

SEA SCOUTING "MOTOR CITY REGATTA"

Official Notice of Race (NoR)

Preamble

The "Motor City Regatta" is a co-ed competition between B.S.A. registered Sea Scouts from the Central Fleet of the Boy Scouts of America, with the Scouts racing to earn an invitation to the "William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup" to be held in 2018.

The 2017 racing event will begin and conclude on Saturday August 5th, 2017. There will be a limited practice session available on Friday August 4th, 2017.

The Organizing authority for this year's event is the Detroit Yacht Club of Detroit Michigan, in conjunction with the other local sponsoring clubs. This year's sponsoring clubs are The Detroit Yacht Club (DYC), The Edison Boat Club (EBC), and The Detroit Boat Club (DBC).

Note: Sponsoring clubs are subject to change.

PART 1- General Administrative Information

1.0 Race Headquarters. The 2017 event headquarters will be located at the Detroit Yacht Club located 1 Riverbank Rd. Detroit, MI 48207 . Headquarters will be open from 3pm Friday August 4th, until 8pm Saturday, August 5th.

All questions and inquiries can be forwarded to the 2017 event Chairperson, Timothy Branson, Ph# (313) 574-3886, or email to: tombstone3821@yahoo.com

1.1 Race Information Page. A Facebook Page is available with information for, and changes to race Registration and Event information.

1.2 Event Cost. The event cost per team will be \$30. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. You must mail your team registration form and registration fee to Motor City Regatta 2017, c/o Timothy Branson, 3821 Williams St, Dearborn MI. 48124. Make checks payable to; The Edison Boat Club.

1.3 Camping, Food and Lodging. There will be tent camping available for no additional cost at the Detroit Yacht Club from August 4th thru August 6th, 2017. Camping area is confined to the marked area adjacent to the tennis courts.

1.3.1 What to Bring. Bring All person camping gear, cooking gear, and food you may require for Friday evening and Saturday morning breakfast. Note: Saturday Lunch and Dinner will be provided for only participants. Food will be available for purchase for spectators.

All participants must have a government issued identification card, with picture, on their person at all times during the event. Identification accepted includes; driver's license, state identification card or passport.

Class A uniform consisting of either "New Century" Blues or "Crackerjack" whites REQUIRED for Saturday awards ceremony and dinner. Class B or event supplied t-shirt required for racing.

Bring your own B.S.A. approved lifejacket, it must be worn at all times on the dock and boats.

1.4 Transportation. The Event does not provide transportation to or from the event site. Parking is available for visitors and participants.

1.5 Public Safety and Healthcare

1.5.1 Physically Demanding Event. This Event is physically demanding, temperatures may range from 50°F to 90°F or more and winds at 15kts or higher. Water temperature can be between 55°-70° f. and participants may experience extreme cold or warm conditions. Participants must prepare for all weather eventualities.

1.5.2 Event Issued Identification Cards. No Event cards will be issued

1.5.3 Healthcare and First aid. First aid and health care officer will be available both Friday evening and Saturday. In the event of an accident, report all incidents to any event Staff member.

PART 2 - RULES, ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS OF THE EVENT

2.0 Rules and Regulations

2.0.1 Governance. This Event will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020; BSA Guide to Safe Scouting (No. 34416D or current); Participant's Rules of Conduct, Appearance and Compartment; Sailing Instructions; and this Official Notice of Race.

2.0.2 Crews. All vessels shall be sailed by a crew of two (2) Sea Scouts comprising of one (1) Skipper and one (1) crew.

2.0.3 Vessels. The races for the Motor city Regatta will be conducted in Flying Scots as provided by the Organizing Authority. The vessels will be sloop rigged with no spinnakers. Class rules will not apply.

2.0.4 The Guide to Safe Scouting. Article XII, Transportation, Boats, Section 6. The provisions to have onboard oars and rowlocks, fire extinguishers and lights are waived for the competing vessels only.

2.1 Eligibility and Entry.

2.1.1 All Youth Participants. The event is open to all currently registered Sea Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America who have attained the Sea Scout rank of Apprentice no later than August 1st, 2017.

2.1.2 Entry. Only registered Participants and authorized persons will be permitted entry into the staging area.

2.2 Preliminary Schedule of Events. This schedule of events is subject to change. Check the Facebook Page periodically for updates.

