

Lake Erie Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta



Sponsorship Outreach

To Whom It May Concern,

The University of Toledo Sailing Club in conjunction with North Cape Yacht Club is hosting an Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta titled Lake Erie Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta. For the purpose of this document North Cape Yacht Club shall be referred to as NCYC, the University of Toledo Sailing Club shall be referred to as UTSC and Lake Erie Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta shall be referred to as LEIOR.

LEIOR will be held May 21st and 22nd, 2022 and will bring in teams from all across the nation. The regatta will be open to teams of all sizes and experience levels. The overarching goal of this event is to promote the sport of sailing in big boats to college kids all over. We are hosting a two-day event with a Friday practice day. We will be using borrowed boats from all over Lake Erie. We are hoping that with all of our volunteers help we can host a top-notch collegiate event that not only shows off the team's abilities but also shows off what Lake Erie has to offer as a sailing venue for collegiate sailors.

This event would bring in anywhere from 10-30 different colleges from all over the country. Anywhere from UofM, Ohio State, Navy, Coast Guard, UC San Diego, and Maritime Academies. All of these are looking forward to big boat events in which they can properly display what they can do.

We are reaching out to you today to ask for your support in what we are hoping to be a premier event for Lake Erie and Intercollegiate Sailing. There are plenty of ways to show your support for this event. We look forward to seeing everyone come out and show their support for these kids. To give you a better idea of what the event will entail in terms of operation please see the below outline. We have also attached the preliminary NOR. If there is any way that you could or would like to support this event, please feel free to reach out to us by email (UTSailingClub419@gmail.com) or by phone (Craig Mueller - (513) 833-6917). We really hope that can help make this event the biggest and best it can be.

Best Regards,

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Event Details

Boats –

All boats will be borrowed from club members and other owners from around the area. Owners assume all liability for the boats much as they would for regular racing. The only difference is they are not the ones driving and operating the boat. They will be present to take control should the need arise and to make sure the boats are covered under their insurance should something occur.

Teams will also be allowed to bring their own boats should they wish to. We have put in place a draft disclaimer and made sure to let them know they are responsible for lining up their launch and haul out.

PHRF Boats –

Boats will consist of all college crew, driving, trimming, calling tactics, and so on. There must be one Owner/Rep onboard and a Scrutineer to assist in any problems. The college crew is fully in charge but must abide by any operating rules in place by the owners.

Racing –

We have Duane Burgoyne of the I-LYA as our PRO's for the event. They will need assistance for Saturday, as we will be running a windward/leeward race most likely. Now this event being in larger monohulls means we need no safety boats on the water. However, we will still need a Windward mark boat, and Leeward Gate boat as well. Should we get MarkSetBot's we could lessen the need for additional help on the water.

Housing –

Typically, for these style events, teams would sleep on the boat or get a hotel. We want to entice some teams to come that may not be able to afford the hotel option, so we have some other options available. We have a few UTSC members who are willing to house a team or two. Teams will be given the option to sleep on boats should the boat owner be ok with it. The other option that we are hoping to have is to allow for camping from some teams in a specific area that North Cape deems ok. They will also be recommended to find a hotel close by as well.

Food –

We are going to host a dinner on Saturday as a sponsored meal to provide to all competitors and owners at no cost. Along with a pay for it option for the NCYC members that wish to mingle with the competitors. Sunday we are going to do a sponsored lunch as well, for the competitors and owners, before the awards ceremony. We are also considering a on the water lunch grab bags, or bagel grab bags and coffee for the mornings to give to the competitors before they head out. This is all contingent on funding and sponsorship.

Entertainment Friday Night and Saturday –

Friday night we are looking to do a hosted social event for all teams. This will consist of a guest speaker to come in and talk with all of the competitors. Along with a bonfire and some hotdogs and/or s'mores for them to have as well. We will be using NCYC's party tent as well in order to place a DJ and/or Sound equipment out there for the competitors to enjoy.

Saturday night will consist of a similar format without the guest speaker. We will have the sponsored dinner, co-mingling of teams and members, music, bonfire, and the tent as well. We are looking into having a few sponsored drinks as well for those of age at the event to enjoy.

Awards -

Current stand point for awards are to offer glasses that are etched with the event logo, and say "1st, 2nd, or 3rd in class" along with the sponsors name on the other side. This way each sailor on the boats that place in class get something to take home.

As for the overall awards, we are looking into a few different options. We are going to do a First, Second and Third overall trophies that are hopefully going to be sponsored or donated to the event and will be award to the overall winners. Along with that, we are considering doing a flag not only for the team to keep but also for the boat owners who graciously donated their boat.

Boat Owner's Gifts -

We are going to be providing each boat owner with a hat and a shirt for the event. We are looking at the potential of providing each boat with a personalized plaque or placard for their boat, that have the name of the event and year along with the boats name on it as well. Boat owner gifts are dependent on sponsorship.