

# NOTICE OF RACE

## **ECESA E Scow Eastern Championship Regatta July 31 – August 2, 2024 Organizing Authority: Toms River Yacht Club**

### **Location and Date**

The regatta will take place on Thursday, July 31, 2025, through and including Saturday, August 2, 2025. The Toms River Yacht Club, located at 1464 Riviera Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753 (<https://tryc.com/>), is the host and organizing authority.

### **Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the National Class E Scow Association (NCESA), the Eastern Class E Sloop Association (ECESA) regarding crew and floats as stated below, and the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), in this order. In the case of a conflict between rules, the RRS will prevail.

Please note NCESA By-Law 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.

According to the Class Scantling Rules every E-Scow entered in the regatta **must have paid the “Active Owner Member” Dues and the Skipper must be at least a “Regular Member” to the NCESA before registration.**

Vakaros RaceSense will be used for this event and is required for participation. Rules changes will be in the Sailing Instructions. NCESA Scantling Rules Part II, F.3.b. is suspended for the Championship only for the use of RaceSense. Competitors owning their own Vakaros unit will be responsible for obtaining a valid license prior to the event and ensuring their unit has the most up-to-date version of software. Competitors who do not own a Vakaros unit will be responsible for renting a unit directly from Vakaros. Boat mounting requirements and details about rental Atlas 2 units will be made available on the official notice board. Fee structure will be forthcoming for those renting a unit.

### **Advertising**

Competitor advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Advertising Code. Boats may be required to display event and sponsor's advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing regulations. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority (OA) at registration.

### **Eligibility**

The regatta is open to all yachts which meet the rules of NCESA, whose skipper is an Active Owner or Regular Member of the NCESA and whose sails and equipment comply with the Scantlings and By-laws of the NCESA.

### **Crew**

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 jury 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.

### **Entry and Fees**

Eligible boats may enter by going to the Clubspot page to complete the regatta’s online entry and payment. Early registration deadline is July 15, 2025. All skippers must complete the Waiver of Liability on the Clubspot page.

Entry fees for the regatta are as follows:

\$400 for registration before July 15, 2025

\$475 for registration after July 15, 2025

\$300 for skippers born after July 31, 2000

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Registration fees include participation in the race series, breakfast and lunch for skipper and crew from July 31 – August 2, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place trophies, special awards, and complimentary refreshments after racing. Fees must be paid prior to the close of registration to be eligible to race.

### **Onsite Registration**

There will be no on-site registration. However, there will be a **check-in** at the following times:

Wednesday, July 30: 1600 pm – 2000 pm

Thursday, July 31: 0745 am – 0830 am

### **Boat Launching & Storage**

On-site trailer storage is available for all competitors. Boats will be launched daily from the club’s two hoists. Boats may arrive on property beginning Wednesday, July 31. However, any boat participating in the TRYC Up Bay Challenge Cup, to be held the weekend before the ECESA Championship, will be allowed to store their boat at the club for the days between the two events.

If there are any other storage requirements before that date, please contact AJ Bailey by phone at (732) 606-2054.

### **Schedule of Events:**

**NOTE:** This schedule is subject to change based on weather and other relevant conditions

**NOTE:** There will not be a specified Harbor Gun during this event. The long tow and possibility of separate launch venues make this impractical. Each yacht is responsible for launching and joining a tow with sufficient time to reach the racing area

#### **Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

1500 – Practice Race

1600 – 2000 – Check In

**NOTE** – As part of the check-in process, each yacht can open a club charge account. This account must be linked to a credit card at check-in. A charge account is the only way to

pay at the TRYC Pool House for food and drink. The charge account can also be used at the main clubhouse bars if desired, but those bars take cash and/or credit card as well.  
1800 – 2000 – TRYC Chart Room Bar and Wednesday Night Grille (Grille is cash only)  
1130 – 1800 – TRYC Pool House Grille open for competitors and family

#### **Thursday, July 31, 2025**

0745 – 0830 – Check In

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0800 – 0930 – Breakfast and Lunch Pick Up

0930 – Skippers Meeting

1155 – “Attention Signal”

1200 – First Warning Signal

1130 – 1800 – TRYC Pool House Grille open for competitors and family

1700 – ECESA Annual Meeting (may change based on sailing conditions)

1830 – Cocktail Hour & Heavy Hors-D ‘Oeuvres

#### **Friday, August 1, 2025**

0800 – 0900 – Breakfast and Lunch Pick Up

1055 – “Attention Signal”

1100 – First Warning Signal

1130 – 1800 – TRYC Pool House Grille open for competitors and family

1800 – Eastern Championship Banquet Dinner at TRYC (Jackets and Cocktail Attire strongly encouraged)

#### **Saturday, August 2, 2024**

0800 – 0900 – Breakfast and Lunch Pick Up

1055 – “Attention Signal”

1100 – First Warning Signal

1130 – 1800 – TRYC Pool House Grille open for competitors and family

TBD – Lunch as soon as possible after final race.