January 1st, 2017	Registration opens
July 28th , 2017	Registration closes
August 4th, 2017	1730 Staff Assembles for pre-race meeting
	1830-2030 Participant practice
	2300 LIGHTS OUT
August 5th, 2017	0700 Flags (Class A Uniform required)
	0900 All Participants Report to Dock for Safety meeting (Class B, team shirts, or event shirts)
	1000 Racing Starts

1230 Dockside Lunch (Hotdogs, Chips, Pop)

1315 Racing resumes (Can be altered due to racing conditions)

1800 Dinner (location TBD)

1900 Awards Ceremony (Class A Uniform required)

2100 EVENT ENDS

2.3 Scoring.

2.3.1 Low Point Scoring System. The low point scoring system will apply, except that each boat's series score will be the sum of all of her race scores without discard. Each crew from each ship will be scored separately and a crew's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores from both morning and afternoon. The lowest series score wins.

2.3.2 Penalties. If a boat that does not start, does not finish, retires after finishing, or is disqualified will be scored one (1) point more than the number of competitors boats entered in the fleet.

2.3.3 Complete Races Required. **The number of required races is addressed in the SI.**

2.3.4 Awards. The crew with the lowest series point score in the fleet shall win the Motor City Regatta and receive invitation to the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. They shall also have their names engraved on the official Motor City Cup which will be displayed at the sponsoring Clubs facilities.

The overall **1st thru 10th** place vessels will be awarded event burgees for each Crewperson. Two (2) per boat. All awards will be received after Saturday's Race at the awards ceremony.

2.4 Decisions of the Race Jury

2.4.1 The Jury. Shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members, which shall include, one (1) member of a sponsoring Club, one (1) member of the Hosting Club, and the primary race officer. All Jury Members will be appointed to the Race Jury by the Regatta Chairman.

2.4.2 Protests are fully addressed in the SI All decisions of the Race Committee/Jury shall be final.

2.5 Arbitration. For protests involving an alleged breach of the Rules of Part 2 of the NOR, NO arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing.

2.6 Responsibility. The safety of a vessel and its crew is the sole responsibility of the vessels Skipper. The Skipper of each vessel shall decide whether or not to start or continue in any race. In the event of dangerous weather or other unsafe conditions, the Race Committee may determine to postpone, reschedule, or abandon racing.

All participants including staff shall wear a USCG certified type I, II or III personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on or near the water. Racing participants may not wear an inflatable device. Participants must supply their own PFD, in good condition.

2.7 Notice of Valid race.

1. Thirty days prior to the regatta a minimum of four (4) Sea Scout crews must be registered for the regatta if not the race will not be a CF KOCH regatta qualifying regatta. All proposed CF regattas will so notify applicant crews and if the minimum Sea Scout crews are not registered notify all who are registered.

2. Any Ship of the Central Fleet may have crews in a CF KOCH qualifying regatta and place on one (1) of the CF KOCH qualifying list positions. Other crews from other Fleets or Venture Crews may participate but will not be placed in the CF KOCH qualifying list.

3. Crews will be listed in order of qualification from each regatta (minimum of four (4) crews). The first qualifier from each regatta will be placed in the top five (5) CF KOCH qualifying list positions by size of their regatta, largest first. If any of first five crews are unable to compete and/or alternate positions are made available Sea Scout crews may be called for placement on CF KOCH qualifying list.

4. Those alternate positions will be filled, first from the 2nd place crew of the largest CF regatta, then from the 2nd place crew of the second largest regatta and so on. NOTE the same process using 3rd place crews and so on will be used if more alternate positions are available to CF from the KOCH regatta.

Note: A minimum number of four (4) boats crews, as defined by Central Fleet above, are required for the 2017 Motor City Regatta to be an official qualifier race. A race consisting of less than four (4) boat crews will not be extended an invitation to the Koch International Sea Scout Regatta in 2018. **YOU MUST REGISTER for the Motor City Regatta no later than JULY 28th, 2017.**

2.8 Amendments to this Notice. The Motor City Regatta Event Committee and Race Jury reserve the right to amend this Official Notice of Race at any time. Amendments to this Notice made prior to August 4th, 2017, will be posted on the Motor City Regatta official Facebook page. Amendments will also be physically posted at the August 5th, 2017 Skipper's meeting. No amendments will be made to these rules without the express consent of the 2017 Motor City Regatta Chairman (Timothy Branson), the primary Race officer (Linda Minsterman) , and the Race Event Committee.

I would like to personally wish all boat crews the best of luck, may you have a fun, exciting, and safe race!

2017 Motor City Regatta Chairman: Timothy Branson