lake Harriet Yacht Club Sailing Pavilion, 4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy in Minneapolis near the Lake Harriet Bandshell. The Competitor Briefing Session is mandatory and will be held on Friday, July 15, at 8:30AM at the Lake Harriet Yacht Club.

The entry fee is \$80.00 per boat. Sailors can register online [HERE](#) or complete an official ILYA Regatta Entry Application and send it, together with the required fee, to the ILYA at PO Box 662, East Troy, WI 53120 or fax to ILYA at (262) 203-7722. Onsite registration is available. All entries must be postmarked or otherwise received by June 25 to avoid late penalties per ILYA By-law 12.18.3.d.

For sailors, the weekend's experiences extend beyond fun on the water. After sailing on Friday (7/15), a picnic will be held at Beard's Plaisance. On Saturday night (7/16), there will be a party at the [Urban Eatery](#) at the Calhoun Beach Club celebrating regatta racers and the LHYC's 75th Anniversary. The general public and all friends of Lake Harriet and the LHYC are invited to the Saturday Night party. More information and ticket prices will be updated on the [LHYC site](#) closer to the event.

The 2016 MC Invite is registered as a clean regatta with [Sailors for the Sea](#), a program that helps conserve and protect local waters and oceans.

Complete **Notice of Race** information can be found on the [LHYC site calendar](#).

QUESTIONS

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