

ETOBICOKE YACHT CLUB

INTRA CLUB THURSDAY NIGHT RACING

2022 EVENT RULES (NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)



Organizing Authority – Etobicoke Yacht Club, Toronto, Canada

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2. CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

2.1 Any changes to the event rules will be posted online at <https://www.eyc.ca/life-at-eyc/racing/weeknights/> before 1700 on the day they become effective.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located at <https://www.eyc.ca/life-at-eyc/racing/weeknights/>.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 8, 16 and 68.

3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats holding a valid One-Design, Class, or PHRF Lake Ontario rating certificate.

4.2 A minimum of 3 boats makes a class.

4.3 The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar boats together to form one or more open classes.

4.4 Eligible boats may only enter the event by registering online at <https://www.eyc.ca/registermidweekboat/>. Registered boats shall make payment of applicable racing fees prior to racing. Registrations will be accepted for each series until 1700 of the day the series starts.

4.5. Crew members are encouraged to register at <https://www.eyc.ca/registermidweekcrew/>.

4.6 To be considered an entry for weeknight racing, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. CREW LIMITATIONS

5.1 Boats 20 feet length overall (LOA) or more must have a minimum of 2 people on board while racing, unless otherwise specified by class rules.

5.2 The **Thursday Night Series** races will be conducted as 'Rabbit' starts. The skipper and crew from one boat are drafted for compulsory duty as the 'Rabbit' boat each week. The designated 'Rabbit' boat list will be available online after 1700 on May 6, 2022 on the Official Notice Board.

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6. EVENT SCHEDULE

6.1 **Thursday Night Series** racing shall be comprised of 3, six race series (Spring, Summer and Fall), commencing May 12, 2022.

7. RISK STATEMENT

7.1 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.

7.2 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

8. INSURANCE

8.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with an adequate and valid third-party liability insurance.

9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

9.1 The 'Rabbit' boat will display flag 'I' from its backstay (or equivalent).

9.2 The 'Rabbit' boat shall make one courtesy sound signal upon departure from the harbour on the way to the race area.

9.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the 'Rabbit' boat at its mooring.

9.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1" minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

10. DIVISIONS

10.1 **Thursday Night Series** divisions will be posted online by 1700 May 12, 2022.

11. EVENT VENUE

11.1 The center of the racing area will be located 1.35 NM on a bearing 150 degrees magnetic from the flashing red light on the point at the entrance to the EYC/MCC basin. The approximate location of the center of the racing area is Long: 79 27.578, Lat: 43 35.752.

12. COURSES AND MARKS

12.1 Courses shall be selected from yellow marks with dark numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9. The locations of the marks are defined online at [mimicocruisingclub.com/ BOATING/ Racing/ 2022 RACING INFORMATION/ RACE COURSE MARK POSITION](http://mimicocruisingclub.com/BOATING/Racing/2022%20RACING%20INFORMATION/RACE%20COURSE%20MARK%20POSITION) .

12.2 The course numbers will be displayed on the stern of the 'Rabbit' boat. The finish mark (not displayed) will be the same as the starting mark. If the 'Rabbit' is flying 'Numeral Pennant 2' then the course is to be rounded twice. Otherwise, the course is only rounded once.

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12.3 The course numbers and second rounding may be announced by the 'Rabbit' boat on VHF 8. Failure to hear this will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.4 **For White Sail Classes**, two course numbers will be posted, the first number being the first mark to be passed and the second number being the gybe mark for a triangle course. All marks shall be kept to PORT.

12.5 **For Spinnaker Classes**, the first course number posted will be the first mark to be passed for a windward/leeward course. All marks shall be kept to PORT.

12.6 **For Both Classes**, the finish mark or leeward mark of the first rounding will be the original starting mark. All marks shall be kept to PORT.

13. THE START

13.1 At approximately 1830, The 'Rabbit' boat will start the sequence by making one long sound and sail on starboard tack to the port side of the starting mark.

13.2 The 'Rabbit' boat will then tack onto a close-hauled port tack and make a long sound signal.

13.3 The 'Rabbit' boat will make one short sound as she passes the starting mark to port and shall continue sailing close hauled. This is the start time of the race.

13.4 The starting line is the line between the port-end starting mark and the 'Rabbit' boat. A boat starts when it crosses the starting line on starboard tack while the 'Rabbit' boat is on port tack.

13.4 After starting, all boats will remain on starboard tack until all the boats have crossed behind the 'Rabbit' boat, the 'Rabbit' boat has tacked to starboard or two minutes have elapsed after the first boat crossed the 'Rabbit' Boat transom.

13.5 All boats are then free to tack subject to the Racing Rule of Sailing.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 If a Race Committee finish boat is not at the finish mark, boats are required to take their time (GPS time) as they pass by the windward side of the starting mark and report by email to scorer@eyc.ca.

14.2 If a finish boat is not present, boats are also required to record their finish position in relation to nearby boats (boat ahead and boat behind).

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For boats with a spinnaker flying, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. The boat must fly its spinnaker again immediately after taking the penalty.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The race time limit for each race is 1.5 hours. Boats that did not finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

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17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 A boat intending to protest another boat or boats under a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 shall provide the information required by RRS 61.2 in an email to protest@eyc.ca within two hours of the signal boat docking. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for an arbitration hearing. The arbitration hearing will be held on-line or in-person.

17.2 For all other protests, a protest form must be submitted by email to protest@eyc.ca by midnight of the evening the race was conducted. The protestor and protestee(s) will be contacted by the Chief Judge for a hearing. Hearings will be held on-line using Zoom or in-person. (A protest form is available from the Race Information bulletin board in the EYC clubhouse or online from <https://www.sailing.ca/protests-appeals/>).

18. Scoring

18.1 Boats shall be scored using the PHRF-LO handicap formula, except as noted in 18.2. Corrected times shall be rounded to the nearest second.

18.2 The **Thursday night** CS 30 Class shall be scored as one-design.

18.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

18.6 For each class, the qualifying number of races for the series' champions will be 70% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of completed races in that series. In any series if 3 or fewer races are completed then all races will count.

18.7 For each class, the qualifying number of races for the seasons' championship will be 70% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of the total number of completed races in the Spring, Summer and Fall series. If 8 or fewer races are completed in total for the season, then all races will count.

19. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the other competitors at the first reasonable opportunity. The boat is also required to notify the scorer if a finish boat is not present.

19.2 All participants are required to follow the latest COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines as published by the Province of Ontario and Municipality of Toronto.

19.3 Boat owners are responsible for maintaining a crew roster for each race in which their boat participates.

19.4 The owner of the boat and the crew are responsible for adhering to the 'Concussion Codes of Conduct for both Participants and Leaders', 'Removal from Sport Protocols' and 'Return to Sport Protocols'. <https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>.

20. Prizes

20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class for classes with five or more boats entered.

20.2 Additional awards may be presented.

21. Further Information

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For further information, please contact: Etobicoke Yacht Club at 416-259-1159

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION
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EMERGENCY PLAN:

In the event of damage or injury:

1. Contact Toronto Police Services Marine Unit
2. Contact the Race Committee VHF 16 or 08

Emergency Phone Numbers

Toronto Emergency Services	For emergencies ONLY - 911
Toronto Police Services Marine Unit	VHF 16 or 12 416-808-5800
Canadian Coast Guard (Trenton)	VHF 16 1-800-267-7270
Etobicoke Yacht Club	416-259-1159
Signal Boat Charles McKeon	VHF 08