

## 2024 NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority ("OA") & Host Club: Okoboji Yacht Club ("OYC")  
1900 Manhattan Boulevard  
Wahpeton, Iowa 51360  
website: <https://www.okobojiyachtclub.org/>

### 1. RULES.

- 1.1 Races and events will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as changed by the Sailing Instructions found online at [www.okobojiyachtclub.org](http://www.okobojiyachtclub.org) in its entirety and abbreviated here in the Notice of Race in this Annual Program. (*Rules* are defined as including all participating Class rules and the Local PHRF provisions)
- 1.2 Boat registration and compliance with most recent Iowa Boating Laws and Responsibilities as published by the DNR of Iowa is required.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

- 2.1 Races are open to the following classes: C Scow, MC Scow, X Boat, M-15, and PHRF classes (to include, but not restricted to, Sonar and Yngling))
  - 2.1.a X boat Age Restriction Per class by-laws If your 16th birthday is before January 1 you are ineligible for the X class the following season.
- 2.2 To be scored, Boats must meet eligibility and entry requirements.
  - 2.2.a Boats and associated sail numbers must be registered with OYC by submitting an online or mail-in registration form to OYC and be current on any fees or dues prior participation in official racing
  - 2.2.b Each skipper must be a registered member of OYC in good standing.
  - 2.2.d All entries are subject to acceptance by OYC.
- 2.3 Check-In. All competitors are requested to sail by RC boat on *starboard tack* prior to their class's preparatory signal and hail their sail number. In addition, if a boat has more than one skipper, each skipper will hail the RC identifying themselves as skipper for scoring purposes that day or race.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS.

- 3.1 VHF Radio.
  - 3.1.1 Each boat is required to carry and monitor an operating VHF marine-band radio while afloat. The RC will be using radios as its primary form of communicating important information preceding and during racing.
- 3.2 Channels.
  - 3.2 a RC will use VHF radio **channel 68** ("Competitor Channel").to make announcements to competitors
  - 3.2 b RC will use VHF radio **channel 72** ("RC Channel"). to work and communicate with other committee boats when needed.
  - 3.2 c While *racing*, competitors may not monitor or use any radio channel except **Competitor Channel 68** and NOAA weather broadcast channel.
- 3.3 Phone and Other Communications. A boat that is *racing* shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive communication that is not available to all boats except:
  - (a) in an emergency,
  - (b) when retiring from a race, or
  - (c) to respond to hail made by RC specifically to them.This restriction applies to mobile telephones, tablets, and other similar devices.

### 4. SAFETY.

- 4.1 Life Jackets. All **X Boat** competitors shall wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device ("PFD") at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. (Class rules require these classes to wear PFD's at all times afloat.)
  - 4.1a Whenever the lifejacket flag (code flag Y) is flown at RC discretion, ALL skippers and crews shall thereafter wear a CG approved PFD until the signal is struck. It is the competitor's responsibility to wear life jackets whenever conditions warrant whether or not code flag Y is signaled.
- 4.2 Sail Panels. X-Boats, MC Scows are required to race with sail flotation panels (or other OYC-approved sail flotation device) at all times while *racing*.
- 4.3 Wind Guidelines. All Classes- Racing will not be started or continued if the wind is gusting over 25 mph as measured by a RC boat. Additionally, no **MC** race will be started or continued when the wind registers 20 mph steady or gusts greater than 23 mph, (per class rules), as measured by RC on RC vessel. If RC elects to *abandon* ONLY the MC race, RC will sound an attention horn and announce such *abandonment* on the Competitor Channel.
- 4.4 Capsize Help. A boat that is capsized MAY receive outside righting assistance from another boat and continue racing without further penalty.
- 4.5 Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without limitation bodily injury, personal injury, permanent disability and death. Each person participates in each race and event entirely at his/her own risk. (See RRS *Rule 4*) (See: 26. "**Disclaimer of Liability**" in Sailing Instructions online)

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 5.1 2024 Season Racing will begin with Tune-up races June 1 & 2, and regular season races continuing through the summer. The specifics of Series, date of races, and time of warning signals are listed in *Attachment A* titled: "**Official Schedule**" on the web site: [www.okobojiyachtclub.org](http://www.okobojiyachtclub.org)
- 5.2 Racing Format: On each day of racing, two races sailed back-to-back are commonly scheduled to begin at 9:30am. Please note that Special Series could be differently scheduled. See "**Official Schedule**" as referenced above.

### 6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

- 6.1 Official Notice Board is virtual and located at: [www.okobojiyachtclub.org](http://www.okobojiyachtclub.org)
- 6.2 Official SIs and other official notices will be posted on OYC's Virtual Official Notice Board. Any posting of SIs or other notices posted at the club premises is merely a courtesy, and may not reflect the most current official version.

### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs).

- 7.1 Official Sailing Instructions for OYC Season 2024 will be posted and available in full, 48 hours prior to the start of Racing Season on the OYC Virtual Official Notice Board at [www.okobojiyachtclub.org](http://www.okobojiyachtclub.org)
- 7.2 Any change to SIs will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Official Schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Such changes will be posted by OYC on OYC's Virtual Official Notice Board (without needing to fly code flag "L" or make any sound signal).
- 7.3 In addition, **RC may verbally alter the SIs** (excluding original time of race) on the water by hail and/or announce via Competitor Channel after displaying code flag "L" with one sound in the racing area.

8. **VENUE.** Races shall take place on West Lake Okoboji, Iowa.

