

You can have it all!

As we mark the 33rd anniversary of this unique annual event, sailors now have more choice than ever before.

- Sail 3 days, 4 days or 7 days.
- Start in Lion's Head or Meaford
- Finish in Meaford or Midland
- Take in the Bruce Peninsula, the South Shore and the Islands near Midland

This is THE way to sail and race in the southwest basin of beautiful Georgian Bay.

Customize your 2018 GBR

This year the Georgian Bay Sailing Association offers two regattas – the Pre Regatta and the traditional Classic Regatta

Pre Regatta July 29-Aug 1

Lion's Head-Wiarton-White Cloud-Meaford

Classic Regatta Aug 1- Aug 5

Meaford-White Cloud-Thornbury-Hope-Midland

The objective is three-fold

- 1) Continue the successful 4-Day format
- 2) Offer a longer Regatta
- 3) Explore new Territory

As always our emphasis is “fun competitive racing and cruising” Feedback to the Regatta Organizing Committee over the past several years has indicated that the shortened 4-day schedule better facilitates the busy summer schedule of most of the participating skippers,

crew members and families, while some sailors hunker for more time on the water, hence the two Regatta concept. Novice sailors and aspiring racers will be instructed on the basic procedures and rules on Registration Day.

The GBR is open to mono-hull boats, which are registered and meet equipment, accommodation and measurement requirements. All boats registered in the four racing divisions must have a valid 2018 PHRF-LO handicap certificate. A 2018 PHRF certificate is available from your sailing club representatives or contact one of the GBR Co-Chairs. Allow 3 weeks for processing. Cruising sailboats may have a PHRF-LO certificate or a “boat class handicap” will be assigned.

The 2018 Georgian Bay Regatta caters to “Racers” and “Cruisers” equally; same races, meals, social events and other activities. When ever we are at a marina there will be a get-together, party or joint dinner. Some meals are part of your registration fee, others are extra or “On your own”.

Long Distance and Course races

Several course races are included in the Pre Regatta, while the Classic Regatta consists of long-distance racing/cruising

Regatta Divisions

In order for each boat to have a chance at success, the fleet will be divided into five divisions as follows: (if minimum boat numbers per division are not reached, divisions will be combined)

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 Pre and Classic Regattas will be scored separately. The “club challenge” trophies are again included to encourage overall club team participation.

The regatta is sanctioned by Ontario Sailing and all Sail Canada racing rules and prescriptions apply to this event.

Registration Details

Please register using the website

<http://georgianbayregatta.ca>

The online registration process has been improved and we request that all registrations are completed and paid for online. If you cannot register online, contact one of the Co-Chairs for a fax or mail-in form.

Other registration details will be arranged and discussed prior to the start of each Regatta as follows:

Pre Regatta

Sunday July 29 at 6 PM at Lion's Head Marina

Classic Regatta

Wednesday Aug 1 from 3 PM onward at Reef Boat Club in Meaford.

Dockage. Due to possible shortages of dockage, especially in Meaford on Aug 1, you will be expected to raft up in the Marina or the old harbour.

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 Lion's Head, Wiarton, Meaford and Thornbury are included. Midland dockage is donated by MBSC and Bayport Marina. 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. We set the fees only to recover costs. Any surplus funds 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.

EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS

Register by June 1 2018 and get \$40 off
Register by July 1 2018 and get \$20 off

Sponsors. GBR has many sponsors who donate cash or in kind. This reduces your registration costs and provides prizes and refreshments!

2018 GBR SCHEDULE & ITINERARY

Pre-GB Regatta

Sun July 29 Lion's Head Registration 6 PM
Mon July 30 Lion's Head to Wiarton
Tues July 31 AM 2 course races at Wiarton
PM Wiarton to White Cloud
Wed Aug. 1 White Cloud to Meaford (finish)

Classic GB Regatta

Wed Aug 1 Meaford; 3 PM Registration
5 PM Warm-up Race
7 PM Welcome BBQ
Thurs Aug 2 Meaford to White Cloud
Friday Aug 3 White Cloud to Thornbury-TYC
Sat Aug 4 Thornbury to Hope (anchor)
Sun Aug 5 Hope to Midland-MBYC
GBSA-AGM, Awards Banquet

Pre and Classic Regatta are scored separately.

Aug. 1 Warm-up Race - Not part of GBR tabulated race results

Registration Fees - RACING CRUISING

Pre Regatta	\$ 175	\$ 175
Classic Regatta	\$ 325	\$ 270
GBSA Membership Fee	\$ 5	\$ 5

Early Online Registration Bonus

Our objective is to minimize costs, while offering a safe and enjoyable sailing experience. Fees have increased from prior years due to the selected course, marina usage and other costs.

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Regatta Information and Updates

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



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Cloud - Meaford***

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