

On Deck Wednesday Night Series
May 23 – Oct 10, 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 series 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]
- 1.3 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 8 pm of the day before the first scheduled race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official notices, including changes to this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca) no later than 8 pm on the day before the change takes effect.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 To be eligible to race a boat shall be entered in the TBYC race program by submitting a completed TBYC Race Entry and Waiver Form and required fee, an LMPHRF certificate (preferred) or TBYC Rating Application Form, and proof of insurance. Forms are available at the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca). [DP]
- 4.2 A boat that is a member of a recognized yacht club may be entered in a single race by submitting a completed TBYC Race Entry and Waiver Form and required fee (C\$40.00), an LMPHRF certificate (preferred) or TBYC Rating Application Form, and proof of insurance. Forms are available at the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca). [DP]
- 4.3 A boat will not be scored if its entry documents and fee have not been received by TBYC prior to racing.
- 4.4 A boat shall be owned by a TBYC Full Member (including Co-owner Member) or Racing Member in good standing; and a Full, Co-owner, Racing, or Associate member shall be aboard while it is racing, except for boats racing under NoR 3.2.
- 3.5 Prior to racing the Race Committee will assign competing boats to a division by grouping boats of similar ratings with consideration of the total number of boats registered to race.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Dates of racing: Wednesdays from May 23, 2018 to October 10, 2108 inclusive.
- 5.2 Number of races: 21
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each Wednesday from May 23, 2018 to September 12, 2018 inclusive is 6:15 pm.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each Wednesday from September 19, 2018 to October 10, 2018 is 6:00 pm.
- 5.5 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

6 INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

A boat and its equipment may be inspected and/or measured at any time for compliance with the rules, applicable laws, safety regulations, and the PHRF rating system. [DP]

7 RATINGS

- 7.1 Ratings will be assigned by the TBYC Rating Committee based on the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) system (www.lmphrf.org).
- 7.2 Each boat shall provide a valid LMPHRF rating certificate (preferred) or a completed TBYC PHRF Rating Application Form prior to racing. [DP]
- 7.3 Adjustments to a boat's previously assigned rating may be made by the TBYC Rating Committee based on prevailing weather conditions, or alterations or modifications deemed to give a boat a competitive advantage or disadvantage.
- 7.4 The TBYC Rating Committee will assign a provisional rating for any boat design that is not rated by the LMPHRF system. Provisional ratings may only be appealed by obtaining an LMPHRF rating certificate.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 Any fundamental change to a boat, including but not limited to its hull, ballast, rigging, sail plan, sails (including new sails), or foils, shall be reported to the TBYC Ratings Committee, and may result in a ratings adjustment.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the TBYC website (www.tbyc.on.ca) no later than 8 PM on the day before the first scheduled race.

9 VENUE

Racing may take place anywhere in or near the port of Thunder Bay, inside or outside the harbour breakwall.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be:

- 10.1 Outside the breakwall using drop marks: windward-leeward courses which may use a gate

instead of a leeward mark,

- 10.2 Outside the breakwall using drop marks: triangle-windward-leeward (Olympic) courses which may use a gate instead of leeward mark for downwind legs,
- 10.3 Inside the breakwall around fixed navigational marks, or
- 10.4 As determined by the Race Official.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 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."

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 A race shall not be scored unless three or more boats, counting all divisions, come to the starting area. This changes RRS 35.
- 12.3 The races and series will be scored according to RRS Appendix A using RRS Appendix A9 "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta". This changes RRS Appendix A4.2.
- 12.4 The series will be scored using each boat's best finishes in 60% (using half round-up method) plus one of the races (i.e., if 21 races are scored, 60% of 21 equals 12.6, rounded up to 13, plus 1 equals 14 races will be scored). This changes RRS A2.
- 12.5 Races will be scored using time-on-time to correct boats' finishing places.
- 12.6 For Division C only, golf-adjusted handicapping will be used as outlined in Appendix A.

12 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]

13 PRIZES

The Donald Dickey Memorial Trophy records the division winners in the series annually.

14 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall produce proof of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

APPENDIX A – GOLF-ADJUSTED HANDICAPPING

1. Golf-adjusted Handicapping (GAH) for C Division which began as trial in 2017 will continue for the 2018 season.
2. Each boat in C Division will begin the season with a base PHRF rating assigned in conformance with NoR 7, "Ratings".
3. After the first race, all boats will have their base PHRF rating adjusted by adding seconds/mile equal to the difference between their corrected finishing places and first place to provide a golf-adjusted handicap rating (GAHR).
4. Adjustments to GAHRs will be cumulative from race to race throughout the series.
5. Examples:
 - 5.1. In the first race of the series, a boat with a base PHRF rating of 195 finishes in 5th place on corrected time. $5 - 1 = 4$, so that boat adds 4 sec/mile to its base PHRF for the next race, resulting in a golf-adjusted handicap rating (GAHR) of 199.
 - 5.2. In the second race of the series, the same boat, now with a GAHR of 199 finishes in second place on corrected time. $2 - 1 = 1$, so that boat adds 1 sec/mile to its GAHR for the third race.
 - 5.3. In the third race of the series, the same boat, now with a GAHR of 200 finishes in first place. $1 - 1 = 0$, so that boat's GAHR remains at 200 for the fourth race.
6. There will be no adjustment for a boat that does not start, does not finish, retires, or is disqualified.
7. This appendix is subject to change to correct errors and/or omissions.

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