

Notice of Race

2017 Fall Series

Thunder Bay Yacht Club

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The Fall Series is a two day series with the first day consisting of a number of short-course buoy races called Harbour Loops, and the second day consisting of a short distance off-shore race called Around the Welcomes. Combined scores from the events of both days will determine the series winner.

This Notice of Race is to be used in conjunction with the 2017 TBYC Sailing Instructions. In cases where a discrepancy exists between the Notice of Race and the 2017 TBYC Sailing Instructions the Notice of Race will take precedence.

Harbour Loops

1. Schedule

- a. The Fall Series "Harbour Loops" will be on the date specified on the TBYC Racing Schedule.
- b. Anticipated race start time will be 11:00 AM.
- c. Up to three races may be sailed throughout the day; however, the warning signal for the first division to start any race will not be made later than 3:30 PM.
- d. A skippers meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Pier One.

2. The Start

- a. After establishing the course, but no earlier than 10:50 AM, the Committee Boat will assume a position on the right end of the starting line and shall hoist the Race Committee (RC) Flag. Hoisting the RC Flag represents a ten minute warning for the first division(s) to start. A marker buoy trailing from the committee boat or anchored adjacent to it is to be regarded as a starting mark that shall be taken to starboard while starting.
- b. Approximately four minutes after the RC flag was raised the RC flag will be lowered.
- c. Five minutes after the RC flag was raised the flag for Division "C" will be raised, indicating five minutes until Division "C" starts.
- d. One minute after Division "C" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be raised indicating four minutes until Division "C" starts.
- e. Four minutes after Division "C" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be lowered indicating one minute until Division "C" starts.
- f. Five minutes after Division "C" flag was raised, Division "C" flag will be lowered indicating the start (go) for Division "C".
- g. Simultaneous with the prior step, the division "B" flag will be raised indicating five minutes until "B" division start. If there is a delay between the lowering and raising of division flags, the lowering of divisions "C" flag will act as the basis for the timing of "B" fleet start sequence.
- h. One minute after Division "B" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be raised indicating four minutes until Division "B" starts.
- i. Four minutes after Division "B" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be lowered indicating one minute until Division "B" starts.

- j. Five minutes after Division "B" flag was raised, Division "B" flag will be lowered indicating the start (go) for after Division "B".
- k. Simultaneous with the prior step, the division "A" flag will be raised indicating five minutes until Division "A" start. If there is a delay between the lowering and raising of division flags, the lowering of Division B flag will act as the basis for the timing of Division "A" start sequence.
- l. "A" fleet starting sequence will continue as described above (5, 4, 1, go) until "A" fleet has started.
- m. Divisions may be combined for starting purposes at the discretion of the Fleet Captain or PRO: e.g., no single boat division starts.
- n. Sound signals are for convenience only and are not required. Flag sequence will determine timing of all sequences.

3. The Course

- a. Races will be held outside the break wall unless weather conditions or the unavailability of a committee boat requires that the race be held inside the break wall.
- b. If the race is to be held outside the break wall the Primary Racing Official (PRO) will establish a windward-leeward course. The windward-leeward course shall be as follows:
 - 1) The starting line is a line between a marker buoy and the flagstaff of the committee boat.
 - 2) After crossing the starting line boats will sail to the windward mark designated for the division in which they are racing. An orange tetrahedron will be the designated windward mark for A and B Division. A yellow cylinder will be the designated windward mark for C Division. The PRO may change the designated marks, or designate one windward mark for all divisions by announcement on VHF Channel 72 prior to the warning for the first division to start.
 - 3) After leaving the windward mark to port, boats will proceed toward the leeward gate.
 - 4) After passing through the leeward gate from the windward side of the gate, boats will round either of the two buoys describing the gate and proceed again to the windward mark.
 - 5) After leaving the windward mark to port, boats will again proceed downwind toward the leeward gate.
 - 6) After passing through the leeward gate from the windward side of the gate, boats will round either of the two buoys describing the gate and proceed upwind to the finish line.
- c. If the race is to be held inside the break wall, the PRO will select either the North Course or South Course, basing the decision on the course that will provide the most upwind start. See the course descriptions for the Monday and Friday Pursuit Racing for further information regarding the North and South courses.

[Around the Welcomes](#)

1. Schedule

- a. The race will be on the date specified on the TBYC Racing Schedule.
- b. Anticipated race start time is 12:00 PM.
- c. A skippers meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on Pier One.

2. The Start

- d. The starting line will be a line set inside the break wall near the end of Pier One.
- e. If the RC boat is on station the PRO will manage the starting sequence using flag hoists and sound signals. If the RC boat is not on station a competing boat will be assigned to manage the starting sequence using sound signals only.
- f. All divisions will start together.
- g. Starting signals will follow the standard 5-4-1-start sequence. There will be a signal at five minutes prior to the start, another at four minutes prior, one at one minute prior and a final signal at the start ("go").
- h. Specific starting instructions will be provided at the skippers' meeting.

3. The Course – 14.2 Nautical Miles

- a. Boats will cross the start line in a north-eastern direction.
- b. Proceed to and pass through the Main Gap.
- c. Proceed to Welcome Island "A", leaving it to starboard.
- d. Proceed to Welcome Island Shoal Buoy "A6", leaving it to starboard.
- e. Proceed to and pass through the Main Gap.
- f. Proceed to the finish line. The finish line will be a line between the no-wake buoy off the end of Pier One and the flagpole beside Temple Reef Sailing Club on the end of Pier One.
- g. See Appendix A for a course diagram.
- h. The first boat to finish will remain on station for one hour to record subsequent finishing times. When the first boat to finish is no longer on station all boats must take their own finishing times using GPS time and report their finishing time to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

Appendix A: Around the Welcomes Course Diagram – 14.2 Nautical Miles

