

Spring Series
June 16 - 17, 2018.
Thunder Bay Yacht Club
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority (OA) is the Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC).

The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule in the Notice of Race means that breaches in this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 1.2 Each boat shall comply with all Transport Canada and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations. [DP]

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Official notices, including changes to this Notice of Race will be posted on the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca) no later than 8:00 PM on the day before the notice takes effect.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will be posted on the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca) no later than 8 PM of the day before the first scheduled race.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1 A boat already entered in the TBYC full or half-season racing program season is eligible to race.
- 3.2 A boat that is a member of a recognized yacht club may be entered in the series by submitting a completed TBYC Race Entry and Waiver Form and fee of \$ 75.00, and proof of insurance (third-party liability with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000) no later than the time of the skippers' meeting. Forms are available at the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca). [DP]
- 3.3 A boat may not be scored if her entry documents and proof of insurance have not been received prior to racing. [DP]
- 3.4 To be eligible to race the owner or designated person-in-charge shall attend the skippers' meeting. [DP]
- 3.5 Prior to racing the TBYC Rating Committee or Fleet Captain will assign competing boats to a division by grouping boats of similar ratings with consideration for the total number of boats registered to race.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The Spring Series is a two day series with the first day consisting of up to three short-course buoy races called Harbour Loops, and the second day consisting of a short-distance offshore race called the Burke Shoal Race.
- 4.2 Dates of racing: Saturday, June 16 and Sunday June 17, 2018.
- 4.3 Number of races: up to 4
- 4.4 The skippers' meeting will take place at 11 AM each day at the Crew Bench between Pier 1 and Pier 2 at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
- 4.5 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 11:55 AM on each scheduled day of racing.
- 4.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 4 PM.
- 4.7 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

5 INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

A boat and its equipment may be inspected or measured at any reasonable time for compliance with the rules, applicable laws, safety regulations, and the TBYC PHRF Rating system (NoR 6). [DP]

6 RATINGS

- 6.1 The TBYC Rating Committee or Fleet Captain will assign each boat a rating based on the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) system (www.lmphrf.org).
- 6.2 The TBYC Rating Committee or Fleet Captain will assign a provisional rating for any boat that is not rated by the LMPHRF system.
- 6.3 A boat entered to race in the JAM (jib-and-main) division will be assigned a rating based on the LMPHRF non-spinnaker handicap rating for its design.

7 VENUE

Racing may take place anywhere in or near the port of Thunder Bay, inside or outside the harbour breakwall. Appendix A shows the location of the racing areas. The area bounded in red is the racing area for the Harbour Loops. The course for the Burke Shoal Race is shown with a black line.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be:

- 8.1 Harbour Loops:
 - 8.1.1 Windward/leeward courses (start-1-2-1-2-finish) around inflatable marks, outside the breakwall, or
 - 8.1.2 Inside the breakwall around fixed navigational marks using the Monday Evening North Course, or the Friday Evening South Course. The Race Committee will select the course that provides the best upwind start. See the course descriptions under Pursuit Series on the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca).
- 8.2 Burke Shoal: Starts and finishes near Pier 1. 14.7 nm around fixed navigational marks including the Main Gap, Burke Shoal (AA3), Welcome Island Shoal (A6), and Welcome Island "B".
- 8.3 As determined by the Race Committee.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

The first two sentences of rule RRS 44.1 are changed to: “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 a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-turns Penalty.”

10 SCORING

10.1 The series will be scored according to RRS Appendix A.

10.2 A race shall not be scored unless three or more boats, counting all divisions, come to the starting area.

10.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.4 All race scores will be included in scoring the series.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats. [DP]

12 PRIZES

12.1 The Port Cup Challenge trophy (keeper plaque) is awarded annually to the winner of the Burke Shoal race.

12.2 The Lake Superior Sailing Trophy (keeper plaque) is awarded annually to the winner of the Spring Series.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and its race committee, protest committee, race officers, sponsors, members, directors, guests, employees, and volunteers, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact TBYC Fleet Captain, Bob Vander Ploeg at bobvp@shaw.ca or 807-630-3745.

