



2024 NCEA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Organizing Authority: The National Class E Scow Association (NCEA) is the Organizing Authority in cooperation with Crystal Lake Yacht Club.

September 5 - 8, 2024

Crystal Lake Yacht Club
3491 Pilgrim Hwy
Frankfort, MI 49635

NOTICE OF RACE

(version 2024-04-02)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule or request redress for an incident related to that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' is a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The NCEA By-Laws Articles V (*Eligible Yachts*), VI (*Yacht's Number*), VII (*Recognized Events*), VIII (*Rules for Recognized Events*) and IX (*Trophies*) will apply and are available on the class website.
- 1.3. Please note Article VIII, #6 - No yacht while racing in a sanctioned event may have a paid hand for either skipper or as a paid member of the crew.
- 1.4. NCEA documents Part V (*Scantling Rules*) will apply and are available on the class website.
- 1.5. Group 3 crews, determined per World Sailing Regulation #22, who are not registered skippers or drivers: May not file a protest, represent a party in the protest room, or be in contact with the representative in the protest room (except while giving any witness testimony and answering questions while giving witness testimony). Group 3 crew may however act as a witness during a protest hearing. This adds to RRS 63.3(a).
- 1.6. RRS 60.1 adds: (d) not protest another boat or request redress for a rule with the notation [NP]. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.7. RRS 63.1 adds after withdrawn: "or is based on a rule with the notation [NP]. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 1.8. This Notice of Race may be updated and posted on the event's website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted
- 1.9. The Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.10. It is intended to use Vakaros RaceSense for this event. Rules changes, requirements, and details about rental Atlas 2 unit availability and fess will be forthcoming when available.

2. Sailing Instructions

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- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available on the Official Notice Board located on the regatta website at <https://crystallakeyachtclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/2Wz5MbGCTG/#notice-board> prior to the regatta. If you want to have a printed copy, please print it off from the website and bring it with you. No printed copies will be available onsite.

3. Communications

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://crystallakeyachtclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/2Wz5MbGCTG/#notice-board>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the standard USA VHF channels.
- 3.3. VHF Radio will be used by the RC to communicate with competitors, on and off the water. Additional instructions regarding radio communication will be included in the SI's.
- 3.4. Amendments To This Notice: The Organizing Authority may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at <https://crystallakeyachtclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/2Wz5MbGCTG/#notice-board>

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. [NP] The Regatta is open to all yachts that meet the rules of NCESA, whose skipper is an Active Owner or Regular Member of NCESA, and whose sails and equipment comply with the Scantlings and By-laws of NCESA. See Additional Information for links for Scantlings, By-laws and membership.
- 4.2. Youth participation is encouraged. In addition to the Youth Trophy, the youth winner shall also receive a \$200 gift card as part of the award.
- 4.3. No yacht shall be entitled to race as a bona fide E-Scow unless the current annual NCESA Active Owner Member dues have been paid to the NCESA. Dues shall correspond to a single yacht (club designator and racing number).
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by going to <https://crystallakeyachtclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/2Wz5MbGCTG> to complete the regatta's online entry.
- 4.5. **On-line Measurement Agreement & Waiver of Liability: As part of the entry process on Clubspot, all skippers must complete the "Waiver of Liability" and the "Online Measurement Agreement" to be a valid entry. Specific questions to answer:**
 - 4.5.1. **Youth Skipper 25 years old or younger**
 - 4.5.2. **My boat is registered to an Active Owner Member and skipper is an Active Owner or Regular Member in good standing with the NCESA**
 - 4.5.3. **Clearly legible silver certified lead added label and white lead seal stickers**
 - 4.5.4. **I understand that my boat may be inspected at any time during the regatta**
 - 4.5.5. **I agree that nobody will be paid as a helmsperson or crew**
 - 4.5.6. **Waiver of Liability**

5. Fees

- 5.1. The regatta entry fees are as follows:
 - \$400 - if received by July 15, 2023
 - \$450 - if received AFTER July 15, 2023
 - \$500 - if received AFTER August 15, 2023Youth entry - for skippers 25 years old or younger, the entry fee is \$50. There is no late fee for youths.
It is intended to use Vakaros RaceSense at this event. Atlas 2 units will be available for rent. Details of rental fees will be announced when available.

