

# WICKFORD YACHT CLUB



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES

May 26 Tune-Up Race

June 2 – August 25, 2010

Hosted by the Wickford Yacht Club

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS 2010-2012).

#### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS OR PERSONS IN CHARGE

It is the sole responsibility of each Owner or Person in Charge to decide whether to start or continue to race and to make certain that their yacht, equipment and crew are seaworthy for the conditions which may be encountered.

#### 3. NOTICES

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Wickford Yacht Club. Notices and results may also be posted at [www.wickfordyc.org](http://www.wickfordyc.org).

#### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 5 PM on the day the change will take effect. Any such posting will be made on the official notice board located at the Wickford Yacht Club. As a courtesy, the race committee will endeavor to place notices at [www.wickfordyc.org](http://www.wickfordyc.org) on the Racing page and make an announcement on channel 78.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. The summer series will consist of 12 races, held each Wednesday night beginning on June 2, 2010 and ending on August 25, 2010. The warning signal for the first Class(es) is scheduled for 6:00 PM (18:00).

5.2. There will be a tune-up race May 26, 2010, warning signal at 6pm. There will be a practice starts for each class. A special instruction will be posted and distributed before the race.

5.3. There will NO race on August 4, 2010 (WYC Cruise).

#### 6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1. Signals made ashore will be flown from the WCY flagpole.

6.2. In the event of a postponement ashore the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal will be 30 minutes from the end of the postponement.

#### 7. COURSES / MARKS

7.1. Courses will be displayed on the Race Committee boat in the order of rounding.

7.1.1. Marks will be indicated in order by letters designating the marks of the course to the right of the numerical class designator. i.e. 1VE, class 1 start, mark V, mark E, finish, round on the same side as the starting pin.

7.1.2. Turning marks shall be left to port or starboard as indicated by the letter P for port and S for starboard after the letter indicating the mark. If all marks are to be left to the same side the P or S will be placed after all the mark designators. If no port or starboard indicator is used, the turning marks shall be left on the same side as the starting mark. i.e. 1VES – as above but starboard roundings.

7.1.3. A number after the course and turning designator indicates the number of times to repeat the course. i.e. 1VES2 – as above two times around.

- 7.2. Special Instructions: Do not pass through the restricted area west of Fox Island. When racing south of the Jamestown Bridge, yachts must pass through the center span of the bridge.
- 7.3. A course sheet for this series will be distributed at the Skippers' Meeting and is also available online.
- 7.4. Special marks, W, a windward mark and L, a leeward mark that may be set wherever appropriate in the race area.
- 7.5. Special marks on the course sheet will be inflatable marks set by the Race Committee.
- 7.6. Change of the next leg of the course:  
The next mark may be moved up to 10 degrees and 0.25 NM without signal. The new mark shall be in place before any boat begins the leg. This changes RRS 33. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course shape.
- 7.7. Yachts shall **not** cross the start/finish line except when starting or finishing. A yacht that violates this instruction may exonerate herself by taking a two turn penalty. This changes RRS Rule 28.
- 7.8. On a leg of the course that passes the start/finish line, yachts may leave the line either to port or to starboard.
- 8. START**
- 8.1.** The starting area will be established in the vicinity of General Rock, southeast of the Wickford harbor entrance. Area "A" on the course sheet.
- 8.2.** Prior to the warning signal for the first starting Class(es), each yacht shall pass the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in the yacht being scored "DID NOT START" ("DNS").
- 8.3.** After the first warning signal, any yacht from a class whose warning signal has not been displayed shall not interfere with a yacht whose warning signal is displayed.
- 8.4. Starting Line:** Between the ORANGE flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby Yacht Club mark or government mark. KEEP OFF marks may be attached to the Race Committee boat, the keep off mark and the water between it and the Committee boat must be observed as a mark of the course.
- 8.5. Starting Sequence:** The Races shall be started by using RRS Rule 26.

| Signal      | Flag and sound                            | Minutes before Starting signal |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Warning     | Class Flag; 1 sound                       | <b>5</b>                       |
| Preparatory | P, I, Z, Z with I or black flag – 1 sound | <b>4</b>                       |
| One-minute  | Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound    | <b>1</b>                       |
| Starting    | Class flag removed; 1 sound               | <b>0</b>                       |

The Race Committee will start the yachts in the order of Class flags. In the case of a general recall the sequence will remain unchanged, i.e., the class with the general recall will be the next class to start.

The Race Committee has the option to continue the sequence as a "rolling" start, or hesitate between each class. If a rolling start, the Warning (Class Flag) for the next start will be simultaneously signaled at the Start for the previous start. Two classes may be started simultaneously, e.g., Spinnaker 1 & 2.

**9. SIGNALS - Class Flags:**

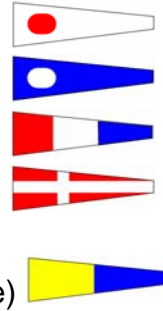
Class 1 - Spinnaker 1 - Pennant 1 (Red Disc on White)

Class 2 - Spinnaker 2 - Pennant 2 (White Disc on Blue)

Class 3 - Cruising 1 - Pennant 3 (Red, White, Blue)

Class 4 - Cruising 2 - Pennant 4 (White Cross on Red)  
[pending, based on registrations]

Class 5 - One-Design(Ensigns) - Pennant 5 (Yellow, Blue)

**10. FINISH**

**10.1. Finish Line:** Between the Orange flag on the Committee Boat and a nearby Yacht Club mark or government mark. Finish from the direction of the last mark of the course.

**10.2. Retirement:** Should a yacht retire from a race, prompt notification of the Committee is mandatory. Yachts which retire and properly notify the Committee will be scored "DNF"; yachts which retire and fail to notify the Committee will be scored "DISQUALIFIED" ("DSQ").

**11. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all classes will be Sun's Setting at Boston EDST. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the Sun's Setting will be scored Did Not Finish ("DNF"). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

**12. SCORING**

12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A, modified as follows, will apply. Finishing times will be corrected using the PHRF "time on time" formula.

12.2. For the purposes of scoring this series is a "Series Longer than a Regatta" and RRS A9 shall apply.

12.3. Each yacht's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as follows: if 12 races are held, exclude 3; if 11 races are held, exclude 2; if 10 races are held, exclude 1; if 9 or fewer races are held, exclude none.

12.4. Twelve races are scheduled of which two must be completed to constitute a series. Yachts shall compete in 75% of the races completed (rounded down) to qualify for the series.

**13. PROTESTS**

13.1. Protests will be held by the Protest Committee in accordance with Part 5 of the RRS on the night of the race. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee or on the US Sailing Protest Form (available on line at [wickfordyc.org](http://wickfordyc.org) or [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org)).

13.2. Time limit- protests must be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat's return to the dock.

13.3. Protests received within the time limit will be posted on the official notice board within 1 hour of the RC boats return to dock.

**14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The Race Committee will use Channel 78 throughout the racing series.