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Preliminary Notice of Race

Whitby Yacht Club

in conjunction with the

International Access Class Association

are hosting the

Access Class 2007 World Championships

August 30 through September 5, 2007

at the

**Whitby Yacht Club
Whitby, Ontario, Canada**



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A [Preliminary Notice of Race has been issued](#) for the Inaugural Access Class World Championships being held from August 30 to September 5 at Whitby Yacht Club, Ontario, Canada.

WYC's Steve Gurr has taken up the role of Access Worlds Organising Committee Chairman, supported by Board Member Chris Mace, Keith Hobbs from the Canadian Yachting Association's Accessible Sailing Committee, SKUD 18 sailor Rick Watters, IACA President Terry Peek as Technical Delegate, and a large number of Whitby Yacht Club volunteers.

The Canadians met with IACA Executive Officer David Staley when he visited [the Club](#) in late January.

"It was an important meeting, and was able to confirm that all the measures are in place to ensure an enjoyable and highly successful event", said David.

Classes and divisions were agreed, with three divisions in the [single person Access 2.3](#) to provide for Experienced, Intermediate and Novice sailors. There is a [two-person Access 2.3](#) division and the [Access 303](#) will have a single and two person divisions. [The Liberty](#) Open and Servo divisions are expected to be raced concurrently. [The SKUD 18](#) division will be sailed in its Paralympic configuration (two seats on the centerline) to enable teams to prepare for the IFDS Worlds being held shortly afterward in nearby Rochester, New York.

The World Championships will also incorporate a North American and Canadian Championships, so a good number of North American entries are expected.

There has been strong interest already from nations around the globe with many competitors keen to take part. The event will be open to sailors of all abilities, but entrants must comply with the ISAF eligibility requirements and be affiliated with a National Access Class Association or directly with the IACA.

The Committee is appointing individuals to coordinate race management, social functions, and provide details about charter boats, [accommodation](#) & transport etc, a range of information progressively posted on the IACA and WYC websites.

A good number of boats will be available for a modest charter fee, however competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats wherever possible. The Access Dinghy Foundation is shipping 10 Liberties and a SKUD 18 for the event.

Sail markings will also be expected to comply with the new class rules requirements agreed with ISAF. Being the first official World Championships for the International Access 2.3, Access 303 and Liberty, a full International Jury will also be in attendance.

Whilst in Ontario, David also met the Executive Director and Programs manager of [Ontario Sailing](#), and the President of the [Canadian Yachting Association](#).

"Just let us know how we can help", was the response from CYA President Jim Dike.

"The same message came from Ontario Sailing and neighbouring clubs", said David.

"There is strong support for making the Inaugural Access Worlds an event that Access sailors from around the world will want to be a part of", he said.

For the latest information about the event, just click on the 2007 Access Worlds feature box on the Access Class website www.accessclass.org

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