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2.4mR North American Championships September 24th to September 29th, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is: Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
555 Bay Street North
Hamilton, Ontario
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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International 2.4mR class.
- 3.2 All participants shall be current members of their 2.4mR National Class Association (NCA) or an Associate member of the Canadian 2.4mR Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may register online by completing registration form, signing the waiver and paying the registration fee at www.yachtscoring.com prior to September 20th

4. MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 Each boat shall have available a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 Each boat shall produce a flotation certificate issued by an Official Measurer, or be flotation tested according to Rule B.4.4 and C.5.2(b).
- 4.3 The following safety devices shall be checked: Manual Pump according to Rule D.9.1(a)(2); towing rope according to Rule C.4.2(a)(1); and fitting for towing rope according to Rule D.9.1(a)(1).

5. FEES

- 5.1 Required Fees are \$350 CAD plus HST until Sept 1st, and \$400 CAD plus HST after Sept 1st
- 5.2 Required Fees include 1 dinner ticket for Saturday Awards and all social activities.
- 5.3 Required Fees also include boat and vehicle / trailer parking, launching and hauling.
- 5.4 Additional dinner tickets and social packages will be available for purchase

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The schedule for boat delivery, competitor and coach check-in, racing and social events is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, Sept 24 th	Starting at 1200	Boat Arrival to RHYC	Dry Sail
Wednesday Sept 25 th	1000-1200	Registration	Commodore's Room
Wednesday Sept 25 th	1400	Practice Race – warning signal	Racing Area
Thursday Sept 26 th	1000	Skipper's Meeting	Tent Area
Thursday Sept 26 th	1130	First Warning Signal	Racing Area
Thursday Sept 26 th	1800	Social & Refreshments	Tent Area
Friday, Sept 27 th	1130	First Warning Signal	Racing Area
Friday, Sept 27 th	1800	Social & Refreshments	Tent Area
Saturday, Sept 28 th	1030	First Warning Signal	Racing Area
Saturday, Sept 28 th	1800	Awards Dinner	RHYC Dining Room
Sunday Sept 29 th	0900	Pack Up	Dry Sail

6.2 No race will be started after 1500 on Saturday.

6.3 Eight (8) races are scheduled with a maximum of four (4) races per day.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available by Friday, Sept 22nd, online at www.yachtscoring.com

8. VENUE

8.1 A map showing directions to the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club can be found at <https://www.rhyc.ca/>

8.2 Racing will be in the waters of Hamilton Bay.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward with a gate and an offset mark.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point scoring system as described in RRS Appendix A will be used.

10.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

10.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 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. [DP]

11.2 The Race Committee may broadcast on and will monitor the VHF radio channel to be announced at the competitors meeting.

11.3 Race Committee broadcasts are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear the broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 60.1(b).

12. PRIZES

The North American Championships is an Open Championship in which the winner can be from any country. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event or equivalent for Canadian boats and US \$300,000 for American boats.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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