

Louie's Last Regatta
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 23, 2017



Notice of Race (NOR)

1 RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Louie's 19th Last Regatta Committee. All funds raised will be donated to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

2 ELIGIBILITY and Entry

2.1 This regatta is open to all boats that could possibly go around a race course in the opinion of their skipper. If the competitor has a valid PHRF Certificate, the committee will assign that rating. In the event that the boat does not have a valid PHRF Certificate, no problem. The Louie's 19th Last Regatta Committee will assign a rating for your boat. There will be no whining about assigned ratings.

2.2 **Online Registration** Louie's Last is now in the 21st century and all registration is online. Go to www.louieslast.org and find the REGISTER HERE with your credit card in hand to register. Early registration used to end late; it now actually ends a bit earlier: **EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS AT 11:59 PM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th**. Late registrations will be accepted **until 7:00 PM** on Thursday, September 21st. See 4.1 below.

3 FEES

3.1 The non-refundable entry fee is \$110.00 USD, due by 11:59 PM. Friday, September 8th, 2017. Your entry fee includes a couple of Mount Gay Rum Red Hats, a Louie's T-Shirt and all the swag we can collect. It's a great deal – and it's all for the kids. **The late fee is \$15.00. Get your entry in by midnight on Friday 9/8 or pay up.**

3.2 **Louie's Crew Challenge** **LET US MAKE SOMETHING VERY CLEAR – THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT! THE ENTRY FEE SHOULD NOT BE YOUR ONLY DONATION!** Each skipper and crew are encouraged – no, *IMPLORED* – to participate in the Louie's Challenge. A Green Louie's Envelope is included in each race packet. We hope that each Louie's sailor will put at least twenty bucks in the envelope – *it's for the kids!* The boat raising the most money will win the Maggie Bersch Trophy – see NOR 9.2 below. But every sailor, every donation, makes a difference. Please stuff your envelopes.

(Louie's Last Regatta is a 501(c)3 corporation and all donations, including entry fees, may be tax deductible. See your income tax professional for the best advice. All net proceeds are donated directly to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.)

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4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Regular Registration Deadline is 11:59 PM Friday, September 8th, 2017. Of course you may register until 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 21st, but a late fee of \$15.00 (which of course goes directly to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin) will be gleefully assessed if your entry is late.
- 4.2 The Don't-Miss Skipper and Crew Meeting, Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Milwaukee Ale House, main bar. This is where you pick up your race packet with all the cool stuff. Attend or send a crew member to pick up your race packet and swag so someone will know what the heck is going on. There is a great party after the meeting with music and everything – stick around.
- 4.3 **Warning for the first division will be at High Noon (12:00 PM) Saturday, September 23rd, 2017.**
- 4.4 Louie's 19th Last Regatta Party, Louie's Challenge and Awards Ceremony, Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Milwaukee Ale House. Want a hint about when to be there? Free beer and rum for a short time starting at 3:00 PM. It won't last long, so don't be late.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Sailing instructions will be available at the Don't-Miss Skipper and Crew Meeting on Friday, September 22, 2017 at the Ale House.

6 ASSIGNED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER and SECTION IDENTIFICATION PENNANT

- 6.1 If, during the registration process, your friendly Louie's Last Regatta Committee discovers that your boat does not have a unique sail number, you will be supplied with a cloth banner with an assigned number on it. These numbered banners will be passed out at the check-in desk during registration at the Milwaukee Ale House on Friday, September 22, 2017. The reason for this is to make the Race Committee's job easier by making identification of boats possible when finishing the race. While your lovely vessel is undoubtedly the finest and most distinctive yacht in the harbor, it is nearly impossible to correctly score 120+ boats without unique sail numbers. You will be instructed to clearly display this numbered banner to the check-in boat before the start and to the race committee boat at the finish. The Sailing Instructions will carry more detailed information.
- 6.2 Sailors must return their cloth banner with their assigned number to the race committee after sailing shall be severely chastised.
- 6.3 ALL competitors will be issued a Class Flag at the registration table at the Skipper's Meeting on September 22nd. Competitors must display their Class Flag from their backstay before they pass the check-in boat until after they have finished the regatta. Failure to display this flag shall impact the finish time of the offending boat at the discretion of the Louie's 19th Last Regatta Race Committee. Said failure shall also subject the skipper to random teasing and mild ridicule at events that follow throughout the day.
- 6.4 Seriously – fly your class flag.

