

GRYC Invitational Regatta 2009

Greetings all GRYC Members,

The **GRYC Invitational Regatta 2009** is **only 1 week away** - August 1-2. We are once again looking forward to hosting a number of sailors from other clubs in our Showcase Event. It would be great to give them a warm welcome with many GRYC participants both on the water and on-land. This is a brief announcement about how you can get involved.

Please note that all meals are included in the price of registration for racers only. Members, participants, supporters, and guests are welcome to join for lunch and dinner for a nominal fee but must be pre-ordered at time of registration (Friday 6-8 pm, Saturday 8-9 am). If you know you're going to be there for one or all the meals, please contact Casey at rearcommodore@gryc.ca. **There will be pre-dinner and during-dinner live entertainment!!**. All members are welcome to join in this Club Night-style feast. Food is only guaranteed for those who purchase tickets during registration. At-the-door availability dependant on how much food is left.

1) **Race participants**. Please see attached Notice of Race for registration information. If you need a boat, you may reserve a club boat or borrow from a fellow member. **To reserve a club boat**, starting **Saturday, July 25 at Noon**, Manager Nick will be accepting reservations on the island. Club boat reservations cannot be guaranteed until full registration payment is received. Contact Manager Nick at 819 827-2122 or manager@gryc.ca if you need to borrow a boat from a fellow member and he will put you in touch with someone if they have offered to lend their boat.

2) **Sponsor a racer** with your boat: If you have a laser or Albacore and do not intend on racing it in the Regatta, you may wish to lend your boat to a sailor. Contact Manager Nick at manager@gryc.ca or 819 827-2122 to offer your boat and he will put you in touch with a sailor looking for a boat. (Alternatively, if you're sailing in an Albacore etc and need a crew, offer that up as well)

3) **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** This is a large event with many things going on. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities that we need you to take on. Contact Nick at manager@gryc.ca or 819 827-2122 if you can help out for one or multiple time slots:

Friday, July 31

5-8 pm Road closure traffic management (2 people)

6-8 pm Registration (1 more person needed)

5:30-8 pm Boat towing (1 person with Boat operator's card)

Saturday, Aug 1

AM

7-9 am Road Closure Traffic & parking management (3-5 people)

8-9 am Registration (1 more person)

7:30-9 am Boat towing (1 person with Boat operator's card)

9-12ish Crash Boat (1 more boat operator and 2 assistants needed)

9-1ish Scoring Data Entry (1-2 people for data entry - must have minimal experience with

Excel and be reasonably fast and dead accurate with data entry)

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1:00-4ish Crash Boat (1 more boat operator and 2 assistants needed)

1:00-4ish Scoring Data Entry (1-2 people for data entry - must have minimal experience with Excel and be reasonably fast and dead accurate with data entry)

4ish - 7ish Dinner (4-6 people to help with preparation, cooking, serving, and clean-up)

Sunday, Aug 2

9-12 ish Crash Boat (1 more boat operator and 2 assistants needed)

9-1ish Scoring Data Entry (1-2 people for data entry - must have minimal experience with Excel and be reasonably fast and dead accurate with data entry)

Thanks to all the Race crew, Crash Boat operators, Registrars and meal crews who have already volunteered to help.

and finally 4) **Spectators!!** This is a great event to watch. Last year over 40 boats hit the river. Many great vantage points from around the island (on land or swimming in the water) or in your own boat (canoes & kayaks, etc). Please note that if you're watching from on/in the river, please stay well clear of the course and especially the buoys. Racers don't always take kindly to human obstacles and may not ask you politely to move...

Thanks in advance and we hope to have all this rain cleared out by next weekend!!

Neil Rask, GRYC Secretary

...on behalf of Fleet Captains Dan Gray & Geoff Erskine