



NOTICE OF RACE

**120th Annual Ephraim Regatta
Midwest District Championships
August 1st – 3rd 2025
Ephraim Yacht Club
10071 Water Street
Ephraim, WI 54211
www.eyc.org**



Organizing Authority: Ephraim Yacht Club (EYC)

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1. Visiting Flying Scots shall proceed directly to EYC upon arrival. Cars or boats shall not be left at the Village of Ephraim's firehouse ramp or parking lot (1/2 mile south of the EYC on hwy. 42) unless permission has been obtained from the Regatta Chair.

1.2. Cars or boats shall not be parked at the Ephraim Yacht Harbor (immediately south of EYC).

1.3. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall match, or a written request containing both sail numbers shall be submitted: by email to ephraimregatta@eyc.org, in person to the regatta chairperson, or to the PRO at Ephraim Yacht Club (EYC) no later than the close of registration.

1.4. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Flying Scot Sailing Association Class Rules.

1.5. The RRS rules are changed as follows:

1.5.1. Rules 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 are amended to add: "Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window."

1.5.2. The following is added to rule 29.1: “If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may hail her sail number via VHF radio. The delay of such hails, failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request.”

1.5.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.

1.5.4. Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: “A boat that has not met the definition of start 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.”

1.5.5. Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will be in effect.

1.5.6. RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by – “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.”

2. COMMUNICATION

2.1. The official Notice Board is located at the clubhouse, lower level.

2.2. The Race Committee will use VHF radio channel 72 for courtesy communications to regatta participants. See Class Rules, Article S-V - Racing Restrictions, Paragraph 7 for more information regarding electronic equipment. It will be the primary means of communication on the water between the RC and Competitors.

2.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or other electronic transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio or other electronic communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The Ephraim Regatta is open to Flying Scots.

3.2. The skipper shall be a current member of the Flying Scot Sailing Association (FSSA) before the close of Registration (see www.fssa.com/join).

3.3. Club boat registration fees shall be paid in full to the FSSA.

3.4. Eligible boats may enter by registering and paying all fees online at <http://tinyurl.com/may8cha3>

3.5. Registration shall be completed, and all event registration fees shall be paid in full by 900 on August 2nd, 2025.

3.6. A representative of each boat shall check in on-site at EYC per the date and times in the Schedule.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee includes the Welcome Party Friday night, make-it-yourself peanut butter and jelly sandwich bar on Saturday and Sunday, and two admissions to the Saturday evening Ephraim Regatta Party.

4.2. The entry fees are:

	Through 1700 on July 18th, 2025	After 1700 on July 18th, 2025
Skipper 18 or under	\$ 85	\$ 110
Skipper over 18	\$ 100	\$ 125

4.3. Meals and Apparel: **Lunches may only be purchased online.** For additional information on breakfast, lunch, dinner and apparel, please see the Additional Information section at the end of this document.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Five races are scheduled, and up to three races may be run each day.

5.2. A complete event schedule is available in the Additional Information section at the end of this document.

Date	Event	Time	Location/Description
Friday, August 1	Check-In	1400 - 1800	Clubhouse, upper level
Saturday, August 2	Check-In	0815 - 0915	Clubhouse, upper level
	Competitors' Meeting	0915	Clubhouse, lower level
	First Warning Signal	1100	Additional races to follow; no break scheduled
Sunday, August 3	First Warning Signal	1000	Additional races to follow; no break scheduled
	No Warning Signal After	1230	
	Awarding of prizes	Immediately following completion of scoring	Clubhouse, lower level

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and posted on the official bulletin board.

6.2. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted online in advance.

7. VENUE

7.1. The venue is the waters of Green Bay in the vicinity of EYC.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The courses will be Windward – Leeward and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2 will apply with the addition that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no races excluded.

9.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.

10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1. 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.

10.2. Minors - Parents of competitors who are minors are responsible for deciding whether their children should race or continue to race.

10.3. Participants agree to abide by the RRS and all other rules that govern this event and those of the host club. Payment of the Entry Fee acknowledges agreement and consent to this paragraph by all participants.

11. INSURANCE

11.1. It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows for the Ephraim Regatta:

12.1.1. 1st through 5th place, skipper and crew

12.1.2. Vail Cup -- Winner of the first race

12.1.3. Charlie Sauter Trophy -- Winner of the last race

12.1.4. Pedar Knudson Trophy -- Highest placing husband and wife team

12.1.5. Sturgis Trophy -- Highest placing skipper age 18 or under

12.2. Prizes will be awarded as follows for the Midwest District Championships

12.2.1. 1st through 5th place, skipper and crew

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Woody & Emily Heidler (Ephraim Regatta Co-Chairs) : ephraimregatta@eyc.org
Nancy Claypool (Ephraim Regatta Advisor); nclaypool504@gmail.com

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please see the next page for more information about meals, the schedule, club boat draw and more.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. MEALS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- 1.1. **Lunch** – Each one is \$12 per day, per person and **MUST** be ordered by the end of **Thursday, July 24th only through the online registration process.**
- 1.2. Welcome Party – At 1800 on Friday, August 4th hosted by Fleet 44 at the Ephraim Yacht Club. All competitors and volunteers are welcome. Meet other competitors and enjoy a beverage and appetizers compliments of Fleet 44.
- 1.3. **Saturday “Ephraim Regatta Party” All-You-Can-Eat Dinner** – The party will be located at Olga Dan Green Park, which is across the street from the EYC and EYH. Time: 1800. Extra tickets will be available at the door for non-competitors. Tickets are provided with each regatta registration. Tickets cover your all-you-can-eat meal. Beer and wine will be provided.
 - 1.3.1. Ages 12 and over are \$20.
 - 1.3.2. Ages 6 – 11 are \$10.
 - 1.3.3. Ages 5 and under are free.

