

# Wickford Yacht Club



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES

May 25 Tune-up Race

June 1 – August 24, 2011

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 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) and make an announcement on VHF channel 78.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

**5.1** The summer series will consist of 12 races, held each Wednesday night beginning on June 1, 2011 and ending on August 24, 2011. The warning signal for Spinnaker 1 for each race will be at 6:00 PM.

**5.2** There will be a tune-up race May 25, 2010, warning signal at 6:00 PM. There will be practice starts for each class as part of the WYC Skill Builders' Series.

**5.3** There will NO race on August 3, 2010.

#### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

**6.1** Signals made ashore will be flown from the WYC flagpole.

**6.2** In the event of a postponement ashore, the 1st 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 would represent Class 1 start, Mark V, Mark E, Finish, round all marks 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. (i.e. 1VES - same course as above, but with Starboard roundings) If no port or starboard indicator is used the marks shall be left on the same side as the starting mark.

**7.1.3** A number after the course and turning designator indicates the number of times to repeat the course (i.e. 1VES2 - same course as above, but 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 Captains' Meeting and will be made available online.

7.4 The course sheet includes a number of Government marks with WYC letter designations (i.e. D,E,F,G,H,J,M,N,O,X). It also designates areas where special marks may be set (i.e. A - Start/Finish Area, B,C,R,T,V,Y,Z) . In addition, special marks W - a windward mark and L - a leeward mark may be set wherever appropriate in the racing area.

7.5 Special marks 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 .25 NM without signal. 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 breaking this rule cannot exonerate herself. This changes RRS 28.

## 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 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").

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 and will endeavor to stay clear of the starting area.

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 marks and the water between them and the committee boat are to be considered components of the committee boat and therefore must be observed.

8.5 **Starting Sequence:** Races shall be started consistent with RRS 26.

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:

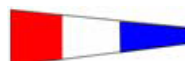
Class 1: Spinnaker 1 Pennant 1 (Red Disc on White)



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 Pennant 5 (Yellow, Blue) ENSIGNS



## 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 40 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 purpose of scoring, this series is to be considered 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 heard by the Protest Committee in accordance with Part 5 of the RRS on the night of the race or as soon as practical thereafter. Protests shall be written on the US Sailing Protest Form (available from the race committee or online at [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org)).

**13.2** Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat's docking time.

**13.3** Protests received within the time limit will be posted on the WYC Official Notice Board within 1 hour of the Race Committee boat's docking time.

#### **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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