

2009 WICKFORD YACHT CLUB
WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES
Summer Series June 3 - August 26, 2009
www.wickfordyc.org

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority

The Wickford Yacht Club Wednesday Night Racing Series is sponsored by the Wickford Yacht Club. The Wickford Yacht Club is the race organizing authority

2. Rules

2.1 The races will be governed by the 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), except as modified by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 All yachts must have the required minimum safety equipment on board as required by the US Coast Guard and the State of Rhode Island.

2.3 It is the sole responsibility of each Owner or Person in Charge (see 4.1) to decide whether to start or to continue any race for any reason.

3. Eligibility

All mono-hull yachts possessing a valid Performance Handicap Rating Factor (PHRF) certificate as administered by PHRF - Narragansett Bay. Each yacht shall submit a valid 2009 PHRF-NB certificate with their Entry Form. Any changes in the PHRF-NB rating certificate during the course of the series must be forwarded to the Race Committee prior to the yacht's next race. Failure to do so will result in the yacht being scored DNC. Favorable rating changes will not be made retroactive to races previously sailed.

3.1 Classes:

Yachts may choose to race in Spinnaker 1, Spinnaker 2, Cruising 3 or One-Design Class 5. The Cruising Class may be split into two classes depending on the number of boats registered. At present there will be one One-Design Class Ensigns.

PHRF Certificates may be obtained by applying to:

PHRF-NB

PO Box 73

Bristol, RI 02809-0073

401-253-0207

401-254-1495 fax

Web Site - www.phrf-nb.org

3.2 All yacht owners must submit a valid Certificate of Liability Insurance, which will be in effect for the entire series.

3.3 All Yacht Owners or Persons in Charge must submit a completed Release, Waiver, and Retention of Rights Agreement.

3.4 All yachts must submit a completed Entry Form along with the required fee.

3.5 Any yacht that fails to meet any of the requirements for eligibility will not be scored.

4. Owner and Person in Charge

4.1 The term Person in Charge means the person who is designated in the Entry Form who will act as Captain of the yacht during the series.

4.2 Liability - Liability insurance must cover the Person in Charge if other than the Owner.

5. Responsibilities of Competitors

5.1 As a condition precedent to his or her participation in the Wickford Yacht Club Wednesday Night Racing Series (including without limitation all activities relating thereto) sponsored by the Wickford Yacht Club, each participant assumes any and all risks associated with such participation and each yacht and each participant waives and releases any and all claims, including those of negligence or equivalent conduct against the host, its directors, members, employees, representatives, and associated volunteers.

5.2 Competitors and their guests will comply with the rules of the Wickford Yacht Club while on the premises.

6. Entry Procedure

6.1 The Race Committee must receive a complete registration package from each Owner or Person in Charge of each participating yacht before May 27, 2009 at 5pm. All Notices and Forms are available at www.wickfordyc.org. A completed registration package includes:

- Signed and completed Entry Form
- Valid 2009 PHRF-NB rating certificate
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Signed Release, Waiver, and Retention of Rights Agreement

6.2 -Payment of the required fee. Make check payable to the Wickford Yacht Club. (see form for fees and mailing instructions)

7. Schedule of Races

7.1 The series will consist of 12 races, held each Wednesday night beginning on June 3, 2009 and ending on August 26, 2009, there will be no racing on August 5, 2009 (WYC cruise week).

7.2 There will be a tune-up race on May 27, 2009.

7.3 The warning signal for each race will be at 6:00 PM.

7.4 There will be a Captains' Meeting at the Wickford Yacht Club on Wednesday, May 27 at 4:30 PM.

8. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions are available online at www.wickfordyc.org. **BE SURE TO BRING IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO RACING.** You may want to consider making copies to keep on board.

9. Course Also see Sailing Instructions.

The starting area will be established in the vicinity of General Rock, east southeast of the Wickford harbor entrance. Courses will be displayed on the Committee Boat in the order of rounding, by letters designating the marks of the course, to the right of the Class designator, rounding direction will be indicated by the letters S (starboard) and P (port), numbers (2,3) will indicate how many times the course is to be repeated.

A Course Chart (**up-dated for 2009**) will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting at the Wickford Yacht Club on Wednesday, May 27 at 4:30 PM. BE SURE TO BRING IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO RACING. You may want to consider making copies to keep on board. It will also be available online at the website.

10. Qualification for Wednesday Night Racing Series Prizes

- 10.1** To qualify for the series a yacht shall compete in 75% of the races completed rounded down to the next whole number, e.g., if only 11 races are completed, a yacht must have sailed in 8 races.
- 10.2** Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each class. Other special prizes may also be awarded.

11. Protests

Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee in accordance with Part 5 Section B, of the RRS on the night of the race. Also see Sailing Instructions.

12. Radio Communications

The Race Committee will attempt to monitor Channel 78 throughout the racing series.

13. Social Activities and Facilities

- 13.1** All participants are invited to join in the post race cookouts held at the Wickford Yacht Club. The Grills are available for use.
- 13.2** Dock usage at the Yacht Club is for loading and unloading only. The main loading dock is reserved for the specific use of the Race Committee. Any vessels left overnight without approval of the Fleet Captain of the Wickford Yacht Club are subject to a usage fee and/or removal at the Owner's expense.
- 13.3** Parking at the Wickford Yacht Club is very limited and the parking lot is reserved for club members because of a new septic system installation and the loss of several parking spaces. Car-pool if possible. The East Side of Pleasant Street near the Yacht Club is a NO PARKING ZONE to establish a fire lane. The end of Pleasant Street is a public boat ramp, please **DO NOT PARK IN THE LOADING RAMP AREA**. The Town will ticket and tow violators. If members park in the Yacht Club parking lot, leave your keys in the car so as not to block others. Many children, walkers and bikers use Pleasant Street so please travel slowly, let's be good neighbors!
- 13.4** The Rules of the Wickford Yacht Club are to be observed by all crews and guests. Any or damage or theft may result in an assessment of the registrants.

14. Changes to the Notice of Race

The Wickford Yacht Club reserves the right to change this Notice of Race. Any such changes will be made prior to the Wednesday, June 3rd Race and will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board at Wickford Yacht Club.

15. Inquiries

Please address all inquiries concerning the Wickford Yacht Club Wednesday Night Racing Series to:

Registrar Michael Gale: imgale191@aol.com, 295-2768 or

Race Committee Chairman Win Brown: wickfordbrowns@earthlink.net, 294-2525.

Please check www.wickfordyc.org for racing information and results.