### 9. THE COURSES.

- 9.1 No later than preparatory signal for each class, RC signal boat will display on the course board: class of boat, course designation, and number of laps (as described in course diagrams) to be sailed.
- 9.2 Courses will usually be a Windward Leeward configuration. Starts for courses designated **M** will be at Mid-course, this will also be the finish line. For Courses designated **W** (finish will be at or near the weather mark), or **L** (finish will be at or near leeward mark) the start for both **W** and **L** will be in the area of leeward mark.
- 9.3 Course Diagrams and designations will be published with the Sailing Instructions (SI's) at [www.okobojyachtclub.org](http://www.okobojyachtclub.org) as *Attachment C*

**10 THE START.**

- 10.1 Races shall be started using a 3 minute sequence. **Typically:** First warning will be 6 minutes prior to (C Scow) start, which will be the 3 minute preparatory signal for the next class PHRF/Yngling start, subsequent classes will be starting 3 minutes apart. General Recalled fleets will follow.
- 10.2 The preparatory signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the start signal of the preceding class. Further detailed procedure will be published in SIs.
- 10.3 One minute "round-an-end" rule described in RRS Rule 30.1 will **automatically be in effect for starts**. Code flag "I" will **not** be displayed but will remain in effect for all subsequent starts (unless Z flag or Black Flag starts are required.) This changes RRS Rules 26 and 30.1.
- 10.4 Times shall be taken from visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 10.5 Individual Recalls: When signaling an individual recall, RC may hail (and/or may announce via Competitor Channel) the sail number(s) of boat(s) that are OCS. Failure or delay to provide or hear announcements will not be grounds for redress under RRS Rule 62.1(a). General Recalls: A fleet recalled will automatically go to the end of the start sequence and start three minutes after the last fleet, or the previously recalled fleet, has started. First Substitute will be lowered one minute before the next scheduled start and no sound signals will be made. This changes RRS Rule 29.2.

**11. RACE TIME LIMITS.**

- 11.1 Time limit for each class will be **90 minutes** from their starting time to the time the first boat in that class crosses the finish line.
- 11.2 Boats failing to *finish* within **20 minutes** after the first boat in their class sails the course and *finishes* will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF)

**2024 Starting Flag System  
3 Minute Rolling Sequence of Sound Signals  
4 Fleet Example**

**12. PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.**

- 12.1 On-The-Water Penalty: For all classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the **One-Turn Penalty**. This changes RRS Rule 44.1 & 44.2.
- 12.2 Boats wishing to *Protest* shall notify the RC prior to leaving the finish area while remaining clear and not interfering with other boats finishing.
- 12.3 Protest/Request for Redress Time Limit. Properly lodged *Protests* per RRS Rule 61 and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to OYC by **5:00 pm** on same day of racing that the incident occurred on.
- 12.4 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered by electronically scanning or photographing the written *protest*/requests (with diagram(s), as applicable) and emailing it to OYC scorekeeper at [oycbrad@mchsi.com](mailto:oycbrad@mchsi.com).
- 12.5 Post-Race Penalty. A boat that may have broken a rule while racing may choose to take a 30% Scoring penalty as prescribed in Appendix V2 except that it will require written approval by all *parties* to the *protest*, is voluntary and final, and will not be grounds for redress. Therefore, a boat taking the Post-Race Penalty must also obtain and submit to the RC the other boat(s)' written approval in order for it to take the penalty. This changes Appendix V2.
- 12.6 Protest Committee appointed by the head judge will post the date, time and location for protest hearings on OYC Virtual Official Notice Board at [www.okobojyachtclub.org](http://www.okobojyachtclub.org) as soon as possible and hearing will be held as soon as possible.
- 13. **FLAGS.** See Inside cover of Annual Program for Flags used in OYC Club Racing
- 14. **SCORING.** Will be described in detail online in Sailing Instructions - See *Attachment D* or contact the Official Scorer: Brad Farrar @ 712-320-3144
- 15. **PRIZES.** Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in each class for each scheduled series. Also, 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers in Trophy Races as scheduled and Season Champions as determined in each class. See *Attachment B & D* for a full listing.
- 16. **INSURANCE.** Each participating boat is expected to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance not less than amount required by OYC per incident or equivalent. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OYC's request.

Timing	Visual Signal	Horn 3 minute roll. (automatic)	Means:
:00	Yellow flag up	❖ One sound	Warning signal
:02	Yellow flag down		
:03	C class up	❖ One sound	Preparatory signal
:05	C class down		1 min. to start
:06	PHRF/Yngling up	❖ One sound	C Scow start (Prep for PHRF/Y)
:08	PHRF/Yngling down		1 min. to start
:09	MC class up	❖ One sound	PHRF/Yng start (Prep for MC)
:11	MC class down		1 min. to start
:12	X class up	❖ One sound	MC Scow start (Prep for X)
:14	X class down		1 min. to start
:15	X class up (assumes that this class is last to start)	❖ One sound	X Boat Start

**See Sailing Instructions on our Website for following Attachments:**  
 Attachment A – Official Schedule    Attachment C – Courses and Diagrams  
 Attachment B – Series                    Attachment D – Scoring & Prizes

For further information, contact Brad Farrar, OYC Score Keeper,  
 by calling 712-320-3144 or emailing [oycbrad@mchsi.com](mailto:oycbrad@mchsi.com)  
 For other Racing Information or questions on these Rules Contact Head Judge – Walter Mendenhall at: 712-260-8457 email: [walter.mendenhall68@gmail.com](mailto:walter.mendenhall68@gmail.com)