



SEPTEMBER BLENDER IOM CANADIAN NATIONALS

Presented by: **Calgary Model Sailing Association**

High River, Alberta, September 21-24, 2017

The **CMSA** is pleased to invite you to the **2017 IOM Canadian Nationals**, September 21-24 in High River, Alberta. We would like you to consider marking this a priority in your sailing calendar. This will be the 6th annual September Blender regatta, the previous two serving as sanctioned Regional events.

As some of you may not be familiar with High River, Calgary and the surrounding areas we've put together this package to help persuade you to attend, as well as, to encourage you to see more of our province and what it has to offer.

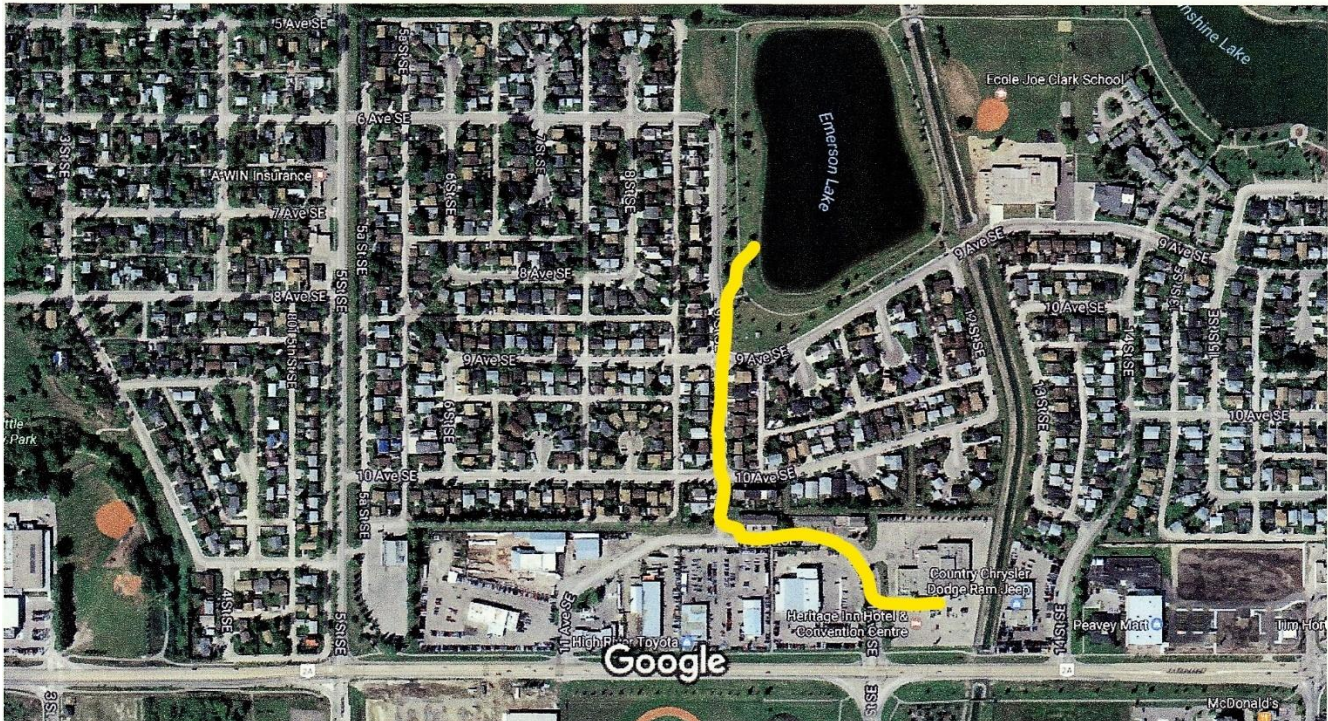
The venue: Sailing will be at Emerson Lake, a fresh water lake located with-in a residential community in the town of High River. There are very limited obstructions for the prevailing westerly winds, the shape of the lake does allow for walking on all sides, and lengthy courses can be set to all wind directions. This lake has minimal weed with a pebble wet launch. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout which can regularly be seen jumping.



Staying in High River: A limited number of billets may be available through the members of the CMSA however since High River is 1 hr commute from Calgary it would be best to stay in one of the many hotels / motels very short drive to the Emerson Lake. A group booking has been made for 20 rooms at the Heritage Inn High River (a very short distance to the sailing area), these will be available up to a month from the event. We are receiving the conference rate of \$125.99 (this includes tax) T: [403-652-3834](tel:403-652-3834) Toll Free: [1-888-888-4374](tel:1-888-888-4374). The rooms are under **IOM Canadian Nationals**

There are serviced campsites nearby at George Lane Memorial Park Campground.

Google Maps Emerson Lake



Getting here:

Flying: Calgary International Airport (YYC) serves many airlines and is the headquarters of WestJet and a major hub for Air Canada. It is also a destination for the majority of US airlines including American, Alaska, Delta and United. All of the major car rental agencies have desks at YYC.

Driving: High River is located 1 hour south of Calgary and 1 hour east of the Canadian Rockies along Highway 2 which runs North almost from the Montana border or Highway 1 from BC.

High River: High River is a town within the Calgary Region of Alberta, with a population of 12,920. It is 67.7 kilometres south of the City of Calgary, at the junction of Alberta Highways 2 and 23. <http://www.highriver.ca/index.php/en/>

Other activities happening on the weekend of Sept 21-24:

- International Balloon Festival; 20+ hot air balloons flying over town
- River City Classics car show.

Alberta: We encourage you to arrive early or stay after the Nationals. There is a lot to see in Alberta from Banff National Park, Canada's oldest national park just located 90 minutes west of the city of Calgary, Banff is world-renowned for its' easy access to the grandeur of the Canadian Rockies. Further past the town site of Banff is Lake Louise, and north of Lake Louise is the Icefields Parkway which takes you to the town of Jasper. Northeast of Calgary, and scenically a world away from Banff, is Drumheller, a 90-minute drive from Calgary. Drumheller is located in the Alberta Badlands and is home to the Royal Tyrrell Museum, considered one of the finest dinosaur museums in the world. There is so very much more to Alberta than what this paragraph can offer you, so please visit the excellent Travel Alberta website www.travelalberta.com for more ideas and destinations throughout our province.

Banff National Park



Drumheller; Royal Tyrrell Museum



Travel Alberta www.travelalberta.com and Visit Calgary <http://www.visitcalgary.com/> are excellent resources for Alberta's or Calgary attractions.

CMSA will do all they can to ensure your regatta is an enjoyable one. If you're looking for some, "local's only" advice or if you have any questions or concerns about the event do not hesitate to contact the three people below. We're here to host and to help. Hope to see you in September!

Notice of race will be published and posted soon.

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