



55th NCESA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Lake Geneva, WI

September 5 – 8, 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

Regatta Venue

The regatta venue and host will be the Lake Geneva Yacht Club located at:
1250 South Lake Shore Drive, Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, WI. Phone: (262) 275-2727

Organizing Authority

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

Rules

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

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.

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

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

The regatta will comply with ISAF Regulation 20, except that in accordance with class tradition, no advertising will be permitted on boats or sails.

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.

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 Race Committee Chairman (PRO) or the Regatta Jury.

Entries

Each competitor shall submit a completed Entry Form and pay the appropriate entry fees. Entry forms and payment of fees (either by on-line entry or paper entry) will be available on: www.e-scow.org.

Fees

The regatta entry fees are as follows:

\$200 - if received by July 1, 2013.

\$250 - if received between July 2 – August 18.

\$275 – if received after August 18

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 at LGYC, on:

Thursday, September 5th, 12:00 – 8:00 PM and Friday, September 6th, 7:45am – 8:30am.

To complete on-site registration, competitors will need to present a “weight card” signed by an official NCESA measurer, provide crew names and confirm that their entry form is complete and the entry fee is paid.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 5

12:00 – 8:00 Registration

3:00 Practice Starts / Races (the RC will make announcements on the VHF channel)

Friday, September 6

7:45 – 8:30 Registration

8:45 Skipper's Meeting

11:00 Initial Warning Signal (3 Races Scheduled)

5:00 **NCESA Annual Meeting** (or no later than 2 hours after racing concludes)

6:30 **NCESA Banquet** at the Lake Geneva YC.

Buffet dinner under tents with a cash bar, band and dancing.

Saturday, September 7

11:00 Initial Warning Signal (3 Races Scheduled)

6:30 Dinner party on the lawn of two of LGYC members' homes on Lake Geneva.

Catered dinner under tents with live music. More details to follow.

Sunday, September 8

11:00 Initial Warning Signal (2 Races Scheduled).

After Racing Trophy Presentation

NCESA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held at LGYC on Friday at 5:00 or no later than 2 hours after racing.

The meeting will include voting for class officers and conducting such other business and discussion as may properly come before the meeting. An Agenda will be sent to all Regular members one month before the NCESA Annual Meeting. See the NCESA Rulebook for details. A proxy form will be available on the class website.

Race Format

Eight (8) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on Sunday if needed. There will be no more than three races held per day.

In the event two races are held back to back, there will be a short break between the second and third race of the day to allow for a bathroom break. The race committee will make an announcement over the VHF channel as to the timing of the Warning Signal for the third race of the day.

On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1:00pm unless the required three races have not been completed. If an additional race or races are needed to have three completed races, the Initial Warning for the last race may be made up to 2:30pm. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls or Postponements may occur after each deadline.

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

The SI's will be available at Registration and on the class website prior to the event.

Skipper's Meeting

The Skipper's Meeting will be held at 8:45am on Friday, September 6th, at LGYC.

Hull and Sail Requirements

Boats that bear a silver certified lead added label and/or white tamper-proof sticker shall not require weighing at the regatta site. Boats missing a weight certificate shall be weighed at the regatta as part of their registration. Please make every effort to have your boat weight certified with the proper stickers in place before arriving at the regatta.

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

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.

Racing Area and courses

Racing will take place on Lake Geneva.

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

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 fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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.

Daily awards for race winners will be presented at the club following each day's racing. Service trophies will also be presented at the daily award ceremony(s). 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, Lake Geneva 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 at LGYC and if practical, posted on the NCESA regatta website.

Member Housing

Housing with LGYC members will be available on a limited basis. Please send housing request with date of arrival and number of crew to: vincent.j.porter@gmail.com

For Further Information

Please contact the Regatta Co-Chairmen -

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NCESA website for championship information: www.e-scow.org