TBD – Awards ceremony as soon as possible after final race.

#### **Race Format**

Seven (7) races are scheduled with up to four (4) races per day. The completion of three (3) races constitutes a Regatta. Sufficient Head boats will be provided by the Organizing Authority for competitor use between races. No warning signal shall be made after 1300 on Saturday, August 2, 2025. If there have been fewer than three (3) races completed, the time for the warning signal may be extended to no later than 1500.

#### **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available online on the Clubspot registration site. If you want a printed copy, please print it off from the website and bring it with you. No printed copies will be available onsite.

#### **Radio Use**

The RC will communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 68. The order of transmission or failure

to hear a RC transmission shall not constitute grounds for redress. Notification of course changes after the start may be broadcast by the RC in addition to the signals. Please bring a VHF radio.

### **Required Safety Equipment**

Per ECESA by-laws, the following safety equipment is mandatory to be onboard all competing yachts for the duration of the event, except when in use:

- I. Personal floatation device for each crew member certified to USCG Type III, EN 393, or ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) or equivalent.
  - II. Paddle
  - III. Type IV flotation device
  - IV. Mainsail flotation panel set, which are required to be used at all times while racing
- Further, a tow line of sufficient length, minimum 40ft, and strength for rescue and for **towing to the racing area** shall be required equipment for this event and must be kept onboard while racing

### **Hull and Sail Requirements**

All boats must bear a silver certified lead added label and white tamper-proof sticker.

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 regatta by a class recognized representative.

Sails must contain a manufacturer's serial number (or measurer's serial number) and an NCESA Royalty Tag. Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta to ensure conformity with class rules.

### **Racing Area and Courses**

Racing will take place in one of three racing areas on the Barnegat Bay. The racing areas are as follows:

**Primary** – Cedar Creek Course – Barnegat Bay off Berkely Island Park

**NOTE – This course requires a tow of around 30-45 minutes from TRYC. Sufficient tow boats will be organized by the Organizing Authority, but the participating yachts are responsible for bringing a tow line of sufficient length and strength to be towed to the racing area**

Alternate – Seaside Course – off Seaside Park Yacht Club

Alternate – Wanamaker Course – between Island Heights, Guilford Park, and Ocean Gate

Further information on the course locations will be illustrated in the Sailing Instructions.

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

### **Penalty System**

RSS US Sailing prescription Appendix V shall be in effect. The two-turn penalty is replaced with a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1

### **Scoring**

Three (3) completed races are necessary to constitute a series.

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 the skipper's race scores after throwing out the skipper's worst score. Rule A5.3 will be in effect.

### **Awards**

Top 5 Skippers, Top 5 Crews, Top Vintage Boat Skipper, Top Rookie, and Top Master. (Master is a skipper whose age is 65 or greater as of July 31, 2025).

### **Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance.

### **Disclaimer**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race.

Toms River 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.

The legal drinking age in the state of New Jersey is 21 years old. This is strictly enforced at TRYC.

### **Amendments To This Notice**

The Organizing Authority may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Clubspot regatta registration page.

### **Lodging/Housing**

The Toms River Yacht Club will attempt to locate housing on a first-come, first-serve basis, but there is no guarantee that all housing requests will be able to be fulfilled. Please direct ALL Housing Requests online via Clubspot. A list of recommended hotels is provided here. In addition, there are numerous bed & breakfast establishments and beach motels/hotels in the area as well as other local accommodations that can be found online.

Days Hotel – Toms River

Clarion Hotel – Toms River

Starlight Motel – Ortley Beach

Tradewinds – Lavallette

The Lamplight Inn – Lavallette

Windjammer – Seaside Park

### **Meals**

**Lunches:** Lunch will be determined during the Skippers Meeting. Lunch will be available in the morning to pack for an on-the-water lunch. A break may be taken onshore for lunch. Sunday lunch will take place as soon as possible after the final race. The cost is included in your registration fee for skipper and crew. Additional lunches may be purchased at registration.

**Social Packages:** Will be made available for breakfasts and the banquet.

### **Event Contacts**

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