

2018 Spring Series  
June 16 – 17, 2018  
Thunder Bay Yacht Club  
Thunder Bay, Ontario

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.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Each boat shall comply with all Transport Canada and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Official notices, including changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC) website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)) no later than 8 PM on the day before the notices take effect.
- 2.2 The race committee may change the sailing instructions on the water by announcement on VHF radio channel 72 prior to the warning signal.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

### 4 RACING AREAS

Each boat shall have on board current nautical charts appropriate for the racing areas. [DP]

### 5 HARBOUR LOOPS

#### 5.1 Schedule:

- June 16, 2018.
- 11:00 AM, skippers' meeting at the Crew Bench between Pier 1 and Pier 2.
- 11:55 AM, warning signal for the first race.
- No more than three races will be sailed.
- No warning signal will be made after 4:00 PM.

- A race will be abandoned if at least one boat of any division has not finished within 2.5 hours of the start signal for the last division to start. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- Abandoned races will not be re-sailed

#### 5.2 Class Flags:

Class flags will be flags displaying a letter A, B, or C on a contrasting background. Flag A will be the class flag for Division A, Flag B will be the class flag for Division B, etc.

#### 5.3 Course Outside the Breakwall:

- The course will be a windward/leeward course around inflatable marks, approximately 5 nm total distance (see Appendix A).
- The designated windward mark for A and B Division will be an inflatable orange tetrahedron. The designated windward mark for C Division will be an inflatable orange cylinder.
- The race committee may change the designated windward marks, or designate one windward mark for all divisions by announcement on VHF Channel 72 prior to the warning signal for the affected division(s).

#### 5.4 The Start:

- The start line will be between a staff on the race committee boat displaying an "RC" flag at the starboard end and a nearby inflatable mark at the port end.
- The "RC" flag will be displayed approximately five (5) minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- Races will start by divisions using RRS 26. Class flags A, B, and C will signal the warnings for the start of their respective divisions. Divisions will start in order C, B, A.
- The race committee may combine divisions for starting purposes.
- The starting area is a rectangle extending 60 m to windward and 60 m to leeward of the start line, and 60 m beyond each end of the start line. A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall not enter or remain in the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. A boat violating this rule is subject to protest and disqualification for doing so, and must keep clear of boats maneuvering in the starting box in conformance with this rule. A boat violating this rule may exonerate herself by doing a One-Turn Penalty at the first reasonable opportunity after she has started. [DP]

#### 5.5 The Finish:

- The finish line will be between a staff on the race committee boat displaying an "RC" flag at the starboard end and a nearby inflatable mark at the port end.
- If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall record her GPS finishing time, and (if possible) the names and finish times of the boats that finish immediately

before and after her. Finishing times and positions shall be reported to the Fleet Captain at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

- If one of the finishing marks is missing, the finish line is a line through the remaining mark at a 90° angle to the last leg and 60 m long. A boat finishes when she crosses the finish line leaving the remaining mark to port.

#### 5.6 Course Inside the Breakwall:

- The course will be around fixed navigational marks using the Monday Evening “North” Course, or the Friday Evening “South” Course (see Appendix B for course descriptions including the start and finish lines, and distances). The race committee will select the course that provides the best upwind start.

## 6 BURKE SHOAL

### 6.1 Schedule:

- June 17, 2018.
- 11:00 AM, skippers’ meeting at the Crew Bench between Pier 1 and Pier 2.
- 11:55 AM, warning signal for the first race.
- One race will be sailed.
- No warning signal will be made after 2:00 PM.
- An abandoned race will not be re-sailed.

### 6.2 Class Flags:

All boat will start as one division. The warning signal will be a flag displaying the letter “A” on a contrasting background.

### 6.3 Course:

- See Appendix C.
- The starting area will be near the end of Pier 1.
- The course will be:
  - Across the start line in a north-eastern direction,
  - Through the Main Gap,
  - Leave the Burke Shoal buoy (AA3) to port,
  - Leave the Welcome Island Shoal buoy (A6) to port,
  - Leave Welcome Island “B” to port,
  - Through the Main Gap, and
  - Across the finish line from the course side.

### 6.4 The Start:

- The start line will be between a staff displaying an “RC” flag at one end of the line and a nearby mark. The staff may be on the race committee boat or on the eastern end of Pier 1. The nearby mark may be an inflatable drop mark or a designated no-wake buoy.

- An “RC” flag will be displayed approximately five (5) minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- The race will start using RRS 26. The warning signal will be class flag “A” (see SI 6.2).

