

2016 SCOW NATIONALS



58th NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Minnetonka Yacht Club

Deephaven, MN

September 9th - 11th 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

Regatta Venue

The regatta venue and host will be the Minnetonka Yacht Club (MYC) located at 19800 Minnetonka Blvd, Deephaven, MN, 55331

Organizing Authority

The National Class E Scow Association (NCESA) is the Organizing Authority in cooperation with the Minnetonka Yacht Club (MYC).

Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

The National Class E Scow Association (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 web site.

NCESA documents Part V (*Scantling Rules*) will apply and are available on the class web site.

According to Class Scantling Rules every E-Scow entered in the regatta must have a current annual Boat Sticker attached to the transom. Every person who has a valid 'Boat Owner' membership in the NCESA (\$65) receives this annual Boat Sticker.

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.

Advertising

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.

Eligibility

The Regatta is open to all yachts which meet the rules of NCESA, whose skipper is a Active Owner or Regular Member of NCESA and whose sails and equipment comply with the Scantlings and By-laws of NCESA. The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not apply.

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.

Each competitor shall complete their entry form, pay the entry fee and complete the on-site registration process to be eligible.

Crew

Each yacht must keep the same crew throughout the regatta. Variation in crew from day to day will be accepted if declared at registration, and adhered to exactly. In the event of an emergency, causing a crew person to be unable to continue sailing, a substitute crew may be used after obtaining the permission of the Regatta Jury.

Entries

Eligible boats may enter by going to the E-Scow website and completing the regatta's online entry process and paying the required fees (the entry link takes you to Yachtscoring.com's regatta page).

***** After you have completed your entry application on Yachtscoring, please go to the "OWNER'S CORNER" Section (second item in the left column) and at "My Crew List", input your crew names.**

If your crew changes before the regatta, please edit your crew list online the same way. Crew names must be identified by the end of registration.

Fees

The regatta entry fees are as follows:

\$275 - if received by August 15, 2016.

\$375 – if received AFTER August 15, 2016

Youth entries - for skippers 25 years old or younger, the entry fee is \$50. There is no late fee for youth entries.

On-Site Registration

On-site Registration will be held as follows:

Thursday, September 8: 12:00 – 6:00 pm at Carson's Bay Facility

Thursday, September 8: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Excelsior Brewery

Friday, September 9: 7:45 am – 8:30 am at Carson's Bay Facility

To complete on-site registration, competitors will need to present a "weight card" signed by an official NCESA measurer, provide crew names if not done so online and confirm that their entry form is complete and the entry fee is paid.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 8th

12:00 - 6:00 Registration at Carson's Bay Facility
3:00 Practice Race at the race course
6:30 - 8:00 Registration @ Excelsior Brewery
6:30 Regan Investment's Skipper's Meeting @ Excelsior Brewery

Friday, September 9th

7:45 – 8:30 Registration @ Carson's Bay Facility
11:00 Initial Warning Signal
After racing NCESA hosted party with Hors d'oeuvres & drinks at Lighthouse Island

Saturday, September 10th

8:30 NCESA Annual Membership Meeting @ Lighthouse Island
11:00 Initial Warning Signal
6:30 Ameriprise Financial Commodores Banquet @ at Lighthouse Island

Sunday, September 11th

9:30 Initial Warning Signal
2:30 Trophy Presentation

REGAN INVESTMENTS



NCESA ANNUAL MEETING

The NCESA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 8:30am. An Agenda will be sent to all Regular members one month before the NCESA Annual Meeting. See the NCESA Rulebook for details. A proxy form will be available on the class website.

Race Format

Seven (7) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on Sunday if needed. There will be no more than three races held per day.

In the event three races are held back to back, there will be a short break ON THE WATER between the second and third race of the day to allow for a bathroom break on club provided boats with facilities.

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 or races are needed to have three completed races, the Warning Signal for the last race may be made up to 2:00pm.

Radio

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.

Sailing Instructions

One (1) set of Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be provided at Registration. For additional sets of SI's, please go to the regatta website and print off the number of copies you would like.

Regan Investment's Skipper's Meeting

The Skipper's Meeting will be held at 6:30PM on Thursday, September 8th at Excelsior Brewery.

Hull and Sail Requirements

Boats that bear a silver certified lead added label and white tamper-proof sticker shall not require weighing at the regatta site.

If any competitor has made modifications to their boat and needs to be re-weighed, it should be done in controlled ideal conditions BEFORE arriving at the National Championship Regatta.

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

Equipment

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

All safety equipment, as required by the NCESA class rules, shall be on board while racing. Anchor and line is not required to be carried.

Racing Area and courses

Racing will take place on Lake Minnetonka. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SI's.

PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1(a) and 44.2 are changed as so the penalty shall be a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.

Penalties within 3 boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 and rule 31 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

Post Race Penalties / Protests: RRS Appendix T, Sections B and C shall be in effect for this event to expedite dispute resolution.

The Post-Race Penalty as described in Section B – T2.2 shall be:

- (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
- (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

Scoring

Three (3) completed races are necessary to constitute a series.

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply with the following modifications:

- a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) 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. This changes RRS A2.

Awards

Awards will be as specified in the NCESA By-Laws Article IX.

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.

Daily awards for race winners will be presented at the club following each day's racing. Service trophies will also be presented at the daily award ceremony(s).

The final awards presentation will occur as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The Organizing Authority, Minnetonka 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.

Amendments To This Notice

The Organizing Authority may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board at MYC Carson's Bay Facility and if practical, posted on the NCESA regatta website.

Hotels

There are numerous accommodation options in the area and these will be posted on the class website in early spring.

Member Housing

The regatta chairs will provide assist to sailors requesting home stays.

Request for home stay accommodations will need place to be placed by August 15th. Information on how to request Home Stays will be posted on the class website by June 15th. Homes are limited and we will do our best to accommodate all requests; however, homes are on a first come bases.

For Further Information

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NCESA website for championship information: www.e-scow.org