



## 2023 NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

**Organizing Authority: The National Class E Scow Association (NCESA) is the Organizing Authority in cooperation with MYC.**

**September 7 - 10, 2023**  
**RACING THURSDAY through SUNDAY**

**Lake Mendota, WI**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

(version 2023-01-08)

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule or request redress for an incident related to that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification*

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The NCESA By-Laws Articles V (*Eligible Yachts*), VI (*Yacht's Number*), VII (*Recognized Events*), VIII (*Rules for Recognized Events*) and IX (*Trophies*) will apply and are available on the class website .
- 1.3. Please note 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.
- 1.4. NCESA documents Part V (*Scantling Rules*) will apply and are available on the class website.
- 1.5. Group 3 crews, determined per World Sailing Regulation #22, who are not registered skippers or drivers: May not file a protest, represent a party in the protest room, or be in contact with the representative in the protest room. Group 3 crew may however act as a witness during a protest hearing. This adds to RRS 63.3(a).
- 1.6. This Notice of Race may be updated and posted on the event's website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted
- 1.7. The Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.

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## 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available on the Official Notice Board located on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15593> prior to the regatta. If you want to have a printed copy, please print it off from the website and bring it with you. No printed copies will be available onsite.

## 3. Communications

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15593>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the standard VHF channels.
- 3.3. VHF Radio will be used by the RC to communicate with competitors, on and off the water. Additional instructions regarding radio communication will be included in the SI's.
- 3.4. Amendments To This Notice: The Organizing Authority may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15593>.

## 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. [NP] The Regatta is open to all yachts which meet the rules of NCESA, whose skipper is an Active Owner or Regular Member of NCESA and whose sails and equipment comply with the Scantlings and By-laws of NCESA.
- 4.2. Youth participation is encouraged. In addition to the Youth Trophy, the youth winner shall also receive a \$200 gift card as part of the award.
- 4.3. **In order to be scored, an E-Scow entered in the regatta must have a clearly legible, current annual boat sticker attached to the transom.** This is according to Class Scantling Rules. Every person who has a valid 'Boat Owner' membership in the NCESA receives this annual boat sticker.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by going to <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15593> to complete the regatta's online entry.
- 4.5. **On-line Measurement Agreement & Waiver of Liability: As part of the entry process on Yachtscoring, all skippers must complete the "Waiver of Liability" and the "Online Measurement Agreement" to be a valid entry.**
  - 4.5.1. **\*\*\* After you have completed your entry application on Yachtscoring, please go to the "OWNER'S CORNER" Section and then at "My Crew List", input your crew names.**
  - 4.5.2. **If your crew changes before the regatta, please edit your crew list online the same way.**
  - 4.5.3. **Crew names shall be identified by the close of registration.**

## 5. Fees

- 5.1. The regatta entry fees are as follows:
  - \$400 - if received by July 15, 2023
  - \$450 - if received AFTER July 15, 2023
  - \$500 - if received AFTER August 15, 2023Youth entry - for skippers 25 years old or younger, the entry fee is \$50. There is no late fee for youths.

## 6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1. Per NCESA By-Laws Article VIII, #6: 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 protest committee 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.

## 7. Advertising

- 7.1. Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 rules. Boats may be required to display event and sponsor's advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority (OA) at registration.

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## 8. Schedule

### 8.1. **[NP] On-Site Registration:**

On-site Registration will be held as follows:

Wednesday, September 6: 10:00am – 7:00 pm at Marshall Park

Thursday, September 7: 7:45 am – 8:30 am at Marshall Park

Registration includes:

- 1) Confirming crew names.
- 2) Confirm entry form requirements are complete (Online Measurement Agreement, Waiver, correct sail number and entry fee paid).

### 8.2. **Daily Schedule:**

#### **Wednesday, September 6**

10:00am – 7:00pm Registration at Marshall Park

3:00pm Practice Race – weather dependent

4:30pm Happy hour at Marshall Park

#### **Thursday, September 7**

7:45- 8:30am Registration at Marshall Park

**10:30am Competitors' Briefing** at Marshall Park (also broadcast via radio on VHF 72)

12:30pm Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)

After racing NCESA sponsored party with hors d'oeuvres & drinks and NCESA Annual Membership Meeting at Marshall Park at NCESA sponsored party

**NCESA ANNUAL MEETING:** The NCESA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023. An Agenda will be sent to all Owner members one month before the NCESA Annual Meeting. A proxy form will be available on the class website.

