

# New Racers Fun Series

## Notice to Competitors

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### Notice:

The Notice of Race is now posted. To make life simple, it is pasted below.

#### **ABYC New Racers Fun Series**

**Mondays June 8 – August 26, 2024**

#### **Notice of Race**

**This Notice of Race applies to Monday night events only.**

#### 1 Format and Objective

1.1 The objective is to introduce new skippers, boats, and crew to the joys of weeknight club keelboat racing and to develop their skills so that they are comfortable moving on to Tuesdays or Thursdays.

1.2 Some evenings there will be short low-key races while others will focus on development of particular skills (for example, starting, navigation,...) without doing an actual race.

1.3 All sailing will be Jib and Main only (No Flying Sails).

#### 2 Rules

2.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-24. RRS Part 2 (when boats meet) will apply during practice exercises. Other rules in the RRS may apply for particular exercises; they will be listed in sailing instructions.

2.2 Appendix T will apply (but see "protests" below)

#### 3 Venue

3.1 Sailing activities will take place in the vicinity of the ABYC fixed mark course which is a circle having a radius of approximately 1/2 nautical mile and having a centre located approximately 0.9 nautical mile on a bearing of approximately 170° from the entrance to the new outer harbour.

#### 4 Schedule

4.1 Activities will take place on Monday evenings starting June 3. The frequency will depend on the interest of the participants and availability of volunteers. Sailors may participate in one event, more than one, or all, as they wish.

4.2 There will be a skippers' meeting at 1800 under the tent near the clubhouse or inside in less pleasant weather.

4.3 Activities on the water will start as soon as practicable after the meeting. There will be no warning signal for a race before 1855.

4.4 There will be an informal meeting after racing to discuss what went on and plan future evenings.

#### 5 Communications

5.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/9062/event>. Notices will be sent to registered participants by email.

5.2 The race committee will be communicating a LOT with participants on VHF channel 71.

5.3 Boats are expected to carry a functioning VHF radio on board and to monitor channel 71 from when they leave the dock until they return.

#### 6 Eligibility and Entry

6.1 All members of Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club and Toronto Hydroplane and Sailing Club who have not competed regularly as skippers in their club weeknight races are eligible to participate as skippers. The organizing committee will have sole discretion to determine whether or not someone is eligible to participate as a skipper.

6.2 Skippers are expected to bring their own boat (or someone else's, with the owner's permission).

6.3 The PHRF handicap rating system will apply to all races. ABYC will arrange for provisional PHRF ratings (valid for this series only) at no cost.

6.4 Skippers may register by emailing Dave Steenbergen at [dave.steenbergen@rogers.com](mailto:dave.steenbergen@rogers.com). There is no deadline for registration but a few days notice to arrange PHRF ratings would be appreciated.

6.5 ABYC requires skippers to be responsible for concussion awareness and removal-from-sport procedures under Rowan's Law for their crew. By registering for ABYC Monday night events the skipper agrees to accept that responsibility and to comply with ABYC concussion policy.

#### 7 Fees

7.1 There aren't any.

#### 8 Safety

8.1 The race committee intends to cancel activities on the water if it believes conditions are inappropriate for beginning racers. The committee will consider cancelling in case of sustained winds over 15 knots, heavy precipitation or reduction in visibility, large waves, lightning observed in the vicinity, or other hazards.

8.2 Boats which leave the area where activities are taking place before the race committee has announced "done for the day" must advise the race committee by radio or cell phone

8.3 Sailing on any evening may be canceled ahead of time by posting a notice on the official notice board and emailing registered skippers.

8.4 Events may be canceled on shore by displaying flag November over Alpha on the flagpole.

## 9 Sailing Instructions

9.1 Sailing instructions for individualized for each evening. SIs covering an evening's activities will be emailed to registered skippers and posted on the official notice board prior to the skippers' meeting.

9.2 Oral amendments may be made at the skipper's meeting or on the water by VHF.

## 10 Protests

10.1 Skippers who believe another boat has broken a rule of part 2 are encouraged to speak to an organizer, who will be happy to arrange for a discussion with the other skipper and an experienced racer to provide advice.

10.2 Skippers may protest, although they are encouraged to keep in mind that there are no prizes awarded for winning and no prizes at risk for losing. An arbitration hearing under appendix T will be held.

10.3 Rule 61.1 is changed to remove the requirement to display a red flag and after "at the first reasonable opportunity" to add "taking into account the level of experience of the protestor".

## 11 Scoring

11.1 Races we do on Monday nights do not constitute a series. There will be no series scoring.

11.2 Individual races may be scored, at the Race Committee's discretion, for the edification of the participants.

## 12 Prizes

12.1 Awards may be made for participation and accomplishment at the conclusion of the season, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 13 Risk Statement

13.1 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.

## 14 Insurance

14.1 Each boat entering must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance in accordance with Club rules.

## 15 Further Information

15.1 For further information, please contact Dave Steenbergen at [dave.steenbergen@rogers.com](mailto:dave.steenbergen@rogers.com) and/or Hugh Johnston at [hughjohnstonca@sympatico.ca](mailto:hughjohnstonca@sympatico.ca).