

2018 On Deck Wednesday Night Series  
May 23 – October 10, 2018  
Thunder Bay Yacht Club  
Thunder Bay, Ontario

## 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

Official notices, including changes to these 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.

### 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 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Dates of racing: Wednesdays from May 23, 2018 to October 10, 2018 inclusive.
- 4.2 Number of races: 21
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

### 5 CLASS FLAGS

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

### 6 RACING AREAS

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

### 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 Windward-leeward race courses may be used outside the break wall as follows:

- 7.1.1 The starting line will be a line between an inflatable mark and the flagstaff of the committee boat.
- 7.1.2 After crossing the starting line boats will sail to the windward mark designated for the division in which they are racing. An inflatable orange tetrahedron will be the designated mark for A and B Division. An inflatable yellow cylinder will be the designated windward mark for C Division. The PRO may change the designated marks, or designate one windward mark for all divisions by announcement on VHF Channel 72 prior to the warning for the first division to start.
- 7.1.3 After rounding the windward mark to port boats will sail toward the leeward gate.
- 7.1.4 After passing through the leeward gate from the windward side of the gate boats will round either of the two marks describing the gate, and proceed again to the windward marks designated for the division in which they are racing.
- 7.1.5 After rounding the windward mark to port boats will again proceed toward the leeward gate.
- 7.1.6 After passing through the leeward gate from the course side of the gate boats will round either of the two buoys describing the gate and proceed to the finish line.
- 7.2 Triangle-windward-leeward (Olympic) courses for selected classes which may use a gate instead of leeward mark for downwind legs may be used outside the breakwall.
- 7.3 Race courses inside the break wall may be used: the race official will select either the Monday Evening North Course or Friday Evening South Course to provide the best upwind start. See the course descriptions for the Monday and Friday Pursuit Racing on the TBYC website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)) for further information regarding the North and South courses.
- 7.4 If the race committee boat and/or a race official are not available, the race course may be determined by the Fleet Captain

## **8 THE START**

- 8.1 To signal that she is “on-station” and alert boats that racing will begin soon, the blue RC flag will be displayed approximately five (5) minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 8.2 Approximately four (4) minutes after the blue RC flag is displayed it will be removed.
- 8.3 Approximately five (5) minutes after the blue RC flag is displayed, races will be started using RRS 26. Flags A, B, C, etc. are class flags for the purpose of this rule
- 8.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a class flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 8.3 The starting area is a rectangle extending 60 m to windward and 60 m to leeward of the starting line, and extending 60 m beyond each end of the starting line. Boats 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 promptly after she has started.

## **9 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 changes RRS 29.2

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the blue RC flag at the starboard end and the course side of a nearby mark.
- 10.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall record and report her finishing time according to GPS, and her position and the time difference between the boats that finish immediately before and after her (if possible), to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.3 If one of the finishing marks is missing when a boat finishes, she shall pass within 15 m of the remaining mark and leave it to port while sailing her proper course. The finishing line will be a line extended from the remaining mark perpendicular to a line extended from the previous mark to the finishing mark.

## 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 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 If no boat (of any division) has finished within 2.5 hours of the starting time for the last division to start, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 A boat **intending** to protest shall **notify** the race official 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 official or race committee boat absent). When notifying the race official, a boat intending to protest shall do so in a manner that will not interfere with the race official's duties.
- 13.2 A protest shall be **made** in writing, following 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 within one hour of the race committee boat's recorded docking time. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard by a protest committee of three or more people. The protest committee chair will be appointed by the Fleet Captain, and be a full or racing member of TBYC, or a full or racing member of Temple Reef Sailing Club (TRSC). Other committee members will be appointed by the Fleet Captain or protest committee chair, and may be full or associate members of TBYC or TRSC.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 A race shall not be scored unless three or more boats, counting all divisions, come to the starting area. This changes RRS 35.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 Races will be scored using time-on-time to correct boats' finishing places.
- 14.6 For Division C only, golf-adjusted handicapping will be used as outlined in Appendix A.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

## **16 CREW LIMIT**

- 19.1 A boat's crew size and total weight shall be limited by the LMPHRF rating for her design, or be assigned by the TBYC Ratings Committee. A boat's crew limit may be exceeded provided she notifies the race official or Fleet Captain prior to the "on-station" signal being made (i.e., no later than ten minutes before the first warning signal). [DP]
- 19.2 A boat may elect to relieve the over-limit boat of her excess crew.

## **17 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 – 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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