#### 6.5 The Finish:

- The finish line will be between a designated no-wake buoy near the end of Pier 1 and the flagstaff on the eastern end of Pier 1. If the designated no-wake buoy is missing, the finish line will be a line extended due east from the flagstaff and 60 m long.
- If the race committee is absent, the first boat to finish shall record her GPS finishing time, remain on station for one hour, and record the GPS finishing times and positions of all boats that finish during that time. Finishing times and positions shall be reported to the Fleet Captain at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]
- If the first boat to finish is no longer on station, a boat that finishes shall record her GPS finishing time, and (if possible) the finishing times and positions of the boats that finish immediately before and after her. Finishing times and positions shall be reported to the Fleet Captain or designate at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

## 7 RECALLS

A general recall will follow RRS 29.2. The class that has been recalled shall immediately vacate the starting area. The warning signal for the recalled class will be made no sooner than the starting signal of the last of any other classes that have not yet started. This change RRS 29.2

## 8 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.”

## 9 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 9.1 A boat **intending** to protest shall **notify** the race committee at the finish line of the name(s) of the boat(s) being protested and the boat protesting before leaving the racing area. The protest committee shall waive this requirement if there is good reason to do so (e.g., race committee absent, or serious damage or injury).
- 9.2 A protest shall be **made** in writing, according to RRS 61.2., using the protest forms available on the TBYC website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)), and delivered to the Fleet Captain no later than two hours after the last boat (any division) finishes the last race of the day.
- 9.3 Protests will be heard by a protest committee of three or more people. The protest committee chair will be a full or racing member of TBYC or Temple Reef Sailing Club (TRSC), and will be appointed by the Fleet Captain. Other committee members will be members of TBYC or TRSC, and will be appointed by the Fleet Captain or protest committee chair.

## 10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 10.2 A race will not be scored unless three or more boats, counting all divisions, come to the starting area. This changes RRS 35.
- 10.3 The races and series will be scored according to RRS Appendix A. No scores will be excluded.
- 10.4 Harbour Loops races will be scored using time-on-time to correct boats' finishing places. The Burke Shoal race will be scored using time-on-distance to correct boats' finishing places.

## **11 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee and/or other boats as soon as possible. [DP]

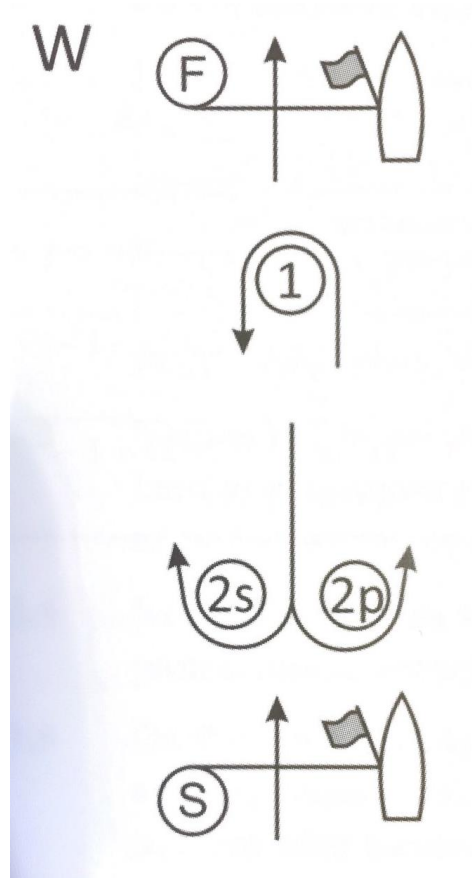
## **12 CREW LIMIT**

- 12.1 A boat's crew shall be limited to the number of crew permitted by the LMPHRF rating for her design, or the number assigned by the TBYC Ratings Committee. A boat's crew limit may be exceeded provided she notifies the race committee before leaving the dock. [DP]
- 12.2 A boat may elect to relieve another boat of her excess crew. If no boat elects to do so, the overlimit boat is deemed to comply with her crew limit.

## **13 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 is not available to all boats. [DP]

APPENDIX A  
Course Outside the Breakwall



Mark Rounding Order: Start - 1- 2s/sp – 1 – 2s/2p - Finish

**APPENDIX B**  
**Courses Inside the Breakwall**

**B1 MONDAY "NORTH" COURSE:**

- The start line will be between the flagstaff on the eastern end of Pier 1 and a designated no-wake buoy.
- Boats shall cross the start line leaving the designated no-wake buoy to starboard.
- Leave HA1 to port.
- Leave the designated no-wake buoy to port.
- Leave E9 to port.
- Leave E3 to port.
- Leave the designated no-wake buoy to port.
- Leave E9 to port.
- Leave E3 to port.
- Finish by crossing the start line leaving the designated no-wake buoy to port.
- Course length is 5.3 nms.

**B2 FRIDAY "SOUTH" COURSE:**

- The start line will be between the flagstaff on the eastern end of Pier 1 and a designated no-wake buoy.
- Boats shall cross the start line leaving the designated no-wake buoy to port.
- Leave E15 to port.
- Leave E4 to port.
- Leave the designated no-wake buoy to port.
- Leave E9 to port.
- Finish by crossing the start line leaving the no-wake buoy to port.
- Course length is 4.5 nms.

APPENDIX C  
Burke Shoal Course

