



Minnetonka Yacht Club

2023 SEASON NOTICE OF RACE ("NOR")

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Minnetonka Yacht Club (MYC).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 MYC Membership: Skipper and crew shall be members of MYC in accordance with the Bylaws of the Club Chapter VI. This membership requirement is waived for students and coaches of the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School for Monday night youth racing.
- 2.2 MYC Boat Registration
 - 1. All boats must be registered with the Minnetonka Yacht Club, by an MYC member. Such registration shall constitute entry of the event and bind the competitor to the Racing Rules of sailing and all other rules that govern this event.
 - 2. All boats racing in MYC sanctioned events must be properly registered under Minnesota Statutes. Non-conforming boats will be subject to protest.
 - 3. Boats from other lakes may sail as guests of MYC in up to five scheduled races per season but will not be scored.
 - 4. A boat will not be registered or scored until all dues, fees and past due accounts have been paid.
- 2.3 Insurance: Each participating boat will be insured with valid third-party liability insurance not less than amount required by MYC per incident or equivalent. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon MYC's request.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 3.1 Races will be scheduled from mid-May to mid-September.
- 3.2 The schedule of races and classes to race will be detailed in the schedule posted on the MYC Website <http://www.minnetonkayachtclub.org/>. Items on the schedule referred to as Regattas, the Lighthouse series and the Champion of Champions race are not part of this event and will have separate NOR and SI published.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 4.1 Sailing instructions will be available no later than one week prior to first race of the season on the MYC Website <http://www.minnetonkayachtclub.org/>.

5. VENUE AND COURSES

- 5.1 *Racing* may be held anywhere on lower Lake Minnetonka.
- 5.2 Courses will be described in the SIs.

6. SCORING.

- 6.1 Scoring will be by the low point system per RRS Appendix A.
- 6.2 Scoring for DNS, DNC, BFD, DNF, RET, DNE, DSQ will be based upon the number of finishers +2, not the number of registered yachts.
- 6.3 The number of throw-outs, if any, will be specified in SIs. These change rules RRS A2, A4.2, A9.

7. RADIOS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

All boats must carry VHF radios that are in working order when racing. This rule does not apply to classes 420, Laser, or Optimist.

8. PRIZES.

Prizes will be specified in the SIs.



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9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Measurement or production of a valid measurement certificate is not required prior to the start of the event.
- 9.2 The Organizing Authority, Race Committee or Protest Committee may require measurement or production of a valid measurement certificate at any time during the event. Any costs involved shall be solely born by the Participant.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RELEASE.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury and death. Each person participates in each race entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS Rule 4, "Decision to Race".

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, HOST CLUB AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PERSONNEL, EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE) (COLLECTIVELY, "RACE ORGANIZERS") WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH) TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (i) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (ii) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES.

By participating, each participant (and in the case of children and minors, each participant's parent or guardian) forever releases, discharges and waives any and all actions, suits and claims whatsoever against Race Organizers for any liability, loss, damage and injury (including bodily injury, personal injury and death) to any person, property or boat (i) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after each race; or (ii) arising, relating or resulting from use of race facilities or participation in a race or associated activities, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Participant further releases all Race Organizers from any claim whatsoever on account of any of them giving assistance, aid, care, advice, rescue, first aid, treatment or services.

11. SAFETY AND GOVERNMENTAL RULES.

- 11.1 Each boat will have safety gear, proper registration and display licenses and numbers as required by law.
- 11.2 PFD shall be worn as directed by the SI's
- 11.3 Flotation panels for classes E, MC and X. shall be used as directed by the SI's.

12. PUBLICITY & PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS.

As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children/minors) grant Organizing Authority, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertisement, promotions, sales of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION.

Further information may be obtained from the Organizing Authority, via telephone (952 474 4457) or email (director@minnetonkayachtclub.org).



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14. ADDITIONAL RACING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

MYC Safety boats will be on the race course for all MYC races. If they are disabled, it may be necessary to cancel that race. They will fly a Race Committee flag or an MYC pennant and have radio communication with the Race Committee Boat. Their purpose and procedure are to rescue people when boats are capsized and or swamped, or in other situations where their assistance is needed to help sailors. They are specifically not permitted to rescue boats. The Safety Boat will take the people to Lighthouse Island, Carson's Bay or Park Avenue, where sailors can arrange their own (or a friend's) proper sized power boat to rescue their capsized boat. If a capsized or swamped boat must be left unattended, a buoy will be attached to mark its location if possible, and then, absent other assistance, the Sheriff's Water Patrol will be notified. MYC members who are spectating are encouraged to continue to voluntarily help with all rescue efforts, including the righting of capsized boats, assuming they have the knowledge and appropriate boat for this effort. The Race Committee beginning 45 minutes before scheduled assembly time for each race will monitor VHP RADIO on channel 72. If you wish to monitor channel 72, the Race Committee will announce if a questionable heavy air race is postponed or canceled about 30 minutes before assembly time. Radio announcements will continue until the race is sailed or canceled.

15. RACING REQUIREMENT FOR BUOY FIELD OR BUG ISLAND STORAGE.

There is a seven-race minimum participation requirement in order to remain eligible for a buoy or a Bug Island space on a season-to-season basis. An abandoned race counts as a race. If a race is abandoned without ever starting, and meeting this requirement is in question, skippers should request acknowledgement from the Race Committee for participation credit on the scoring sheet.