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7 VENUE

- 7.1 Racing will be outside the breakwater on Milwaukee Bay. The race course will be approximately 1 ½ nautical miles due east of the Middle Government Breakwater Gap. The friendly Race Committee will make announcements on Saturday morning over Channel 72 about the approximate location of the starting area.
- 7.2 RIDICULOUSLY INCLEMENT WEATHER In the event of a volcano, plague of locusts, hurricane, or other weather that makes it plainly foolish to leave the dock, the Louie's Cup and all other racing prizes will be determined by an accuracy contest involving water balloons in the back deck of the Ale House. Louie's *has* been contested in a snowstorm – in Wisconsin, we race in blizzards. (However, as you may be aware, we will not race in and around waterspouts, nor will we have a footrace down Water Street with hundreds of spectators – though it was fun.)

8 THE COURSE The Course will be the classic Louie's Last Regatta Beer Can Course. The Love Rock Section will race twice around the course and the Solomon Juneau Section will race once around the course.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Love Rock and Solomon Juneau Sections will be scored separately using LMPHRF ratings as well those assigned by the Louie's Committee. Even though there are several starts, for purposes of overall prizes all boats are scored as one fleet. In addition to overall prizes, each boat in Louie's is entered in its own division. If your boat finishes the race, you have won your division! Everyone in Louie's is a winner. Especially the kids.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee may make courtesy information broadcasts regarding the race, starting times, the weather, and college football scores. Broadcasts will be on VHF Channel 72.

11 PRIZES

11.1 The Love Rock Section

- First Place Overall in the Love Rock Section wins the Louie's Last Cup, and ONE(1) certificate for ONE(1) quarter barrel or ONE(1) case of beer* and other great stuff.
- Second Place Overall in the Love Rock Section wins certificates for TWO(2) quarter barrels or TWO(2) cases of beer* and other utterly fantastic stuff.
- Third Place Overall in the Love Rock Section wins certificates for THREE(3) quarter barrels or THREE(3) cases of beer* and further wonderful tchotchke.

11.2 The Solomon Juneau Section

- First Place Overall in the Solomon Juneau Section wins ONE (1) certificate for case of beer* and other great stuff.
- Second Place Overall in the Solomon Juneau Section wins certificates for TWO (2) cases of beer* and other utterly fantastic stuff.

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- Third Place Overall in the Solomon Juneau Section wins certificates for THREE (3) cases of beer* and further wonderful tchotchke.

11.3 Last Place of all racing boats in both sections will win Louie's Last Flounder Award and other embarrassing prizes.

* Milwaukee Brewing Company beer prizes include a choice of Louie's Demise, Love Rock, Pull Chain, Hop Happy, Booyah and Polish Moon, based on availability. Can be combination of full cases and barrels.

11.4 Every boat in every fleet is entered in its own Division. Therefore, every finisher wins its division. Every division winner receives a blue First Place Flag. Everyone at Louie's is a winner, especially the kids!

11.5 THE MAGGIE BERSCH TROPHY The boat raising the most funds will win the Maggie Bersch Memorial Trophy and a quarter barrel of Louie's Demise Ale. Maggie was the daughter of a member of the Milwaukee sailing community who was the inspiration behind the creation of Louie's. When she lost her battle with cancer, her family commissioned this trophy in her honor. Each of the top three fundraising boats will receive a special green brag flag – the most treasured flags distributed at the awards ceremony – and other prizes. This is the trophy that everyone should be actively raising money to win.

11.6 THE DEBBIA GRASSROOTS TROPHY The boat raising funds from the most individual donors over \$15 will win the Debbia Grassroots Trophy and a case of Milwaukee Brewing Company beer of their choice. This Trophy recognizes the hard work of many Louie's sailors who bring a large number of small donors together. Each of the top three boats that meet this criteria will also receive special green brag flags.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk – see Racing Rule of Sailing 4.

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

13 INSURANCE Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION For further information, check the website or come to the Friday night party...er...meeting.

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