

Offshore Series  
June 23 – September 22, 2018.  
Thunder Bay Yacht Club  
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*The organizing authority (OA) is the Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC).*

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation [NP] in a rule in the Notice of Race means that breaches in this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020*.
- 1.2 Each boat shall comply with all Transport Canada and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations. [DP]

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Official notices, including changes to this Notice of Race will be posted on the TBYC website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)) no later than 8:00 PM on the day before the notice takes effect.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions for each race of the series will be posted on the TBYC website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)) no later than 8 PM on the day before the race to which they apply.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY AND FEES**

- 3.1 A boat entered in the TBYC full season racing program season may enter the series by starting any of the races in the series.
- 3.2 A boat that is a member of a recognized yacht club may enter a single race in the series by submitting a completed TBYC Race Entry and Waiver Form and fee of \$ 40.00, and proof of insurance (third-party liability with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000) no later than the time of the skippers' meeting. Forms are available at the TBYC website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)).
- 3.3 A boat may not be scored if her entry and waiver form, proof of insurance, and payment have not been received prior to racing.
- 3.4 A boat's owner or designated person-in-charge shall attend the skippers' meeting for each race in which she competes. [DP]

### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 The TBYC Offshore Series consists of five separate offshore races.
- 4.2 Dates and times:
  - Saturday, June 23, 2018 - Sawyer Bay race, 18 nm.

- Skippers' meeting at the Crew Bench at 10 AM, start at noon.
- Sunday, July 22, 2018 - Silver Islet Race, 19 nm.  
Skippers' meeting at Silver Islet dock at 11 AM, start at noon.
  - Saturday, August 4, 2018 - International race, 77 nm.  
Skippers' meeting at the boat launch ramps beside the Coast Guard base in Grand Marais, MN, USA, at 11 AM ET (10 AM CT), start at noon ET (11 AM CT).
  - Friday, August 24, 2018 - Spar Channel race, 50 nm.  
Skippers' meeting at the Crew Bench at 6 PM, start at 7:00 PM.
  - Saturday, September 22, 2018 - Thunder Bay Triangle race, 35 nm.  
Skippers' meeting at the Crew Bench at 10 AM, start at 11 AM.
- 4.3 No more than five races will be sailed.
- 4.4 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

## **5 INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT**

A boat and its equipment may be inspected or measured at any reasonable time for compliance with the rules, applicable laws, safety regulations, and the TBYC PHRF Rating system (NoR 6).

## **6 RATINGS**

- 6.1 The TBYC Rating Committee or Fleet Captain will assign each boat a rating based on the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) system ([www.lmphrf.org](http://www.lmphrf.org)).
- 6.2 The TBYC Rating Committee or Fleet Captain will assign a provisional rating for any boat that is not rated by the LMPHRF system.
- 6.3 A boat entered to race in the JAM (jib-and-main) division will be assigned a rating based on the LMPHRF non-spinnaker handicap rating for its design.
- 6.4 Prior to racing the TBYC Rating Committee or Fleet Captain will assign competing boats to a division by grouping boats of similar ratings with consideration for the total number of boats registered to race.

## **7 RACING AREAS (See Appendix A)**

- 7.1 Each boat shall have on board current nautical charts appropriate to the location of the racing areas. [DP].
- The Sawyer Bay, Silver Islet, and Thunder Bay Triangle races will take place in and near Thunder Bay on western Lake Superior.
  - The Spar Channel race will take place on western Lake Superior between the port of Thunder Bay and Spar Channel.
  - The International Race will take place on western Lake Superior between Grand Marais, MI, USA and Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The course descriptions below are for general information only. Detailed instructions will be provided in the sailing instructions for each race.

- Sawyer Bay race: Prince Arthur's Landing Marina to Sawyer Bay via Option A, leaving Hare Island to port; or Option B, leaving Papoose Island to starboard. Option A or B will be selected at the skippers' meeting on the day of the race.
- Silver Islet race: Silver Islet to Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
- International race: Grand Marais, MN, USA to Prince Arthur's Landing Marina, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.
- Spar Channel race: Prince Arthur's Landing Marina, leave Spar Island to port, leave Angus Island to port, finish at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
- Thunder Bay Triangle race: Prince Arthur's Landing Marina, leave Pie Island to starboard, finish at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first two sentences of rule RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-turns Penalty."

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 The series will be scored according to RRS Appendix A using RRS Appendix A9 "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta". This changes RRS Appendix A4.2
- 10.2 The number of boats entered in the series for each division will be the greatest number of boats that started in that division in any single race of the series.
- 10.2 A race shall not be scored unless three or more boats, counting all divisions, come to the starting area.
- 10.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute the series.

