

Short-handed Race
Saturday, June 24, 2023
Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC)
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

1.1 The event is governed by:

- the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*,
- the current World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code (available at www.sailing.org)
- the Safety Equipment Requirements published in the current Transport Canada Safe Boater Guide (available at www.tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/office-boating-safety), and
- The Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) handicap rating system (available at www.mwphrf.org).

1.2 A boat shall compete with no more than two crew. A boat with two crew shall compete in the double-handed class, and a boat with one crew shall compete in the single-handed class.

1.3 A boat may use an autopilot or other self-steering device. This changes RRS 52.

1.4 A boat's person-in-charge shall attend the competitors' meeting.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be provided at the competitors' meeting.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Keelboats owned by TBYC full, co-owner, or racing members in good standing are eligible to enter the race. A TBYC member shall be aboard a boat while it is racing.

3.2 Keelboats owned by a member in good standing of a yacht or sailing club recognized by the race committee are eligible to enter the race. The owner shall be aboard a boat while it is racing.

4 Schedule

4.1 The competitors' meeting will be held at 1100 on the scheduled day of the race at the Crew Bench between Pier 1 and Pier 2 at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.

4.2 The warning signal will be made at 1155. The race will start at 1200.

4.3 If the race is abandoned, it will not be re-sailed.

5 Communications

5.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 16 and 72.

5.2 After the start, all boats shall monitor VHF channel 16.

5.3 While *racing*, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats, except in an emergency.

7 Course

7.1 The course will be around fixed navigational buoys inside and outside the breakwall:

- *Start.*
- Sail through the main gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to port.
- Leave P2 to port.
- Sail through the main gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to starboard.
- Leave HA1 to port.
- Finish.

7.3 Course length is 8.8 nm.

8 The Start

8.1 All classes will start together.

8.2 The race will be started using sound signals only. A competing boat will volunteer to signal the warning at 1155, preparatory at 1156, one minute at 1159, and start at 1200. The race will start at 1200 by GPS time even if the sound signals are advanced, delayed, or absent. This changes RRS 26.

8.3 There will be no recalls. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the start time, it shall sail until its hull is completely on the pre-start side of the starting line before *starting*. This changes RRS 29.

8.4 The starboard end of the starting line will be the second (counting from south to north) of the four "no wake" buoys off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. The port end of the starting line will be the flagstaff on the end of Pier 1.

8.5 Additional instructions may be provided at the competitors' meeting.

9 The Finish

9.1 The port end of the finishing line will be the second (counting from south to north) of the four "no wake" buoys off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. The starboard end of the finishing line will be the flagstaff on the end of Pier 1.

9.2 A boat that *finishes* shall record her GPS finishing time, and the names or sail numbers of the boats that *finish* immediately before and/or after her if possible. Finishing times and positions shall be reported to the Fleet Captain at the first reasonable opportunity.

10 Ratings and Scoring

10.1 Races will be scored using PHRF time-on-time handicapping to correct boats' finishing times.

10.2 A boat shall provide a valid MWPHRF rating certificate (preferred), or a completed TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form to the race committee before racing: however, a boat's handicap rating will be assigned by the race committee. The race committee will assign a provisional rating for a boat design that is not rated by MWPHRF.

10.3 Any fundamental change to a boat, including but not limited to its hull, ballast, rigging, sail plan (including new sails), foils, or propulsion system shall be reported to the race committee.

10.4 The race committee may adjust a boat's previously assigned rating or provisional rating based on prevailing weather conditions, competitive balance, or alterations or modifications deemed to give the boat a competitive advantage or disadvantage.

10.5 A boat may appeal its assigned rating by requesting redress. The request should be supported by a valid MWPHRF rating certificate.

11 Penalty System

- 11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to read: "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 one or more *rules* of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

12 Protests

- 12.1 A *protest* shall be made in writing and delivered to the Fleet Captain or designate within two hours after the last boat in the race *finishes*. A *protest* may be delivered by text message or email provided it includes the required information (RRS 61.2) and is sent within the time limit for delivery.
- 12.2 Request for Hearing forms may be used to make a *protest* or request for redress in writing. The forms are available at www.tbyc.on.ca/forms-and-documents.
- 12.3 *Protests* and requests for redress will be heard by a protest committee of three or more people. The protest committee members and chair will be appointed by the Fleet Captain or designate, and shall be full or racing members of TBYC or Temple Reef Sailing Club.

13 Safety

- 13.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify other competitors, and the Fleet Captain or designate at the first reasonable opportunity
- 13.2 A boat shall carry a GPS receiver, and paper or electronic charts suitable for navigation.
- 13.3 A boat shall carry a VHF transceiver.
- 13.4 All persons aboard a boat shall wear a life-jacket or PFD at the start and the finish.

14 Prizes

- 14.1 A plaque on the Lakehead Power Squadron Trophy is awarded to the winning boat in each class.

15 Risk Statement

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16 Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$ 2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 Further Information

17.1 For further information please contact the TBYC Fleet Captain, Bob Vander Ploeg: Email bobvdp60@gmail.com, or phone 807-630-3745.