



**Racine Yacht Club Wednesday Night Series  
Wednesday Nights May 29 – Sept 25, 2024  
Organizing Authority (OA) – Racine Yacht Club  
Racine, WI**

## **Notice of Race**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the rules of MWPHRF (or one design class).
- 1.2 In case of conflict between this NOR and Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all sailboats with the following requirements:
  - a. A completed entry form including the Waiver and Release of Liability signed by the Skipper, or Person In Charge (PIC), who is 18 years or older.
  - b. Payment of the required entry fee.
  - c. Each yacht shall provide proof of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.
  - d. A valid 2024 MWPHRF Certificate for boats racing in other than one design fleets.
- 2.2 Boats that have not registered or have not paid the registration fee will not be scored.
- 2.3 Substitution: There shall be no substitution of boats during the series.

### **3. FEES**

- 3.1 The registration fee for series entry is \$200.00.  
(Includes: Summer Series, Racine Regatta, Blue Nose Regatta, Pursuit, and any other local races added during the season)
  - a. Non RYC members will be charged a \$50.00 surcharge.
- 3.2 In order to encourage new racers to join in the Wednesday night series boats that have previously not raced in a local Wednesday night series, the fee shall be \$125.00.  
(Only available to RYC members in good standing.)
- 3.3 Registrations received after May 19, 2024 will incur a \$25.00 late fee.
- 3.4 One Day Registration is available: Fee as listed on the entry form.

### **4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Races are scheduled to run each Wednesday night beginning May 29, 2024, with the last race scheduled for September 25, 2024 (17 races).
- 4.2 Races will not be run the week following the Hook Race (July 24, 2024).

### **5. DIVISIONS**

- 5.1 Boats shall be divided into classes with a minimum of 1 entry. Each class may be divided into sections subject to the number and ratings of entered boats. Final class and section breaks shall be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Classes are defined as:

- a. Star
- b. One-design
- c. PHRF
- d. Jib & Main (JAM)
  - i. Boats may only use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the foot.
  - ii. Spinnakers, including Code 0 and cruising spinnakers are prohibited.
  - iii. A whisker or spinnaker pole of any length may be used.

5.2 PHRF classes may be divided into multiple sections subject to the number and ratings of registered boats.

## 6. VENUE

- 6.1 The location of racing for all classes will be the Racine Yacht Club Race Course, a circle of 8 permanent **marks** located northeast of the Racine Yacht Club.
- 6.2 Most races will start at X, the center **mark** of the racing circle. On light wind days and late season races, if the wind direction is favorable, races may start at one of the southern marks (O, SW, or S).
- 6.3 Race committee may at their discretion utilize inflatable **marks** in lieu of fixed marks.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racine Yacht Club website and the Race Committee notice board located in the club hallway.

## 8. SCORING

- 8.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 The Scoring system is as follows:
  - a. PHRF and JAM sections will be scored utilizing the Time-on-Time scoring method.
  - b. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
  - c. One Series Worst Score will be excluded for every seven races completed.

## 9. AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded to top finishers for the series at the Annual Awards Banquet.

## 10. SOCIAL

- 10.1 Post-Race social activities will be available at Racine Yacht Club. Food and drink is available for cash purchase to non-members.
- 10.2 Non-members shall not use any RYC dockage, but may use the City Dock adjacent to the south of the club property.

## 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

By participating in any race of the series, each person aboard as skipper, crew or otherwise (a) acknowledges that racing sailing boats has certain inherent risks and can be a dangerous activity and (b) nevertheless voluntarily assumes all such risks, and waives any and all claims that he or she may have for damages and/or injury of any kind against the RYC, it's race committee or any officer, director, member, employee or agent of the RYC, arising out of or related to his or her participation in any such race. The skipper and crew shall be responsible for deciding whether to start or to continue each race of the series.

## 12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact RYC Race Director, Stephen Gancarz at [sgancarz@ymail.com](mailto:sgancarz@ymail.com)