2016 Racing Calendar

In preparation for the 2016 sailing season, please find attached the 2016 IRC Racing Calendar that was also posted on the LORC website in January (<u>www.lorc.org</u>). Along with the racing calendar, you can also find announcements, rating and measurement information on the site.

Upcoming Measurement Sessions

We are currently scheduling a weighing session at C&C Marine in Toronto and one in Niagaraon-the-Lake and the dates will be announced very soon. If you need boat measurement or would like to join a group weighing session please contact our IRC Chief Measurer, John Crawley, as soon as possible at <u>iccrawley@gmail.com</u>.

This Season's Events

With the start of the 2016 sailing season just around the corner, we're busy working with our host clubs to organize high quality events. This year we have an outstanding series of championship events scheduled and highlights of this year's schedule include the:

- IRC Great Lakes Championship in conjunction with the RCYC Open Regatta;
- IRC Canadian Championship in conjunction with the PCYC Open Regatta;
- IRC North American Championship which is returning to our region and will be hosted by the Etobicoke Yacht Club in conjunction with their open regatta.

New this year, National Yacht Club returns to the LORC regatta schedule after a lengthy absence, with a one-day event in mid-August. This new event will host the 2016 IRC Lake Ontario Championship and promises to be a great event, both on and off the water. We will also be working with the AHMEN organization again, to produce our 2016 IRC Fall Series. This four event series will start with the QCYC Open Regatta and welcomes back the ABYC's Summerville race to the series.

Also new this year, we are currently working with the Whitby Yacht Club, host of the 2016 LYRA event, to launch a new event - The Commodores Cup. This will be a club team event where boats will represent their home clubs. Top scoring boats in their division will be recognized but the most significant prize will be a club team winning the Commodores Cup for their yacht club. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event!

Between these events we have our popular IRC Offshore Series which includes the Susan Hood, Lake Ontario 300, Freeman Cup and Argosy Rose Bowl. We think this series represents an outstanding mix of offshore, point-to-point type events of varying lengths.