

Superior Sailmakers Offshore Series  
May 26 – September 21, 2019  
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 this 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 this 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 legislation and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- 1.3. All prescriptions of Sail Canada (the national authority) shall apply throughout the series.
- 1.4. Any 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 a definition of a waypoint. Appendix WP can be found at [www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/experimental-rules.php](http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/experimental-rules.php)
- 1.5. A boat's person in charge or designate shall attend the competitors' meetings.

### 2. SHORT-HANDED RACING

- 2.1. A boat may compete in short-handed configuration, that is, with no more than two crew and using an autopilot or other self-steering device; or full-crew configuration, that is, with any number of crew up to her PHRF crew limit and not using an autopilot or self-steering device. This changes RRS 52.
- 2.2. A boat that intends to compete in short-handed configuration shall notify the Race Committee before the competitors' meeting for the first race in which it will do so.
- 2.3. A boat that intends to change from short-handed to full-crew configuration, or vice versa, shall notify the Race Committee before the competitors' meeting for the first race in which it will do so.
- 2.4. Special scoring rules apply to boats that change crew configuration. See NoR 10.4., "Scoring".

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Official notices, including changes to this Notice of Race, will be posted on the TBYC website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)) no later than 8:00 PM on the day before the notice takes effect.
- 3.2. The sailing instructions for each race will be posted on the TBYC website ([www.tbyc.on.ca](http://www.tbyc.on.ca)) no later than 8:00 PM on the day before the race to which they apply.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, AND FEES

- 4.1. A TBYC member-owned boat that is registered for TBYC full-season or half-season racing, or a TBYC member-owned boat that registers for and finishes not less than four individual races is eligible to be scored in the series.
- 4.2. A TBYC member-owned boat, or a boat owned by a member of a recognized yacht club, may compete in an individual race (or races) by submitting a completed TBYC Race Registrations and Waiver Form, fee of \$40.00 per race, and proof of insurance (third-party liability with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000) no later than the competitors' meeting for the first race in which it intends to compete.
- 4.3. A boat will not be scored if her Registration and Waiver Form, fee, and proof of insurance are not received before racing.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The series consists of five races. All dates are for 2019; all times are Eastern Time:
  - 5.1.1. Silver Islet Race – Sunday, May 26. Competitors' meeting at 11 AM; noon start.
  - 5.1.2. Sawyer Bay Race - Saturday, June 15. Competitors' meeting at 11 AM; noon start.
  - 5.1.3. International Race – Sunday, July 21. Competitors' meeting at 11 AM at the boat launch ramps beside the United States Coast Guard Base in Grand Marais, MN at 11 AM; noon start.
  - 5.1.4. Spar Channel Race (night race) – Friday, August 16. Competitors' meeting at 6 PM at the Crew Bench; 7 PM start.
  - 5.1.5. Thunder Bay Triangle Race – Saturday, September 21. Competitors' meeting at 11 AM at the Crew Bench; noon start.
- 5.2. Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

### 6. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

A boat and its equipment may be inspected or measured at any reasonable time, including before or after a race, for compliance with the rules.

### 7. RATINGS

- 7.1. A boat shall have a valid 2019 LMPHRF certificate (preferred), or valid 2019 TBYC PHRF rating, or shall be assigned a PHRF rating by the Race Committee. The assigned rating shall not be subject to protest or request for redress. This changes RRS 78. 2.
- 7.2. A boat that intends to race with a jib-and-main sail plan only shall notify the Race Committee, and will be assigned a PHRF rating by the Race Committee.

- 7.3. The Race Committee will assign boats to divisions by grouping boats of similar ratings, designs, (e.g., multi-hull), and sail plan (e.g., jib-and-main).
- 7.4. Boats racing in short-handed configuration may be assigned to a separate division.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. Each boat shall have on board current nautical charts appropriate for the race courses.
- 8.2. The course descriptions below are for general information only. Detailed instructions will be provided in the sailing instructions for each race.
  - 8.2.1. Silver Islet Race – 19 nm. Silver Islet to Thunder Bay.
  - 8.2.2. Sawyer Bay Race – 18 nm. Sawyer Bay to Thunder Bay.
  - 8.2.3. International Race – 77 nm. Grand Marais, MN, USA, to Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.
  - 8.2.4. Spar Channel Race – 50 nm. Thunder Bay returning to Thunder Bay leaving Spar Island and Angus Island to port.
  - 8.2.5. Thunder Bay Triangle Race – 35 nm. Thunder Bay returning to Thunder Bay leaving Pie Island to starboard or port (to be announced the competitors' meeting).

## 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

The first two sentences of 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 of 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."

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. Races shall be scored using PHRF time-on-distance to correct boats finishing places.
- 10.2. The series shall be scored according to RRS Appendix A using RRS Appendix A9, "Race Scores in Series Longer than a regatta." This changes RRS Appendix A4.2.
- 10.3. For the series, the number of boats scored in each division shall be the greatest number of boats that started at least three, and finished at least two, races in that division.
- 10.4. A boat that has started at least one race, and then changes from short-handed to full-crewed configuration, or vice versa, shall be scored as DNC, "Did Not Compete" for all previous races, but this will not alter its status as having started or finished a race for the purpose of counting the number of boats scored in each division according to NoR 10.3
- 10.5. A race shall not be scored unless three or more boats (counting all divisions) come to the starting area. This changes RRS 35.
- 10.6. Three races are required to constitute the series.

## 11. 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.

## 12. PRIZES

Division winners will receive keeper plaques and be recorded on the Richard Clarke Memorial Trophy for overall winners of the Superior Sails Offshore Series. The trophy was donated by the Clarke family in 2004.

## 13. DISCLAIMER

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 officials, sponsors., members, directors, guests, employees, and volunteers shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

## 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact TBYC Fleet Captain Bob Vander Ploeg at [bobvp@shaw.ca](mailto:bobvp@shaw.ca), or 807-630-3745.