6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1. Per NCESA By-Laws Article VIII, #6: The number of persons comprising the crew is minimum 3, maximum unlimited, but each yacht shall sail the entire regatta with the same individuals and number of crew members that are declared at the close of registration, except for unusual situations when the protest committee of the event may, at its discretion, authorize a substitution, the underlying concept being to prevent "strategic" changing of crew following the close of registration.

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7. **Advertising**

- 7.1. Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 rules. Boats may be required to display event and sponsor's advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority (OA) at registration.

8. **Schedule**

8.1. **[NP] On-Site Registration:**

On-site Registration will be held as follows:

Thursday, September 5: 11:00am - 9:00pm

Friday, September 6: 8:00am - 11:00am

Registration includes:

- 1) Confirming crew names.
- 2) Confirm entry form requirements are complete (Online Measurement Agreement, Waiver, correct sail number and entry fee paid).

8.2. **[NP] Daily Schedule:**

Thursday, September 5

9:00am - 9:00pm

E Boat wash open (see note in SI 9)

11:00am - 9:00pm

Registration

Friday, September 6

8:00am-10:00am

E Boat wash open (see note in SI 9)

8:00am-11:00am

Registration

11:00am

Competitors' Briefing (also broadcast via radio on VHF 72)

10:30a-1:00pm Lunch served

1:00pm

Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)

After racing

Lean-In following the 2nd race at the club

NCESA ANNUAL MEETING: The NCESA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024 at 5:00pm. An Agenda will be sent to all Owner members one month before the NCESA Annual Meeting. A proxy form will be available on the class website.

Saturday, September 7

8:00am

Continental Breakfast open

8:00am

Lunch pick-up available

10:30am

Initial Warning Signal (3 races planned with on the water break for lunch)

7:00pm

Commodore's Ball at the club

Sunday, September 8

8:00am

Lunch pick-up available

10:30am

Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)

After racing

Awards ceremony to follow the conclusion of racing

8.3. **Race Format**

- 8.3.1. **Seven (7)** races are scheduled with up to three (3) back to back races a day. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.
- 8.3.2. On Sunday, up to two (2) races will be attempted based on the weather conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.3.3. On the final day of the regatta, the Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1:30pm unless the required three races have not been completed. If an additional race is needed to have three completed races, the Warning Signal for the last race will not be made after 2:00pm.

9. **Equipment Inspection**

- 9.1. Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta to ensure conformity with class rules by the technical committee or the protest committee.
- 9.2. **[DP] Boat Wash Required:** All off-lake boats are required to have their boats washed prior to being launched. E Boats will be assigned a parking spot once the boat has been washed. Boat

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wash will be available at the CLYC from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024 and again from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 6, 2024.

10. **Clothing and Equipment**

- 10.1. Use of Flotation Panels that comply with Scantling rule VI(6) will be mandatory for all boats for the entire event.
- 10.2. [NP][DP] All safety equipment, as required by the NCESA class rules, shall be on board while racing. Anchor and anchor line are not required to be carried.
- 10.3. **Hull and Sail Requirements:**
 - 10.3.1. If any competitor has made modifications to their boat and needs to be re-weighed, it shall be done in controlled ideal conditions BEFORE arriving at the National Championship Regatta by a class recognized representative.
 - 10.3.2. Sails shall contain a manufacturer's serial number (or measurer's serial number) and an NCESA Royalty Tag.
- 10.4. [NP][DP] Installation of electronic devices for tracking and/or media coverage of the racing may be required on competitor boats. The OA may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the racing as well as for technical and safety purposes.

11. **Venue:**

- 11.1. The regatta host will be Crystal Lake Yacht Club (CLYC).
- 11.2. Racing will take place on the western half of Crystal Lake.

12. **Courses**

- 12.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SI's.

