

**Ontario Sailing Grand Prix Development Series 2024**  
**Organizing Authority: Ontario Sailing**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

Participants will be required to agree to abide by Ontario Sailing policies during registration.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Grand Prix Development Series (GPDS) will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3 The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for each of the events to count in the GPDS will apply for the scoring and racing requirements of the individual events to count towards the series. See instruction 5 below.
- 1.4 Class rules for all classes shall apply unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each of the individual events comprising the GPDS.

**2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority of each event and Ontario Sailing.

**3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The GPDS is open to boats of the Club 420, ILCA 4, ILCA6, and 29er classes provided all competitors (skippers and crew) are less than 22 years of age by 2400 hours on December 31, 2024. The GPDS is open to boats of the Optimist Dinghy Class provided the competitor will be less than 16 years of age by 2400 hours on December 31, 2024
- 3.2 Eligible boats are those that complete registration with the regatta hosts listed in instruction 5. Registered competitors will be automatically entered into the GPDS and scored based on their results in the GPDS events.

**4 FEES**

- 4.1 There is no additional fee to be scored in the GPDS other than the regatta fees for each event.

**5 SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 For registration, measurement and inspection, number of races and scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race, refer to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions of the individual events included in the GPDS.

## 5.2 Regattas and dates comprising the GPDS for 2024:

Event	Location	Date	Classes
Icebreakers	Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club	May 18-19	ILCA 4, ILCA 6, 29er
Lilac Festival	Royal Hamilton Yacht Club	May 25-26	Optimist, C420
Seahorse	Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club	July 12-14	Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, C420, 29er
Four Sisters	Port Credit Yacht Club	July 20-21	Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, C420, 29er

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at each event.

## 7 SCORING

7.1 There will be one division for each of the classes.

7.2 The scoring system is as follows:

- a) Each regatta of the series will be scored according to the NoR and SI's for that event.
- b) A boat's score in the GPDS will be based on its best three results of the events comprising the GPDS for each class (See instruction 5). The series will use a high point scoring system, with each event awarding points based on the following formula: GPDS Score per event = (Total eligible boats in event+1) – Final Result in Event. Example GPDS Score for Event with 50 boats: 1<sup>st</sup> place=50 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>=49 points, 50<sup>th</sup>=1 point.
- c) A score of DNC for an event will result in Zero GPDS points being awarded.

## 8 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the final GPDS event to the top boat in each class. For the ILCA 6 and Opti classes the top male and female shall be awarded.

## 9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

The Racing Rules of Sailing 3 states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds, rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on unstable platforms and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

## 10 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact [cam@ontariosailing.ca](mailto:cam@ontariosailing.ca).