

On Deck Wednesday Night Series 2022

June 1 – October 5, 2022

Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC)

Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 1.1 Changes to the sailing instructions and official notices will be posted at www.tbyc.on.ca/racing/races/wednesday-series before 8:00 PM on the day before they will take effect.

2 Signals Made Ashore

- 2.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat docked at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina, Pier 1 North, Dock D.

3 Communications

- 3.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 16 and 72.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio Channel 72.
- 3.3 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.

4 Class Flags

- 4.1 Class flags will be flags displaying an upper case letter A, B, or C on a contrasting background. The "A" flag will be the class flag for Class A, the "B" flag for Class B, and the "C" flag for Class C.

5 Courses

- 5.1 The course will consist of three windward legs and two leeward legs (W3/L2), set using inflatable drop *marks*.
- (a) Leg 1 (W1): after crossing the starting line a boat shall sail to the windward *mark* designated for its class. The windward *mark* for Class A and B will be an orange tetrahedron. The windward *mark* for Class C will be a yellow tetrahedron. (The race committee may change the shape or colour of the windward *marks*, or designate one windward *mark* for all classes by announcement on VHF channel 72 prior to the warning signal for the first class to *start*.)
- (b) Leg 2 (L1): A boat shall round its windward *mark* to port, then sail to the leeward gate. The leeward gate will be two orange inflatable *marks*. The boat shall sail through the leeward gate from the course side, then round either of the two *marks* forming the ends of the gate.
- (c) Leg 3 (W2): A boat shall sail again toward the windward *mark* designated for its class.

(d) Leg 4 (L2): A boat shall round its windward *mark* to port, then sail again to the leeward gate. The boat shall sail through the leeward gate from the course side, then round either of the two *marks* forming the ends of the gate.

(e) Leg 5 (W3): A boat shall sail to and cross the finishing line.

5.2 When it is not practical to race outside the breakwall, and in preference to *abandoning* a race, the course may be set inside the breakwall using navigational buoys and fixed *marks*. The race committee may select either the Monday Evening North Course, or the Friday Evening South Course to provide the best upwind start. These courses are described at www.tbyc.on.ca/protest/races/pursuit-series.

6 The Start

6.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal for each class will be made five minutes before the starting signal for that class. The warning signals for each class will be made as follows: from June 1 to September 14 Class C warning at 6:15 PM, Class B warning at 6:20 PM, and Class A warning at 6:25 PM. From September 21 to October 5 Class C warning will be at 6:00 PM, Class B warning at 6:05 PM, and Class A warning at 6:10 PM.

6.2 The starting line is between the flagstaff displaying the RC flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the course side of an orange inflatable *mark* on the port end.

6.3 The starting area shall be a rectangle extending 60 m to windward and 60 m to leeward of the starting line, and extending 60 m beyond each end of the starting line. A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

6.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at its starting signal and it is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail it by name or number. Failure to hail it by name or number, and/or failure to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7 The Finish

7.1 The finishing line is between the flagstaff displaying the RC flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the course side of a nearby inflatable *mark* at the port end.

7.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat *finishes*, it shall report its GPS finishing time and position relative to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

7.3 If a finishing *mark* is missing, but another one remains in place, the finishing line is a line through the remaining *mark* at a 90° angle to the bearing of the last leg and of the shortest practicable length.

8 Time Limits

8.1 A race will be *abandoned* if no boat has *finished* within 2.5 hours of the starting signal for the last class to *start*.

9 Protests

9.1 A boat intending to *protest* another boat shall notify the race committee of the name(s) of the boat(s) it intends to *protest* before leaving the racing area. The protest committee shall waive this requirement if there is good reason to do so. A boat notifying the race committee of its intention

to *protest* shall do so in a manner that will not interfere with the race committee's duties.

- 9.2 A *protest* shall be made in writing and delivered to the Fleet Captain or designate within one hour of the race committee boat's recorded docking time. 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.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 *Protests* and requests for redress will be heard by a protest committee of three or more people. The protest committee chair will be appointed by the race committee, and shall be a full or racing member of TBYC (preferred), or a full or racing member of Temple Reef Sailing Club. Other protest committee members will be appointed by the race committee or the protest committee chair.

10 Safety Regulations

- 10.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity

11 Prizes

- 11.1 The Donald Dickey Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winning boat in each class 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 Further Information

- 13.1 For further information please contact the TBYC Fleet Captain, Geoff Hall: Email denlow@live.ca, or phone 807-473-7556.

