



## Newsletter

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The LYRA 2015 organizing committee at Sodus Bay Yacht Club has been hard at work preparing for this summer's regatta. Here is a report from SBYC on what they are planning. Enjoy! Boy, Old Man Winter sure has a grip on Lake Ontario this year and Sodus Bay Yacht Club has a grip on LYRA 2015. Plans are rolling along for an exciting week of racing. This marks the 11th time that SBYC has hosted this prestigious Lake Ontario regatta. The [SBYC LYRA 2015 website](#) is up and running. Visit it often for information on all the racing and social events going on throughout the week to make your stay on Sodus Bay a memorable one.

### Racing

On Sunday July 26th, the Founders Cup will run to Sodus Bay from Oswego Yacht Club following their Sail Oswego Annual Regatta.

Tuesday, July 28th, the Genesee Yacht Club will host the start of the Centennial Cup Race to Sodus Bay, two days after the Youngstown Yacht Club's CanAm Regatta.

Wednesday July 29th the Freeman Cup overnight race out of SBYC will have a long (100 mile) course and a short (60 mile) course.

Friday July 31st through August 1st, SBYC will host three race courses with three-day and two-day racing for handicap and one design fleets.

### Race Management

We have enlisted the help of well-known race management officials for the weeklong racing schedule. Officers will include Wayne Bretsch, Bill Topping, Larry Sill and scorekeeper Dan Hollands. The Notice of Race is almost complete with the help of club member Hank Stuart and should be posted shortly.

### Social Events

From the opening ceremonies on Thursday night to the chicken barbeque Friday and pig roast on Saturday, all followed by live entertainment, the evenings promise to be filled with a lot of fun and friendship with crews from all around the lake. In the next month, you will be able to pre-register on our website for the races. At the same time, you can select to have lunches made for your crew for each of the 2-3 days of course racing, as well as buy the evening meals. All prices for meals and fees for racing will be discounted on the pre-registration form.

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plus we have even greater discounts if you buy a meal plan package. So watch for the pre-registration form on the web site around April 1st.

### **Great Sodus Bay Venue**

We hope you make it a point to get to Sodus Point and enjoy the 2015 LYRA Regatta. While you are here enjoying the racing, take time to relax, swim, fish or visit the local sites such as the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum, Chimney Bluffs State Park, and historic Pultneyville. We are about 40 minutes from Rochester, which offers the Memorial Art Gallery, George Eastman House, Strong Museum of Play, and many more sites to see. Matter of fact, why not come for a week or two, bring the family or friends, and make it a vacation too? Sodus Point offers something for everyone. SBYC Commodore Bob Carey points out that, "The Great Sodus Bay and SBYC venue gives competitive yacht racing skippers a unique opportunity to compete in this annual regatta with ample rental properties available for crew and family. I have already had conversations with some of the skippers about making this a summer vacation and bringing family along as well as crew to enjoy the largest natural bay on Lake Ontario, which is known as Silver Waters. Additionally, we have a long tradition of allowing tenting on our property for those racing crew coming to compete on a shoe string budget. We will be developing the LYRA 2015 website to promote the event and provide information to competitors about the bay, marinas and rentals available. We will be providing four newsletters to be distributed by LYRA to member clubs and subscribing competitors. All in all SBYC and Great Sodus Bay will again provide a great venue for yacht racing on Lake Ontario." We hope to see you for a great week of racing and fun at SBYC.

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