

21<sup>st</sup> Annual



Bayview Yacht Club's  
Women on Water Regatta



**The WOW Ultimate 20 Regatta**

for the

**Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy**

Bayview Yacht Club

Saturday, August 11, 2024

## Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Bayview Yacht Club ("BYC").

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The WOW Point-to-Point Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US SAILING prescriptions, and the BYC Club Boat Policy.
- 1.2 Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area at any time. This includes tour boats such as the Detroit Princess, the Diamond Jack and the Infinity and Ovation as well as freighters, tugboats, barges, commercial towing, and federal and local law enforcement including the US Coast Guard. Any boat not complying may be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.
- 1.3 Ultimate 20 class rules will not apply.
- 1.4 All competitors sailing the Ultimate 20s must adhere to the BYC Club Boat Policy
- 1.5 In accordance with the U.S. Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2, RRS 61.4 (a U.S. Sailing prescription), Appendix R, and the U.S. Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1 will apply at all times.
- 1.6 If wind speeds exceed 14.99kn, no spinnaker's will be flown during racing. The RC boat will signal this condition using the numeral pennant 6.



## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on Yachtscoring.com - [https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board.cfm?eid=16866](https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=16866). An unofficial notice board will be maintained at BYC in the Mackinac Room.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Prior to noon on Sunday August 11th, any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted on YachtScoring.com - <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16866>.
- 3.2 After noon on Sunday August 11th, any changes to Sailing Instructions will be made verbally to all competitors and/or broadcast on Channel 72.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the south lawn (river side) of BYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals



## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 11, 2024

1200-1300	Registration & Check-In
1300-1445	Practice
1500	The First Warning Signal
1700	Post-Race Party & Awards

## 6. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 6.1 The intended course is the Detroit River near Bayview Yacht Club.
- 6.2 The course will be windward/leeward.
- 6.3 Marks of the course may include BYC inflatable marks and/or MarkSetBots.
- 6.4 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will set a windward-leeward course. The windward mark shall be left to port. If there is no gate, the leeward mark shall be left to port.
- 6.5 No later than the warning signal for each race, the race committee will signal the course to be sailed by:

<b>Course 1: 4 legs (2 laps)</b>	<b>Pennant 1</b>	
<b>Course 2: 2 legs (1 lap)</b>	<b>Pennant 2</b>	

## 7. MARKS

- 7.1 The starting and finishing mark will be either an orange inflatable tetrahedron or marksetbot.
- 7.2 The windward mark will be either an orange inflatable tetrahedron or marksetbot, and should be rounded to port.
- 7.3 There may be an offset mark at the windward mark.

- 7.4 There may be a leeward gate which will consist of either 2 yellow inflatable tetrahedrons or marksetbots.
- 7.5 If there is not a leeward gate, the orange starting mark will be used as the leeward mark and should be rounded to port.

## **8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 Commercial ships transiting the St. Clair Ship Channel are severely limited in their maneuverability. A boat shall not interfere with a commercial vessel in the St. Clair Ship Channel.
- 8.2 Sailing is not permitted within 50 feet of shore along the river adjacent to Bayview Yacht Club

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag located on the race committee boat and the course side of an inflatable orange buoy or orange marksetbot.
- 9.3 If any part of the boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the assigned Racing Area VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS62.1(a).
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **11. RETIRING FROM THE RACE**

- 11.1 Boats retiring from the race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 72.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag located on the race committee boat and the course side of an inflatable orange buoy or orange marksetbot.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Bayview Yacht Club, or online at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16296>, under general race forms. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished.

- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Bayview Yacht Club. Beginning time posted will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 A list of boats that, under SI 14.3, have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 14.6 Breaches of SIs 12 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 14.8 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.9 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 Scoring system will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A
- 15.2 One race shall constitute a series.
- 15.3 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 16.2 It is recommended that all boats have a VHF radio on board.

## **17. COURTESY BROADCASTS.**

- 17.1 The RC may attempt to provide information on VHF Channel 72 as a courtesy. In all cases, race signals shall govern. Failure to hear or receive such transmission will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62. A boat shall not make any radio transmissions while racing except on VHF Channel 16 or with the RC on VHF Channel 72. While racing, a boat shall not receive communication that is not freely available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1 Awards will be made for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in the series.
- 18.2 The Natalie J. O'Neil Trophy will be awarded to the boat that finishes first in the windward/leeward series.
- 18.3 Awards will take place on Sunday after racing is completed.

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, "Decision to Race." The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. All skippers and crew will be required to sign a liability waiver.