#### **Friday, September 8**

11:00am Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)

6:30pm Nationals Banquet (part 1) at The Edgewater

#### **Saturday, September 9**

11:00am Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)

6:30pm Nationals Banquet (part 2) at The Edgewater

#### **Sunday, September 10**

11:00am Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)

After racing Awards Presentation at Marshall Park

### 8.3. **Race Format**

8.3.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled with up to three (3) back to back races a day. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

8.3.2. On Sunday, up to two (2) races will be attempted based on the weather conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8.3.3. On the final day of the regatta, the Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1:30pm unless the required three races have not been completed. If an additional race is needed to have three completed races, the Warning Signal for the last race will not be made after 2:00pm.

## 9. **Equipment Inspection**

9.1. Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta to ensure conformity with class rules by the technical committee or the protest committee.

9.2. [DP] If the technical committee wishes to inspect a boat, any boat not stored at Marshall Park shall be brought to Marshall Park at the first reasonable opportunity to comply with all inspection requirements.

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## 10. **Clothing and Equipment**

10.1. Use of Floatation Panels will be at the discretion of the Race Committee PRO based on each day's forecast. Additional instructions regarding Floatation Panel notification will be included in the SI's.

10.2. [NP][DP] All safety equipment, as required by the NCESA class rules, shall be on board while racing. Anchor and anchor line are not required to be carried.

### 10.3. **Hull and Sail Requirements:**

10.3.1. All boats must bear a silver certified lead added label and white tamper-proof sticker (both clearly legible).

10.3.2. 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 National Championship Regatta by a class recognized representative.

10.3.3. Sails shall contain a manufacturers serial number (or measurer's serial number) and an NCESA Royalty Tag.

10.4. [NP][DP] Installation of electronic devices for tracking and/or media coverage of the racing may be required on competitor boats. The OA may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the racing as well as for technical and safety purposes.

## 11. **Venue:**

11.1. The regatta host will be Mendota Yacht Club (MYC).

11.2. The regatta venue will be Marshall Park located at 2101 Allen Blvd, Middleton, WI 53562.

11.3. Racing will take place on Lake Mendota.

## 12. **Courses**

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

## 13. **Penalty System**

13.1. RRS US Sailing Appendix T shall be in effect.

13.2. RRS T1(b) is modified. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty or 50% of the points between a boat's finishing position and the number of entries, whichever is smaller, calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) still applies.

13.3. The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*."

13.4. **Starting Penalties:** If a boat is disqualified in a start using RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule), her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score. She shall be scored DNE. This changes RRS 30.4.

13.5. The Scantling rules are determined to be the Class Rules for the purposes of RRS 64.4. .

## 14. **Scoring**

14.1. Three (3) finished and not abandoned races are necessary to constitute a series.

14.2. 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 her race scores after throwing out her worst score.

## 15. **Support Person Vessels**

15.1. [NP][DP] From the time of the warning, through the start of a race, support boats shall not be on the extensions of the starting line.

15.2. [NP][DP] The ILYA Drone Policy will be in effect ([https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/upload\\_hY0w6c3Sgj\\_YlzzHUXBAa\\_1657148743704](https://d282wvk2qi4wzk.cloudfront.net/upload_hY0w6c3Sgj_YlzzHUXBAa_1657148743704)) and amended to replace ILYA with NCESA.

## 16. **Berthing**

16.1. [DP] Boats kept at Marshall Park shall follow the instructions for parking while in the boat park.

16.2. [DP] Boats may be stored in locations other than Marshall Park. No accommodations will be given to boats not stored at Marshall Park. Boats may be required to come to Marshall Park at the first reasonable opportunity to comply with NOR 9.1.

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## 17. **Risk Statement**

- 17.1. 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.**
- 17.2. The Organizing Authority (NCESA), Mendota 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.

## 18. **Insurance**

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per covered event.

## 19. **Prizes**

- 19.1. Awards will be as specified in the NCESA By-Laws Article IX.
- 19.2. To support youth sailing, in addition to the Youth Trophy, the youth winner shall also receive a \$200 gift card as part of the award.
- 19.3. Service trophies will also be presented at the award ceremony.
- 19.4. The final awards presentation will occur as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday at Marshall Park.

## 20. **Further Information:**

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