

Wednesday Night Series
May 22 – October 9, 2024
Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC)
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1. The event is governed by:

- 1.1.1. the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024,
- 1.1.2. the current World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code
- 1.1.3. the Safety Equipment Requirements published in the current Transport Canada Safe Boater Guide, and
- 1.1.4. The Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) handicap rating system.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at

<http://www.tbyc.on.ca/forms-and-documents> before 8 PM on the day before the first scheduled race.

3. Eligibility, Entry, Fees and Payment

- 3.1. Keelboats owned by a TBYC full, co-owner, or full racing member in good standing are eligible to enter the series. A TBYC full, co-owner, or full racing member in good standing 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 individual races in the series. The owner shall be aboard a boat while it is racing.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter the series or individual races in the series by submitting a completed 2024 TBYC Race Registration and Waiver Form, and valid MWPHRF Certificate or TBYC PHRF Application Form.
- 3.4. TBYC Race Registration and TBYC PHRF Application forms are available at <http://www.tbyc.on.ca/forms-and-documents>
- 3.5. A boat will not be scored if its entry documents have not been received prior to racing.
- 3.6. Registration fees are as listed in the 2024 TBYC Race Registration and Waiver Form.
- 3.7. TBYC Members will be invoiced for their registration fee by the TBYC bookkeeper. Non-member boats shall make arrangements for payment with the Fleet Captain before racing.

4. Advertising

- 4.1. The right to display advertising on a boat is governed by World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code (2021) which requires prior authorization by the relevant national authority, i.e., Sail Canada.
5. Schedule
 - 5.1. Dates of racing: each Wednesday from May 22, 2024 to October 9, 2024 excluding Wednesday, July 25. The total number of scheduled races is twenty (20).
 - 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each evening will be 6:15 PM from May 22 to September 11, and 6:00 PM from September 18 to October 9.
 - 5.3. An abandoned race will not be re-sailed.
6. Inspection
 - 6.1. The race committee may inspect a boat and its equipment at any time or place for compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, MWPHRF rules, or the Safety Equipment Requirements published in the current Transport Canada Safe Boater Guide. The race committee shall give reasonable notice to the boat's owner or person-in-charge before conducting an inspection.
7. Venue and Courses
 - 7.1. The racing area will be Thunder Bay Harbour, and courses may be set inside or outside the breakwall.
 - 7.2. Courses outside the breakwall will be windward/leeward around inflatable marks; approximately 5 nm.
 - 7.3. Courses inside the breakwall will be around navigational buoys and/or inflatable marks; approximately 5 nm.
8. Penalty System
 - 8.1. 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."
9. Scoring
 - 9.1. The race committee shall abandon a race unless three or more boats, counting all classes, come to the starting area.
 - 9.2. Races will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Time handicapping to correct boats' finishing places.
 - 9.3. RRS A 5.3 applies.
 - 9.4. One race is required to be completed to constitute the series.
 - 9.5. The series will be scored using each boat's best finishes in 60% plus one of the races scored. A fraction greater than or equal to 0.5 will be rounded up to the

nearest whole number; a fraction less than 0.5 will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. This changes RRS A 2.1.

10. Ratings

- 10.1. Before the first scheduled race, the race committee will assign each competing boat to a class by grouping boats of similar ratings and/or sail plans.
- 10.2. A boat shall provide a valid MWPHRF rating certificate (preferred) or a completed TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form to the race committee prior to racing, however, a boat's 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, or for which a completed rating application form has not been received.
- 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 as soon as reasonably possible to the race committee using the TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form.
- 10.4. The race committee may adjust a boat's previously assigned rating or provisional rating based on prevailing weather conditions, competitive balance, alterations or modifications deemed to give the boat a competitive advantage or disadvantage, or failure to submit a completed TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form prior to racing.
- 10.5. A boat may appeal its assigned rating by requesting redress. A request for redress from a rating assigned by the race committee will not be considered without a valid MWPHRF rating certificate.

11. Prizes

- 11.1. The name of the winning boat in each class is inscribed on a plaque on the Donald Keith Dickey Memorial Trophy annually.

12. Risk Statement

- 12.1. 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.

13. Insurance

- 13.1. 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.

14. Further Information

14.1. For further information contact the TBYC Fleet Captain at racing@tbyc.on.ca