

**WICKFORD YACHT CLUB**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES**  
May 27 Tune-Up Race  
June 3 – August 26, 2009  
**Hosted by the Wickford Yacht Club**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), (except as modified by these Sailing Instructions), and any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions.

**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 at Wickford Yacht Club. Notices and results may also be posted at Brewer's Wickford Cove Marina and [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 Brewer's Wickford Cove Marina and will make an announcement on channel 78.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The summer series will consist of 12 races, held each Wednesday night beginning on June 3, 2009 and ending on August 26, 2009. The warning signal for Spinnaker 1 for each race will be at 6:00 PM.

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

There will NO race on August 5, 2009.

**6. COURSES / MARKS**

**6.1** Courses will be displayed on the Race Committee boat in the order of rounding, by letters designating the marks of the course, to the right of the numerical class designator.

**6.2** 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 marks shall be left on the same side as the starting mark.

- 6.3** A number after the course and turning designator indicates the number of times to repeat the course.
- 6.4** 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 both bridges.
- 6.5** A course sheet for this series will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting and is also available online.
- 6.6** Special marks on the course sheet will be inflatable marks set by the Race Committee.
- 6.7** The windward or leeward mark may be moved to maintain the alignment of the multi-leg windward-leeward course. This changes RRS 33, which requires sound signals and a course.
- 6.8** On a leg of the course that passes the start/finish line, yachts may leave the line either to port or to starboard.
- 6.9** Yachts shall **not** cross the start/finish line except when starting or finishing. A yacht breaking this rule can not exonerate herself. This changes RRS 28.

## **7. START**

- 7.1** The starting area will be established in the vicinity of General Rock, southeast of the Wickford harbor entrance. Area "A" on the course sheet.
- 7.2** Prior to the warning signal for Spinnaker 1, each yacht shall pass the stern of the Race Committee boat 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").
- 7.3** 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.
- 7.4 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 and must be observed.

## 7.5 RRS 26 Starting Races

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

TIME	CLASS	SIGNAL		VISUAL	SOUND	
5 min		Warning		Class Flag	Horn	
4 min		Preparatory		<b>P</b>	Horn	
1 min		One-minute	Preparatory Removed		Horn	
0		Start	Class Flag Removed		Horn	

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.

## 8. SIGNALS - Class Flags:

Spinnaker 1 Pennant 1 (Red Disc on White) - Class 1  
Spinnaker 2 Pennant 2 (White Disc on Blue) - Class 2  
Cruising 1 Pennant 3 (Red, White, Blue) - Class 3  
Cruising 2 Pennant 4 (White Cross on Red) - Class 4  
[pending, based on registrations]  
One-Design Pennant 5 (Yellow, Blue) ENSIGNS - Class 5  
[undesignated] Pennant 6 (Black, White) - Class 6

## 9. FINISH

**9.1 Finish Line:** Between the Blue 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.

**9.2 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").

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all classes will be Sun's Setting at Boston EDST. Boats failing to finish within 40 minutes of the Sun's Setting will be scored Did Not Finish ("DNF"). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

## **11. SCORING**

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

**11.2** Each yacht starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress shall be scored points equal to her finishing place. A yacht which does not compete (DNC) will be scored one point more than the number of yachts registered in the series to date. All other yachts, including a yacht that finishes but thereafter retires or is penalized, shall be scored one point more than the number of yachts that competed in that race.

**11.3** 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.

**11.4** 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.

## **12. PROTESTS**

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 and delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat's return to the dock.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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