

Windsor Yacht Club Waiver & Safe Sport Policy

As a boat owner registering for the Windsor Yacht Club Wednesday Night Race Series 2024 you agree to the following and will act according to:

- 1) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 3,
- 2) Laws of the Province of Ontario, Government of Canada,
- 3) Windsor Yacht Club Safe Sport Policy.
- 4) United States Federal Law
- 5) United States Coast Guard
- 6) Canadian Coast Guard
- 7) Valid Identification
- 8) Force majeure etc.

- 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.

To this extent, the skipper also accepts full responsibility for the crew. The skipper is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew and the suitability and the transport-safe-condition of the registered boat. The WYC or the WYC Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the Wednesday Night Race Series.

- 2) The Laws of the Province of Ontario & Government of Canada shall prevail.
- 3) Windsor Yacht Club Safe Sport Policy found at https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm?eid=16273 .
- 4) US Federal law 89-764 & Sailing prescriptions to the RRS shall apply, including those crossing into Canadian waters. Boats crossing the Lake St. Clair shipping channel (see NOAA Chart #14850), are forbidden to interfere with major ships (US Federal law 89-764).
- 5) USCG Rule 18 Boats shall adhere to USCG Rule 18, which reads in part: "(b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver." A boat receiving five (5) horn blasts from a commercial vessel transiting the ship channel may be protested by the Race Committee.
- 6) Sailors are advised that they must carry identification documents such as Nexus, Enhanced Drivers Licenses or valid Passports when crossing the border either on land or water between the US and Canada.
- 7) In cases of force majeure or on the grounds of administrative orders, border restrictions, or safety reasons, the OA is entitled to make changes in the event's realization or cancel the event. Participants may withdraw their registration without financial penalty should the regatta be significantly altered or cancelled due to these reasons.