



## 2024 Spring and Summer Series

### NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Breakwater Irregulars.

As an aid to overall race management, at least one competitor on each boat is requested to download and use the RaceQs app. Download and operating instructions are found here: [Tracking with RaceQs App | Breakwater Irregulars \(breakwaters.org\)](https://breakwaters.org)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, and the current PHRF Regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound, except as may be modified herein or by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Specific attention is directed to RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 and 3, which state:

- 1.1 A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
3. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

- 1.3 Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. The use of foul language, personal verbal attacks and/or language used to intimidate, will lead to a rule 69 action.

#### 2. RATINGS & SCORING

- 2.1 The current PHRF of the YRA of LIS ratings will be used.
- 2.2 Scoring will be computed using Time-On-Time correction factor  $650/(550+PHRF) \times \text{Elapsed Time} = \text{Corrected Time}$ .
- 2.3 The Low-Point System, Appendix A2.1, is hereby modified: to qualify for the series a skipper shall sail and score one more than half of the races completed. A boat's worst score(s) for races sailed in excess of the minimum shall be discarded. One completed race shall qualify the series.
- 2.4 Appendix A 5.3 shall apply.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The series is open to PHRF rated boats sailing either spinnaker or non-spinnaker.
- 3.2 To be scored, boats shall have a current YRALIS PHRF certificate on file online.
- 3.3 Boats shall have sail numbers that comply with RRS Appendix G1.2(a)(3) by being *clearly legible* in all light conditions. Failure to comply may result in being scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and adds to Appendix A5.1.

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The first signal is scheduled for 1900 on each Tuesday evening starting May 14<sup>th</sup> and ending August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.2 The season is divided into two parts: the Spring Series will be run from May 14<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Summer Series will run from July 9<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. ENTRY PROCESS**

- 5.1 Boats enter by completing the process on the Yacht Scoring website found at [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_registration\\_email.cfm?eid=T B A](https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=T B A) which may be accessed via the Breakwater's website [www.breakwaters.org](http://www.breakwaters.org)
- 5.2 Entries must be made and fees must be paid by 1800, Friday, May 10, 2023 in order to sail in the first race. Sailing instructions will be available on the website.
- 5.3 A valid PHRF Rating Certificate shall be on file with the YRA of LIS. At the discretion of the OA, rating certificate revisions may be accepted after submission of the Entry Form.

## **6. FEES**

The entry fee for the season (16 races) is \$250.00 per boat. Fees are payable by credit card through PayPal as part of the entry process.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available via the Breakwater and YachtScoring websites on or before Friday, April 26, 2024.

## **8. COMMUNICATION**

- 8.1 The Official Notice Board is on YachtScoring.com.
- 8.2 All communications on the water will be conducted over VHF Channel 05A.
- 8.3 RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information openly available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "At a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their current situation.

## **9. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

- 9.1 All boats shall comply with the US Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore events: [US Safety Equipment Requirements \(SER\) - US Sailing.](#)
- 9.2 The Boat Owner or a designated Owner's Representative is responsible for compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, and the safety of the boat and its crew, as well as the conduct of the crew before, during, and after racing,

## **10. RESPONSIBILITY**

As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Breakwater Irregulars, the owner, helmsperson and each crewmember agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Organizing Authority and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel aboard them is at the risk of the participant. Neither the Breakwater Irregulars nor Stamford Yacht Club bears any responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel arising from any cause during the race.