

Notice of Race

2017 On Deck Wednesday Night Series

Thunder Bay Yacht Club

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

1: The On Deck Wednesday Night Series will begin Wednesday, May 24 and continue each Wednesday per the published 2017 TBYC racing schedule.

2: 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.

- a. If the race is to be held outside the break wall the Primary Racing Official (PRO) will establish a windward-leeward course as follows:
- b. The starting line is a line between a marker buoy and the flagstaff of the committee boat.
- c. After crossing the starting line boats will sail to the windward mark designated for the division in which they are racing.
- d. After rounding the windward mark to port boats will sail toward the leeward gate.
- e. After passing through the leeward gate from the windward side of the gate boats will round either of the two buoys describing the gate, and proceed again to the windward marks designated for the division in which they are racing.
- f. After rounding the windward mark to port boats will again proceed downwind toward the leeward gate.
- g. After passing through the leeward gate from the windward side of the gate boats will round either of the two buoys describing the gate and proceed upwind to the finish line.

4: 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.

5: After establishing the course, but no earlier than 1810 hours, the Committee Boat will assume a position on the right end of the starting line, and will 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.

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

7: Five minutes after the RC flag was raised the division "C" flag will be raised, indicating **five** minutes until division "C" start.

8: One minute after division "C" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be raised indicating **four** minutes until division "C" start.

9: Four minutes after division "C" flag was raised the preparatory flag will be lowered indicating **one** minute until division "C" start.

10: Five minutes after division "C" flag was raised division "C" flag will be lowered indicating the start (**go**) for division "C".

- 11: Simultaneous with the lowering of the "C" fleet flag (representing "go" for the "C" division, described in step 10 above) 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 the division "C" flag will act as the basis for the timing of the "B" fleet start sequence.
- 12: "B" fleet starting sequence will continue as described for the "C" fleet start in points seven through ten above (5, 4, 1, go) until "B" fleet has started.
- 13: Simultaneous with the lowering of the "B" fleet flag (representing "go" for the "B" division) the division "A" flag will be raised indicating **five** minutes until "A" division start. If there is a delay between the lowering and raising of division flags the lowering of the division "B" flag will act as the basis for the timing of the "A" fleet start sequence.
- 14: "A" fleet starting sequence will continue as described for the "C" fleet start in points seven through ten above (5, 4, 1, go) until "A" fleet has started.
- 15: Sound signals are for convenience only and are not required. Flag sequence will determine timing of all sequences.
- 16: Series standings will be determined by using a boat's best finishes in 60 percent of the races plus one, half round-up method to be used. (i.e. if there are 21 races, 60% of 21 is 12.6; 12.6 rounded up = 13; 13 + 1 = 14. If there are 19 races, 60% of 19 is 11.4; 11.4 rounded down is 11; 11 + 1 = 12).
- 16: An Early Wednesday sub-series will count the best 5 races from May 24 until and including July 5.
- 17: A Mid Wednesday sub-series will count the best 5 races from July 12 until and including Aug 23.
- 18: A Late Wednesday sub-series will count the best 5 races from August 30 until and including Oct 11.
- 19: Division winning boats are recognized on the Donald Dickey Memorial Trophy.
- 20: Refer to 2017 BYC Sailing Instruction for additional information.