13. **Penalty System**

- 13.1. RRS US Sailing Appendix T shall be in effect.
- 13.2. RRS T1(b) is modified. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty or 50% of the points between a boat's finishing position and the number of entries, whichever is smaller, calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) still applies.
- 13.3. RRS Appendix V1 is in effect.
- 13.4. The Scantling rules are determined to be the Class Rules for the purposes of RRS 64.4. .

14. **Scoring**

- 14.1. Three (3) finished and not abandoned races are necessary to constitute a series.
- 14.2. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply with the following modifications: When six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores after throwing out her worst score.

15. **Support Person Vessels**

- 15.1. **[DP] Only E Scows will be allowed to be kept on the club grounds during the regatta. Powerboats will need to be moored or pulled out of the water at one of the public launch ramps.**
- 15.2. **[DP] Support Boat Washing required:** Off-lake power boats must get their boat washed at the DNR launch facility located at the corner of Mollineaux Rd and M-115. Follow the signs to the Crystal Lake public access. Off-lake power boats will not be allowed to launch at the CLYC after 12:00 p.m. Thursday, September 5, 2024. After this time, the DNR ramp must be used. This ramp is approximately 8 miles from the CLYC.
- 15.3. [NP][DP] From the time of the warning, through the start of a race, support boats shall not be on the extensions of the starting line.
- 15.4. [NP][DP] The ILYA Drone Policy will be in effect (https://d282vwk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/upload_hY0w6c3Sgj_YIzzHUxBAa_1657148743704) and amended to replace ILYA with NCESA.

16. **Berthing**

- 16.1. [DP] There is limited mooring available for off-lake boats with RC boats getting mooring first. E Boats wishing to wet sail should bring their own ground tackle. Bottom is sand, with water depth ranging from 8' – 40'+. Be aware that Crystal Lake can generate large waves. If you want to wet

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sail, and do not mind not being at the club, please contact Mike Terry at mrmaliek@gmail.com. Arrangements are being made to allow sailors to anchor off private housing along the west shore of the lake.

17. Risk Statement

- 17.1. 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.**
- 17.2. The Organizing Authority (NCESA), Crystal Lake Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience incurred, in conjunction with the regatta, however caused. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the Regatta Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. Insurance

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per covered event.

19. Prizes

- 19.1. Awards will be as specified in the NCESA By-Laws Article IX.
- 19.2. To support youth sailing, in addition to the Youth Trophy, the youth winner shall also receive a \$200 gift card as part of the award.
- 19.3. Service trophies will also be presented at the award ceremony.
- 19.4. The final awards presentation will occur as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday at Crystal Lake Yacht Club.

20. Further Information:

Regatta Chair	Mike Terry	mrmaliek@gmail.com	269-806-6398
Registration / Class Information	Kyle Rogachenko	ncesa@e-scow.org	267-718-3013
Nationals PRO	Mark DeGuire	digger665@gmail.com	262-701-7133
Chief Judge	John Porter	jp@scowracers.net	262-975-0097

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Additional Information

NCESA Links:

- Membership confirmation: https://www.e-scow.org/content.aspx?page_id=2837&club_id=180842
- Scantling Rules: https://www.e-scow.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=180842&module_id=125006
- By-laws: https://www.e-scow.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=180842&module_id=125005

Gas

The only gas available on the lake is at the Northeast end of the lake, approximately 8 miles from the CLYC. Please ensure power boats are full of gas prior to launching. Personal boats will either need to get gas in town or run down the lake to the marina if more gas is needed once launched.

Housing

Due to the seasonal nature of Crystal Lake, housing is extremely limited. To ensure a place to stay, we recommend finding a room at a local accommodation first, and then contacting Mike Terry (mrmalikie@gmail.com) to see if local housing is available.

For a listing of accommodations, please visit:

Accommodations/Lodging - Frankfort-Elberta, MI

(https://cca.frankfort-elberta.com/AccommodationsLodging_5005231_category.aspx)

It is best to make your reservations early as this is a vacation destination for lots of people.