## **11 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats. [DP]

## **12 PRIZES**

- 12.1 Trophies (keeper plaques) are awarded annually to division winners as follows:
  - Sawyer Bay race: Dieter Bommers Memorial trophy.
  - Silver Islet race: Silver Islet Centennial trophy.
  - International race: various trophies for division winners on corrected time, division winners for line honours, and overall winners (corrected time and line honours).
  - Spar Channel race: Spar Channel trophy.
  - Thunder Bay Triangle race: Arnold Murtomaki Memorial trophy.
  - Offshore Series Overall: Richard Clarke Memorial trophy.

## **13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

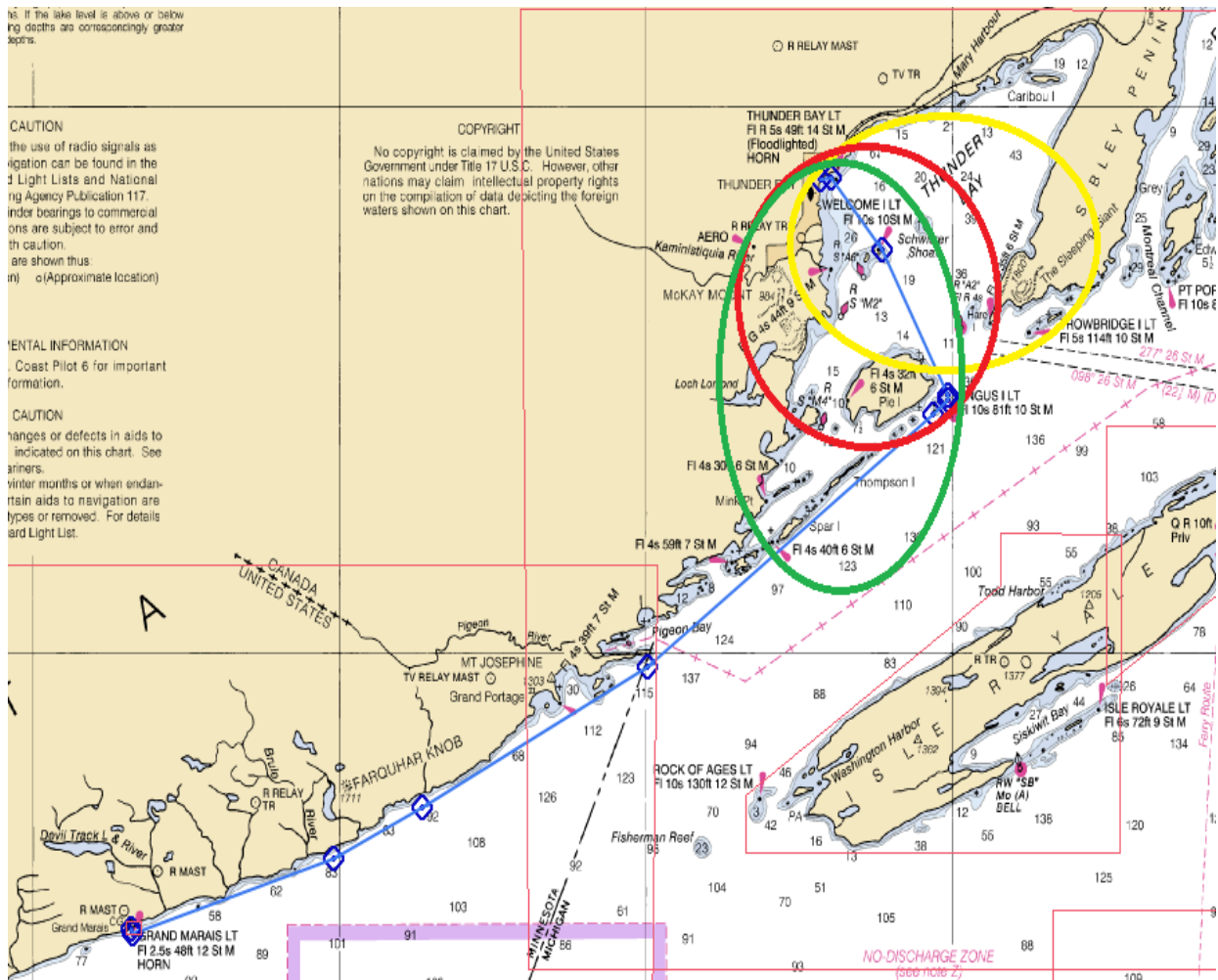
Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and its race committee, protest committee, race officers, sponsors, members,

directors, guests, employees, and volunteers, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

## 14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact TBYC Fleet Captain, Bob Vander Ploeg at [bobvp@shaw.ca](mailto:bobvp@shaw.ca) or 807-630-3745.

### APPENDIX A Racing Areas



- Sawyer Bay and Silver Islet racing areas indicated by the yellow oval.
- International race course indicated by the blue line.
- Spar Channel racing area indicated by the green oval.
- Thunder Bay Triangle racing area indicated by the red circle.