

On Deck Wednesday Night Series 2022
June 1 – October 5, 2022
Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC)
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

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).

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at www.tbyc.on.ca/racing/races/wednesday-series before 8 PM on the day before the first scheduled race.

3 Eligibility, Entry, Fees and Payment

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

3.3 Eligible boats may enter the series or a single race by submitting a completed Race Registration and Waiver Form, and valid MWPHRF Certificate (preferred) or TBYC PHRF Application Form to the Fleet Captain or designate (see Notice of Race 16, Further Information below). Forms are available at www.tbyc.on.ca/forms-and-documents.

3.4 A boat will not be scored if its entry documents have not been received prior to racing.

3.5 Registration fees are as listed in the TBYC Race Registration and Waiver Form.

3.6 TBYC Members will be invoiced for their registration fee by the TBYC bookkeeper. Boats not owned by a TBYC full, co-owner, or racing member in good standing shall make arrangements for payment with the Fleet Captain or designate 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 June 1, 2022 to October 5, 2022 inclusive. The total number of scheduled races is nineteen (19)
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be 6:15 PM from June 1 to September 14, and 6:00 PM from September 21 to October 5.

6 Inspection

- 6.1 The race committee or its designate may inspect a boat and its equipment at any time for compliance with the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, notice of race, 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 may be inside or outside the breakwall.
- 7.2 Courses outside the breakwall will be windward/leeward, 5 legs; approximately 5 nm. Courses inside the breakwall will be around navigational buoys and fixed *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 race scheduled race, the race committee will assign all competing boats to one of class A, B, or C by grouping boats of similar ratings.
- 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 Risk Statement

- 11.1 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.**

12 Insurance

- 12.1 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.

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.

