

Offshore Series 2023
May 27 - September 23, 2023
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).

1.2 Use of a waypoint defined by latitude and longitude coordinates that the course requires a boat to leave on a specified side will be in accordance with World Sailing Appendix WP. This changes RRS 18 and RRS 28, and adds the definition of a waypoint.

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The sailing instructions for each race will be ~~available before~~ distributed no later than 8 PM on the day before ~~the first~~ its scheduled date.

2.2 The sailing instructions may include modifications to accommodate a jib-and-main (JAM) class or other specially designated class. Modifications may include changes to class flags, courses, starts, and finishes.

3 Eligibility, Entry, Fees and Payment

3.1 Keelboats owned by a TBYC full, co-owner, or full racing member in good standing are eligible to enter the series. A TBYC member in good standing 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(s). 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 2023 Race Registration and Waiver Form, and valid MWPHRF Certificate (preferred) or TBYC PHRF Application Form to the Fleet Captain. (See Notice of Race 13, Further Information below.) Forms are available by email from the Fleet Captain, or at <http://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. Non-member boats shall make arrangements for payment with the Fleet Captain 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 and Courses

- 5.1 The event consists of seven races. The courses may be modified to accommodate a JAM Class. Unless stated otherwise all competitors' meetings are at 1100h at the Crew Bench between Pier 1 and Pier 2 at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Unless otherwise stated all races start at 1200h.
- (a) Saturday, May 27 - Burke Shoal Race, approximately 14 nm. Start off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to port. Leave buoy AA3 to port. Leave buoy A6 to port. Leave Welcome Island B to port. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to starboard. Finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
- (b) Sunday, June 4 - Silver Islet Race, approximately 18 nm. Competitors' meeting at at 1100h on Silver Islet dock; start at 1200h. Start off Silver Islet. Leave Thunder Cape to starboard. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to starboard. Finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
- (c) Sunday, July 15 - Sawyer Bay Race, approximately 18 nm. Competitors' meeting at 1100h near the old fisherman's dock on the north side of Sawyer Bay; start at 1200h. Start in Sawyer Bay. Leave Hare Island Buoy to starboard. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to starboard. Finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
- (d) Friday, July 28 - International Race, approximately 96 nm. Start off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to port. Leave Campbell Island to starboard. Leave Spar Island to port. Leave Rock of Ages Lighthouse to port. Finish at the west end of the Keweenaw Waterway, Michigan, USA.
- (e) Friday, August 25 - Spar Channel Race, approximately 50 nm. Competitors' meeting at 1800h at the Crew Bench between Pier 1 and Pier 2, Prince Arthur's Landing Marina; start at 1900h. Start off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to port. Leave Campbell Island to starboard. Leave Spar Island to port. Leave Waypoint A, off Angus Island, to port. (Waypoint A will be described in detail with lat/lon coordinates in the sailing instructions.) Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to starboard. Finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
- (f) Saturday, September 16 - Thunder Bay Triangle Race, approximately 35 nm. Start off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina, leave Pie Island to starboard, finish at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.

(g) Saturday, September 23 - Around the Welcome Islands Race, approximately 13 nm. Start off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to port. Leave Welcome Island A to starboard. Leave buoy A6 to starboard. Leave Welcome Island B to starboard. Sail through the Main Gap leaving Thunder Bay Main Lighthouse to starboard. Finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.

5.2 An *abandoned* race will not be re-sailed.

6 Inspection

6.1 The race committee 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 Penalty System

7.1 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."

8 Scoring

8.1 A race will be *abandoned* unless three or more boats, counting all classes, come to the starting area.

8.2 Races will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Time handicapping to correct boats' finishing places.

8.3 RRS A5.3 applies.

8.4 One race is required to be completed to constitute the series.

8.5 To win the series, a boat must complete at least one of the Spar Channel Race, the International Race, or the Thunder Bay Triangle Race. This rule only applies if five or more of the scheduled races are scored.

9 Ratings

9.1 Before the first scheduled race, the race committee will assign each competing boat to a class by grouping boats of similar ratings and/or sail plans (i.e., spinnaker or JAM).

9.2 A boat shall provide a valid MWPHRF rating certificate (preferred) or a completed TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form to the race committee prior to 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, or for which a completed PHRF Rating Application Form has not been received.

- 9.3 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 as soon as reasonably possible to the Fleet Captain using the TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form.
- 9.4 The race committee may adjust a boat's previously assigned rating or provisional rating based on prevailing weather conditions, competitive balance, alterations or modifications deemed to give the boat a competitive advantage or disadvantage, or failure to submit a completed TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form prior to racing.
- 9.5 A boat may appeal its assigned rating by requesting redress. A request for redress from an assigned rating will not be considered without a valid MWPHRF rating certificate.

10 Prizes

- 10.1 A plaque on the Richard Clarke Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winning boat in each class annually.

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, Bob Vander Ploeg. Email bovdp60@gmail.com, or phone 807-630-3745.