



2021 NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Torch Lake, MI

September 10 - 12, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Regatta Venue

The regatta venue and host will be the Torch Lake Yacht Club (TLYC), located at 10280 Larson Rd, Bellaire, MI 49615

Organizing Authority

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

Rules

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

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.

Please note Article V111, #9 - No yacht while racing in a sanctioned event may have a paid hand for either skipper or as a paid member of the crew.

Cat 3 crews, who are not registered skippers or drivers, are not allowed in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative in the protest room. This adds to RRS 63.3(a).

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

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.

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 NCEA, whose skipper is a Active Owner or Regular Member of NCEA and whose sails and equipment comply with the Scantlings and By-laws of NCEA.

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.

Crew

Each yacht shall keep the same crew throughout the regatta. However, 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 protest committee.

Entries

Eligible boats may enter by going to <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14473> to complete the regatta's online entry.

On-line Measurement Agreement & Waiver of Liability:

As part of the entry process, all skippers must complete the Waiver of Liability and the Online Measurement Agreement to be a valid entry.

***** 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.**

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:

\$400 - if received by August 15, 2021.

\$450 - if received AFTER August 15, 2021

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

On-Site Registration

On-site Registration will be held as follows:

Thursday, September 9: 12:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday, September 10: 7:45 am – 8:30 am

Registration includes:

- 1) If not done so online, competitors will need to provide crew names.
- 2) Confirm entry form requirements are complete (Online Measurement Agreement, Waiver, correct sail number and entry fee paid).

Boats & Trailers

Wet sailing boats during the regatta is encouraged. Dry sailing trailer space will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Boats that are dry sailed will be launched by club volunteers. Trailers for boats that are wet-sailed will be stored off site near the club.

No vehicles will be allowed down the club driveway other than for dropping off and picking up boats.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 9

12:00 - 7:00 Registration
3:00 Practice Race (See SI's for further information)

Friday

7:45 – 8:30am Registration
8:45am Competitors' Meeting
11:00 Initial Warning Signal (3 races planned)

6:00 NCESA hosted party with Hors d'oeuvres & drinks (subject to change due to COVID 19 protocols in place at time of the event. Update to follow.)

6:30 NCESA Annual Membership Meeting

 Post-race Debrief by the day's top competitors (come learn their secrets!)

Saturday

11:00 Initial Warning Signal (3 races planned)
6:30 Nationals Banquet (subject to change due to COVID 19 protocols in place at time of the event. Update to follow.)

Sunday, June 13th

10:00 **Initial Warning Signal (2 races planned)**
After racing Awards Presentation

NCESA ANNUAL MEETING

The NCESA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, September 10 at 6:30pm.

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.

Race Format

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. On Sunday, two races will be attempted based on the weather conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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 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

Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available on the Official Notice Board located on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14473> 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.

Competitors' Meeting

The Competitors' Meeting will be held at 8:45am on Friday, September 10 at TLYC.

Equipment

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.

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

Hull and Sail Requirements

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

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.

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

Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta to ensure conformity with class rules.

Racing Area and courses

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

PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS US Sailing prescription Appendix V2 shall be in effect.

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

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:

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.

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.

Service trophies will also be presented at the award ceremony.

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 with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00.

Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race.

The Organizing Authority (NCESA), Torch Lake 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 located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14473> .

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