2. APPAREL

- 2.1. EYC apparel and technical shirts will be available at the clubhouse Friday and Saturday, August 1st and 2nd.

3. EYC RULES

- 3.1. Competitors are expected to always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and to abide by the EYC rules.
- 3.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes onshore activities before, during and after the regatta.

4. SAFETY

- 4.1. EYC recommends that all vessels carry a VHF handheld radio for safety reasons.

5. BERTHING/LAUNCHING

- 5.1. All boats shall be dry-sailed.
- 5.2. **All** boats shall be kept at EYC unless the Regatta Chair gives permission to store a boat elsewhere.

- 5.3. EYC has two hoists and no ramps for launching and retrieving boats. A lifting bridle is necessary to use the hoist, and all boats should bring their own lifting bridle.
- 5.4. If permission is given to park boats at the Firehouse ramp, EYC will provide towing out to the end of the channel and back in, before and after racing on Saturday and Sunday
- 5.5. All competitors should bring fenders and adequate dock lines.

6. PIERS

- 6.1. The EYC only owns the pier extending from its clubhouse. The two piers immediately to the south are owned by the Ephraim Yacht Harbor, a separate entity. **Never tie up to an Ephraim Yacht Harbor pier.** Please help the EYC stay on good terms with its neighbors.

7. PARKING

- 7.1. EYC has only a few parking spaces which makes it tempting to park in unapproved areas. **Please help EYC stay on good terms with our neighbors and the Village of Ephraim by following these parking requests below.**
- 7.2. Public parking is available at:
 - 7.2.1. Anderson Dock seventy-five yards north of EYC
 - 7.2.2. The lot on Spruce Street, across from the Village Information Center seventy-five yards south of EYC.
- 7.3. **Cars or boats shall not be parked at the Ephraim Yacht Harbor (immediately south of EYC), and Ephraim Yacht Harbor parking spaces shall not be blocked.**
- 7.4. Except when dropping off or picking up boats, it is forbidden to drive down the shared EYC driveway, and it is forbidden to stop on the shoulder at the top of the driveway.

8. CHANDLERIES

- 8.1. Yacht Works is at 10967 North Bay Shore Drive (Hwy. 42), Sister Bay, approximately 15 minutes north of Ephraim. Telephone: (920) 854-2124.
- 8.2. West Marine is at 1449 Green Bay Road, in Sturgeon Bay, approximately 40 minutes south of Ephraim. It is in a small strip mall south of Hwy 42/57 west of the County S interchange. Telephone: (920) 746-4520.

9. EYC CLUB BOAT DRAW AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 9.1. The boat draw for the use of EYC club-owned Flying Scots is only available to EYC members.

9.2. EYC members shall have an EYC skipper's license to participate in the club boat draw.

9.3. The skipper of an EYC boat is:

9.3.1. Expected to use due care when operating it and shall be responsible for the cost of any repairs of any damage caused by the skipper or crew to the boat, caused by a third party to the boat, or caused by the skipper or crew to another boat.

9.3.2. Expected to skipper that boat in all races, unless that person believes it is unsafe for that person to sail due to the boat's condition, weather, or other factors. The EYC Race and Regatta Committee may rule repeat violators ineligible for future boat drawings.

9.3.3. Is not eligible for redress due to a breakdown, equipment failure or inability to compete in that boat regardless of the reason.

9.4. To enter the drawing, only one member of a skipper / crew team shall send an email to director@eyc.org with the skipper's name and "Ephraim Regatta" by 1200 July 24th, 2025. The entry has been accepted only if a confirming email from director@eyc.org is received.

9.5. No priority will be given to any person in conducting the club boat draw.

9.6. The club boat draw will be held at 1200 on Thursday, July 24th, 2025, at the clubhouse, lower level.

9.7. Should there be an equipment failure in the two weeks prior to the regatta, boats will be reassigned in the order originally drawn.

9.8. In the event a skipper does not compete or becomes crew, that skipper shall not assign their boat to another person. The EYC Sailing Director or Regatta Chair will (a) assign the boat to the skipper previously drawn as an alternate, in the order drawn, or (b) place the boat back in the drawing pool.

9.9. Decisions of the EYC Sailing Director or Regatta Chair with respect to boat draw matters are final and are not eligible for redress.

10. COMPLETE EVENT SCHEDULE

See next page.

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	Welcome Party	1800	Clubhouse
	Pancake Breakfast	0700 - 0900	Ephraim Village Hall; pay at door; Ephraim Men's Club fundraiser for local scholarships
Saturday, August 2	Check-In	0815 - 0915	Clubhouse, upper level
	Pre-ordered lunch pick-up	0815 - 0915	Clubhouse
	Peanut Butter and Jelly bar	0815 - 0915	Clubhouse
	Competitors' Meeting	0915	Clubhouse, lower level
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