



**61st NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
Muskegon, MI**

September 6 – 8, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

Regatta Venue

The regatta host will be Muskegon Yacht Club located at 3198 Edgewater St, Muskegon, MI.

Co-hosts: Spring Lake Yacht Club and White Lake Yacht Club.

Organizing Authority

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

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 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 receives this annual Boat Sticker.

Boats shall keep clear of all commercial traffic (including ferries). Any boat causing a commercial vessel to alter course shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee and / or Jury only.

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, 2019.

\$375 – if received AFTER August 15, 2019

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 5: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Friday, September 6: 7:45 am – 8:30 am

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.

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 is not required to be carried.

Hull and Sail Requirements

All boats must bear a silver certified lead added label and white tamper-proof sticker.

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 either in the waters east of Muskegon Yacht Club or on Lake Michigan based on the weather conditions.

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

PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall be in effect.

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.

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.

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, Muskegon Yacht Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, White 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 on the Yachtscoring regatta website.

Member Housing

The regatta chairs will provide assistance to sailors requesting home stays. Request for home stay accommodations will need to be placed by August 1st. Homes are limited and we will do our best to accommodate all requests; however, homes are on a first come bases.

Hotel and Rental Housing Information:

See information on: www.e-scow.org

For more information:

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