

As the premier sailing event for racing and cruising on Georgian Bay, the **Georgian Bay Regatta (GBR)** continues to be the best way to sail the bay. As we mark the 32nd anniversary of this unique annual event, we plan to continue with the winning and successful format of the last two years with a five-day schedule of long-distance and course races set in the southern basin of beautiful Georgian Bay.

As always our emphasis is “fun competitive racing”. Feedback to the Regatta Organizing Committee over the past two years has indicated that the shortened five-day schedule of this unique summer sailing adventure better facilitates the busy summer schedule for most of our participating skippers, crew members and families. Even if you have never raced before, novice sailors will be instructed on the basic procedures and rules at 16:30 on Registration Day at our Racing Seminar. The 2017 GBR will commence with registration on Wednesday, August 2nd at the Midland Bay Sailing Club and conclude on Sunday, August 6th in the port of Thornbury.

The GBR racing is open to mono-hull boats which are registered and meet equipment, accommodation and measurement requirements. A PHRF rating (sailboat handicap) is assigned to each boat. All boats registered in the four racing divisions must have a valid 2017 PHRF handicap certificate. A 2017 PHRF certificate is available from your sailing club representatives or contact one of GBR Co-Chairs. All cruising sailboats will be assigned a temporary “boat class handicap” to race within their division.

The 2016 Georgian Bay Regatta saw a major increase in the number of Cruisers joining the fleet. Based on the anticipated return of most of these participants, along with some projected newcomers, the GBR Committee plans to expand on the “social activities and fleet participation” for this year’s

cruising sailors. For the Racing Divisions extra course races are planned for the Saturday and Sunday (based on wind and weather conditions).

Regatta Divisions

In order for each boat to have a chance at success, the fleet will be divided into five divisions as follows:

- Division 1 –High PHRF White Sails
- Division 2 –High PHRF Flying Sails
- Division 3 –Low PHRF White Sails
- Division 4 –Low PHRF Flying Sails
- Division 5 – Cruisers

Scoring and Awards

PHRF divisions will be scored using PHRF-LO ratings, as adopted by the GBR for time-on-time handicap racing results. For all races, flags are awarded to the top three finishing boats. The GBR has division winners, an overall regatta winner, plus various “fun and family” awards. The “club challenge” trophies are again included to encourage overall club team participation.

Registration Details

For 2017, we continue to have the full support of **Ontario Sailing** working with the GBSA Board of Directors and the GBR Organizing Committee. The regatta fees cover the direct expenses incurred by the volunteers and Race Committee boat expenses. They also cover other regatta administration costs (advertising, printing and awards). Dockage fees for the three nights (Midland, Collingwood and Thornbury) are included. Dockage is donated by the sailing clubs and the marina fees are negotiated at a discount rate. The fees set out below cover what are essentially fixed costs to run the regatta, based on an estimate of the projected number of participants. As in previous years, it is our intent that any profits from the regatta will go to support the various *Learn to Sail* programs around Georgian Bay.

All Regatta skippers are required to be members of the *Georgian Bay Sailing Association*, and the membership fee of \$5 is part of the registration.

Mail or fax your completed portion of this registration brochure along with your payment to:

Ontario Sailing

70 Unsworth Drive, Unit 17
Hamilton, Ontario
L8W 3K4

Fax: 1-877-677-7275

Online Registration available at

<http://georgianbayregatta.ca>

	<u>Racers</u>	<u>Cruisers</u>
Registration Fee	\$295.00	\$195.00
GBSA annual fee	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total	\$300.00	\$200.00

EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS

There will be a **\$40 Discount** applied to the Registration Fee for registrants who pay by **July 1st / 2017**. To plan for our regatta requirements, we need to know the projected number of boats and participants, so pre-register early!!

Regatta Information and Updates

For a list of shore events and itinerary updates visit ... <http://georgianbayregatta.ca>

2017 GBR REGISTRATION DAY
Wednesday, August 2nd (14:00 to 16:00 hrs)
Midland Bay Sailing Club (MBSC)

2017 GBR SCHEDULE & ITINERARY

Wednesday, Aug. 2nd Registration at MBSC
Wednesday, Aug. 2nd "Practice Tune-Up
Race" with the MBSC Racing Fleet (race start
@ 18:30) and Welcome BBQ
Thursday, Aug. 3rd Midland to Hope Island
Friday, August 4th Course Races around
"The Islands"
Saturday, August 5th Christian Island to
Collingwood (CYC)
Sunday, Aug. 6th Collingwood to Thornbury
GBSA AGM and Awards Dinner
at Maiolo's Restaurant, Thornbury Harbour

(Note : Aug. 2nd Practice Race - Not part of
GBR overall tabulated race results)

Registration Fees - RACING CRUISING

	\$295.00	\$195.00
<i>Early Register Discount</i> (- \$40.)	(- \$40.)	(- \$40.)
GBSA Membership Fee +\$ 5.00	+\$ 5.00	+\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____

Cheque Visa M/C (circle one)

(Card Number)

_____/_____
(Expiry Date)

Name on Card

Cardholder Signature

Make cheques payable to:

Ontario Sailing

32nd Annual Georgian Bay Regatta 2017 Registration Form

Skipper: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Club or Marina: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy No: _____

(min. \$2,000,000 3rd party liability required)

Vessel Name: _____

Year and Make: _____

Type: _____

Draft: _____ Beam: _____ Length: _____

Hull Colour: _____

Division: White sails Flying sails Cruising
(circle)

Mainsail Number: _____

PHRF Certificate No. _____

(all racers)

PHRF Rating: _____ **Expiry:** _____

Bringing a dinghy? Yes No (circle)

Planned number of crew, including skipper

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Georgian Bay Regatta

**Wednesday, August 2nd to
Sunday, August 6th, 2017**

Sail the Bay the Better Way!!

Midland (MBSC) to

Thornbury

Early Registration Discount !!