



## FRIDAY NIGHT FUN RACES 2018

### General Information

**Start the weekend: relax and enjoy the simple pleasure of a fun race with family or friends.**

**Friday fun races are really social events in disguise of racing - also an easy, low stress way to maybe become better sailors, and maybe learn a little about PHRF racing - or maybe not, just have fun.**

### What's New and Not so New for 2018?

**1. Cruisers, new sailors and fun racers from All three clubs, RStL, BYC, & PCYC will be participating this year.**

**1.1. Boats are welcome to have aboard a crew/coach with racing experience if they so desire.**

**1.2. This is a White Sail (WS) only event.**

**1.3. The race course is normally twice around a triangle. The first and fourth legs are windward. Courses may change somewhat as the season progresses.**

**2. The race will be run by the Race Committee (RC) boat from the RStLYC, so there will only be one keelboat race course on the lake Friday nights, avoiding some of the occasional confusion in the past with two race courses, and two sets of marks on the water.**

**3. Handicaps will be VERY loosely based on your boat's PHRF rating, taking into account the experience of skipper and crew. Handicaps will be adjusted after each race, based on how people do, in order to try and give a level playing field to all.**

**4. New format: there will be 14 Friday night fun races this year starting on Fri June 1!**

**4.1. The first five races will be pursuit format and the start times for each boat will be given to those registered beforehand to each boat prior to departure. Those who arrive at the start unregistered will be given a start time closer to their boat's PHRF handicap the first time they race.**

**On the water, each boat's start will be broadcast over VHF**

**4.2. The next four races will start in 3 different groups, which group you're in will be determined depending on your results in the first five races.**

**4.3 The last five races on Friday nights will be a single start fleet start (with a very long start line, lots of room for each boat).**

Fri night fun races cont'd

## **5. Prizes will be awarded**

**5.1 Overall prizes (boats from all three clubs included) will be awarded for each series of races, and for the whole summer at the GNS prize giving at the end of the season.**

**5.2. Each club will also be able to extract the results of the boats only from their club, and award prizes as they deem appropriate, at a time and place of their choosing.**

## **Things to Think About**

**Friday nights are social nights at all clubs, it might be fun to invite competitors from other clubs to talk over the race, eat, drink, & socialize, and consider a return visit.**

**Some crews may even want to switch with crews from other boats and clubs from time to time to get to know each other better...**

**Those who are a little unsure of themselves at the outset could invite a racer, or a former racer to accompany them and give them some tips on how to get around the course. Each club will try and have a bank of such people who are looking forward to having some fun, meeting new people, and helping out.**

**There is sometimes an informal raft-up party anchoring near the finish line. Bring snacks & drinks...**

**Absolutely no racing experience is needed to join in the fun.**

## **NON BOAT OWNERS**

**And members without boats can always be accommodated among the fleet. New members are especially welcome.**

**So, get ready for some good times and join the fun race gang.**