

# **What is the 2009 Lake Simcoe "LSIS Series" ?**



***The Lake Simcoe Interclub Series is – absolutely the most fun you'll have on Lake Simcoe in 2009!!***

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What "is" LSIS?**

LSIS is a series of races that take place at various venues throughout the summer on Lake Simcoe. "LSIS" stands for the Lake Simcoe Interclub Series.

### **How many races – and how often?**

There are a total of 11 races that make up the series. To be scored in the final standings, you must complete at least 7 of the 11 scheduled races. The races are on various weekends, spread throughout the summer.

### **Where does this series take place?**

The weekend races are hosted by various member clubs on the Lake. Host clubs include: Sail Georgina at Jackson's Point, Lagoon City Yacht Club at Lagoon City, Hawkestone Yacht Club at Hawkestone, Cook Bay Yacht Club at Gilford, Kempenfelt Bay Yacht Club at Barrie, and the Barrie Yacht Club.

### **Who goes to the events?**

Anyone who wants to enjoy the fun of a weekend away, complete with social events, parties, BBQ's, racing and good times. Kids are more than welcome, and they often enjoy the "after-racing" scene of swimming, bonfires, music and the company of other kids.

### **What do I need to participate?**

You only need the desire to have some fun and meet your fellow sailors from each corner Lake Simcoe. You'll be given a PHRF "handicap" or rating - if you don't have one. An annual official certificate (needed for official scoring) can be obtained for \$20 at the events.

### **When is the first race of the series?**

The first race of the series in 2009 is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and is a scheduled long-distance race that starts and ends at Lagoon City Yacht Club. (The entire summer-long schedule is below).

### **What if I can't commit to participate in all of the races?**

No worries, you only need to finish 7 of the 11 races - you choose the weekends/events that work best for you.

**What if I'm not much of a racer?**

You need not worry – there are sailors at all levels who participate. Your boat will be appropriately grouped into one of at least three different classes, and you have the choice of sailing in a “Spinnaker” or “Non-Spinnaker” group. There are all types of boats participating, you will “fit-in” just fine someplace, and you’ll have fun competing against similar boats with similar ratings to yours.

**I don't have crew – what can I do?**

Many of the participants are sailing with just two sailors on board and even a few sail single-handed. Bring your family and friends, it's what most of the sailors do.

**How long are the races?**

The races vary, from very short, to medium distance to long distance; there is even an overnight race in August that is a lot of fun. The nice thing about the medium and long distance races is that there is “more time” to get your boat going, and less of the typical upwind-downwind “around and around” style racing.

**What about “getting to” the events?**

Most boat owners will sail or motor to the host club on Friday evenings. If you have never been to one of the host clubs and are uncertain about “getting there” on your own, you can almost always find someone at your club who is headed that way, and then follow them to the destination.

**Are meals or provisions available?**

Most events have one or more meals available, often breakfast and one dinner. Almost all of the host clubs have BBQ's available for use on those evenings where there is no meal provided. Meals are – where available – offered at a nominal fee – usually around \$5.00 per person.

**Is there a fee for racing?**

There is a small fee – of just \$5.00 per race, or you can pay for all eleven races – at a reduced rate of just \$40.00. These fees are collected primarily to cover the cost of flags and trophy engraving.

**How many boats take part?**

On average there are 20-30 boats, and as many as 75 sailors who come out each time.

**How long has this been going on?**

The LSIS series of races has been going on for over 30 years on Lake Simcoe; it's absolutely been “the best kept secret” – but we want to change that and have more boats than ever take part in the fun in 2009.

**Are slips available at each host club?**

Yes indeed – in some form or another we make room for all visiting boats, in some cases we raft-up the boats at the host club, or in some cases you'll have access to your very-own slip.

## What is the basic schedule and highlight of each event?

### Early June 2009

Lagoon City Weekend: Two breakfasts and a BBQ – and 2 races. Great clubhouse facilities, nearby restaurants and gas docks.

- June 6th--LSIS #1 Lagoon City long distance race
- June 7th--LSIS #2 Lagoon City short course triangle

### Late June 2009:

KBYC to CBYC Weekend: Two breakfasts and a BBQ – and 2 races. Gas and pump out available at KBYC. At CBYC - gas docks available at nearby Kon Tiki Marina. (Booking a slip at Kon-Tiki marina – in advance – is recommended).

- June 27th--LSIS #3 KBYC to CYBC long distance race
- June 28th--LSIS #4 CBYC short course triangle

### Mid August 2009:

An overnight race on the Saturday, starting at BYC in the late afternoon - finishing the next morning at BYC. BBQ's and clubhouse/kitchen at BYC, grocery store and restaurants nearby, great facilities...and Sunday morning brunch.

- Aug 8th--LSIS #5 BYC Harris Steele overnight race

### Early September – Labour Day Weekend 2009:

One Saturday morning race at Barrie Yacht Club, followed by a second race to Hawkestone on Saturday afternoon. Hawkestone hosts Saturday night and offers a BBQ, Corn Roast and bonfire. Sunday = breakfast and then 1 race, followed by traditional Wieners and Beans dinner. Monday = breakfast and one race at Hawkestone - a beautiful place on the lake, beach, clubhouse and facilities.

- Sept 5th--LSIS #6 BYC short windward/leeward course (in the morning)
- Sept 5th--LSIS #7 BYC to HYC long distance race (in the afternoon)
- Sept 6th--LSIS #8 HYC long distance race (around Thorah Island)
- Sept 7th--LSIS #9 HYC short course triangle

### Mid September 2009:

Sail Georgina (at Jackson's Point) hosts a Saturday morning breakfast, and then one race. Saturday evening is sponsored by Mount Gay and features an off-site dinner and party. Sunday morning breakfast available, and then one race on Sunday. Great facilities, nearby restaurants, hotel, pub and gas docks.

- Sept 19th--LSIS #10 SGA long distance race
- Sept 20th--LSIS #11 SGA short course

### Mid October 2009:

LSIS awards night at BYC, trophies, flags and fun. Dinner for a nominal fee.

- Oct 3rd--LSIS Awards night dinner

### Summary:

The **LSIS Interclub Series** is an absolutely great way to spend time on the Lake, and in the company of friends from all over the Lake. The events are family-friendly, and each weekend event is unique. The racing is as competitive as you want it to be. It's a very low-cost way to make the most of your summer. If you have any questions at all – or if you're just "thinking of" participating in 2009, please email Tom Kjaersgaard (Excalibur) of the Barrie Yacht Club – at [canadatomk@rogers.com](mailto:canadatomk@rogers.com) – or call at (705) 739-0917.