

Notice of Race

2017 Spring Series

Thunder Bay Yacht Club

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The Spring Series is a two day series with the first day consisting of a number of short-course buoy races named Harbour Loops, and the second day consisting of a short distance off-shore race named the Burke Shoal Race. Combined scores from the events of both days will determine the series winner.

This Notice of Race is to be used in conjunction with the 2017 TBYC Sailing Instructions. In cases where a discrepancy exists between the Notice of Race and the 2017 TBYC Sailing Instructions the Notice of Race will take precedence.

Harbour Loops

1. Schedule

1.1 The Harbour Loops will be on the date specified on the TBYC Racing Schedule.

1.2 Anticipated start time of the first race will be 11:00 AM. The warning signal for subsequent races will be raised as soon after the last race as is practical, considering potential course changes and the time required for boats to return to the leeward end of the course.

1.3 A skippers meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Pier One.

1.4 Up to three races may be sailed throughout the day; however, the warning signal for the first division to start any race will not be made later than 3:30 PM.

2. The Start

2.1 After establishing the course, but no earlier than 10:50 AM, the Committee Boat will assume a position on the right end of the starting line and shall hoist the Race Committee (RC) Flag. Hoisting the RC Flag represents a ten minute warning for the first division(s) to start. A marker buoy trailing from the committee boat or anchored adjacent to it is to be regarded as a starting mark that shall be taken to starboard while starting.

2.2 Approximately four minutes after the RC flag was raised the RC flag will be lowered.

2.3 Five minutes after the RC flag was raised the flag for Division "C" will be raised, indicating **five** minutes until Division "C" starts.

2.4 One minute after Division "C" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be raised indicating **four** minutes until Division "C" starts.

2.5 Four minutes after Division "C" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be lowered indicating **one** minute until Division "C" starts.

2.6 Five minutes after Division "C" flag was raised, Division "C" flag will be lowered indicating the start (**go**) for Division "C".

2.7 Simultaneous with the prior step, the division "B" flag will be raised indicating five minutes until "B" division start. If there is a delay between the lowering and raising of division flags, the lowering of divisions "C" flag will act as the basis for the timing of "B" fleet start sequence.

2.8 One minute after Division "B" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be raised indicating **four** minutes until Division "B" starts.

2.9 Four minutes after Division "B" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be lowered indicating one minute until Division "B" starts.

2.10 Five minutes after Division "B" flag was raised, Division "B" flag will be lowered indicating the start (**go**) for after Division "B".

2.11 Simultaneous with the prior step, the division "A" flag will be raised indicating five minutes until Division "A" start. If there is a delay between the lowering and raising of division flags, the lowering of Division B flag will act as the basis for the timing of Division "A" start sequence.

2.12 "A" fleet starting sequence will continue as described above (5, 4, 1, go) until "A" fleet has started.

2.13 Divisions may be combined for starting purposes at the discretion of the Fleet Captain or PRO: e.g., no single boat division starts.

2.14 Sound signals are for convenience only and are not required. Flag sequence will determine timing of all sequences.

3. The Course

3.1 Races will be held outside the break wall unless weather conditions or the unavailability of a committee boat requires that the race be held inside the break wall.

3.2 If the race is to be held outside the break wall the Primary Racing Official (PRO) will establish a windward-leeward course. The windward-leeward course will be as follows:

- The starting line is a line between a marker buoy and the flagstaff of the committee boat.
- After crossing the starting line, boats will proceed to the windward mark.
- After rounding the windward mark to port, boats will proceed toward the leeward gate.
- After passing through the leeward gate from the direction of the windward mark, boats will round either of the two buoys describing the gate and proceed again to the windward mark.
- After rounding the windward mark to port, boats will proceed again toward the leeward gate.
- After passing through the leeward gate from the direction of the windward mark, boats will round either of the two buoys describing the gate and proceed to the finish line.

3.3 If the race is to be held inside the break wall, the PRO will select either the North Course or South Course, basing the decision on the course that will provide the most upwind start. See the course descriptions for the Monday and Friday Pursuit Racing for further information regarding the North and South courses.

Burke Shoal Race

1. Schedule

1.1 The Burke Shoal Race will be on the date specified on the TBYC Racing Schedule.

1.2 Anticipated race start time is 12:00 PM.

1.3 A skippers meeting will be held at 11:00 PM on Pier One.

2. The Start

2.1 The starting area will be off the end of Pier 1.

2.2 The starting line will be a line between between a marker buoy and the flagstaff of the committee boat.

2.3 All divisions will start together

2.4 Specific starting instructions will be provided during the skippers' meeting.

3. The Course - 14.7 Nautical Miles

3.1 Boats shall cross the start line in a north-eastern direction, and proceed to the Main Gap.

3.2 After passing through the Main Gap boats shall proceed to the Burke Shoal Buoy (AA3), leaving it to

port.

3.3 Proceed to Welcome Island Shoal Buoy (A6), leaving it to port.

3.4 Leave Welcome Island B to port.

3.5 Proceed through the Main Gap and from the Main Gap to the Finish line. The finish line will be a line between the no-wake buoy off the end of Pier One the flagstaff on the end of Pier One

3.6 See Appendix A for a course diagram.

3.7 The first boat to finish shall remain on station for one hour to record subsequent finishing times and protest notifications. When the first boat to finish is no longer on station, all boats shall take their own finishing times using GPS time and report their finishing time to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

Appendix A: Burke Shoal Race Course Diagram – 14.7 Nautical Miles

