

Offshore Series
May 25 - September 22, 2024
Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC)
Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
Rev May 3, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by:
 - 1.1.1. the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024,
 - 1.1.2. the current World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code
 - 1.1.3. the Safety Equipment Requirements published in the current Transport Canada Safe Boater Guide, and
 - 1.1.4. The Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) handicap rating system.
- 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 will be available at <http://www.tbyc.on.ca/forms-and-documents> before 8 PM on the day before the first scheduled race.

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 full, co-owner, or full racing 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 individual races in the series. The owner shall be aboard a boat while it is racing.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter the series or individual races in the series by submitting a completed 2024 TBYC Race Registration and Waiver Form, and valid MWPHRF Certificate or TBYC PHRF Application Form.
- 3.4. TBYC Race Registration and TBYC PHRF Application forms are available at <http://www.tbyc.on.ca/forms-and-documents>
- 3.5. A boat will not be scored if its entry documents have not been received prior to racing.
- 3.6. Registration fees are as listed in the 2024 TBYC Race Registration and Waiver Form.
- 3.7. 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.
 - 5.2. 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.**
 - 5.3. The courses may be modified to accommodate a JAM Class.
 - 5.4. Saturday, May 25 - Burke Shoal Race, approximately 14 nm.
 - 5.4.1. Start at 1200h EDT off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap; leave buoy AA3 to port, leave buoy A6 to port, leave Welcome Island B to port. Sail through the Main Gap and finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
 - 5.5. Sunday, June 2 - Silver Islet Race, approximately 18 nm.
 - 5.5.1. Competitors' meeting at 1100h on Silver Islet dock. Start at 1200h EDT between Silver Islet and Burnt Island. Leave Thunder Cape to starboard. Sail through the Main Gap and finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
 - 5.6. Saturday, July 20 - Spar Channel Race , approximately 50 nm.
 - 5.6.1. Start at 1200h EDT off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap; leave Campbell Island to starboard, leave Spar Island to port, leave Waypoint A (off Angus Island) to port. Sail through the Main Gap and finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina
 - 5.7. Sunday, July 28 - International Race, approximately 75 nm.
 - 5.7.1. Competitors' meeting at 1100h EDT by the boat launch ramps near the Coast Guard station in Grand Marais, MN. Start off Grand Marais at 1200 EDT; leave Waypoint A (off Angus Island) to port. Sail through the Main Gap and finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
 - 5.8. Saturday, August 10 - Sawyer Bay Race, approximately 18 nm.
 - 5.8.1. Start at 1200h off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina; leave Hare Island Buoy to port. Finish in Sawyer Bay.
 - 5.9. Saturday, September 7- Thunder Bay Triangle Race, approximately 35 nm.
 - 5.9.1. Start at 1200h off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap; leave Pie Island to starboard. Sail through the Main Gap and finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
 - 5.10. Saturday, September 22 - Around the Welcome Islands Race, approximately 13 nm.
 - 5.10.1. Start at 1200h off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. Sail through the Main Gap; leave Welcome Island A to starboard, leave buoy A6 to starboard, leave Welcome Island B to starboard. Sail through the Main Gap and finish off Prince Arthur's Landing Marina.
 - 5.11. 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 or place for compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, this Notice of Race, the 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.

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.
- 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 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 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 race committee 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 a rating assigned by the race committee will not be considered without a valid MWPHRF rating certificate.
10. Prizes
 - 10.1. The name of the winning boat in each class is inscribed on a plaque on the Richard Clarke Memorial Trophy 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 contact the TBYC Fleet Captain at racing@tbyc.on.ca