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Thursday Night Race Series

NOTICE OF RACE 2024

Featuring both spinnaker and jib and main ("JAM") divisions, monthly post-race patio parties, MWPHRF handicapping, Yacht Scoring race management, and a fleet that warmly welcomes both brand new racers and veterans.

1) ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & KEY DATES

- A) The Anchorage Yacht Club (AYC) is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the AYC Thursday Night Race Series.
- B) Race schedule
 - i) The series begins on Thursday, May 23, 2024 and continues throughout the season on Thursday evenings.
 - ii) There is **NO** race on Thursday, July 4, 2024.
 - iii) The last race of the series is on Thursday, September 12, 2024.
 - iv) The first warning is at 1840 on Thursday evenings in May through August. **Note: the first warning is at 1810 for Thursday evenings in September (September 5 and September 12).**
- C) Courses will be windward/leeward, triangular, or a variation thereof, and will be sailed east-southeast of Waukegan Harbor & Marina in the open waters of Lake Michigan.

2) RULES

- A) All races shall be governed by the 2021-2024 World Sailing's [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS).
- B) The rules of the Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) will apply except as altered by the following. A current MWPHRF certificate is recommended for all yachts, and can be obtained online at [Midwest PHRF](#). MWPHRF handicaps are time on distance handicaps applied to determine winners of races. Yachts not having a current certificate will be assigned an average "book" rating minus a six second penalty. There will be no retroactive favorable adjustment of this rating for races completed prior to submission of a valid MWPHRF certificate. Anchorage Yacht Club may from time to time apply certain modifications to MWPHRF, as determined by the AYC Sail Racing Committee.
- C) All Coast Guard safety requirements must be met by each yacht. For all yachts, AYC recommends that a PFD be worn by each crew member.
- D) Each yacht must carry a VHF marine radio telephone with at least channels 6, 16, 22, 69 and WX. Channel 69 will be used for required communication between competitors. All solo racers' radios must be accessible to racers while at the helm. This can be either an adaptation of the permanent radio, or a second radio such as a handheld.
- E) Additional safety requirements for solo and doublehanded sailors:
 - i) Each yacht must have a system for self-steering.
 - ii) Each crew member must wear a PFD when the yacht is away from the dock.
 - iii) Each yacht must have a system such as jacklines, running from near the cockpit to the foredeck, so that the crew can move from the cockpit to the forestay without disconnecting the safety harness.
 - iv) Each crewmember must have a safety harness properly fitted and worn at all times when not below decks. Any time a crewmember leaves the cockpit, they must be connected to the jackline.
 - v) Each yacht must have a system for reboarding in place at all times. This may include looped lines or a ladder.

3) ADVERTISING

- A) Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Application. Advertising deemed by the Organizing Authority not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulations may be rejected.
- B) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4) ELIGIBILITY

- A) The owner and/or skipper in charge shall be a member of his or her national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing. To join, call 1-800-877-2451 or go online to www.ussailing.org.
- B) Yacht owners/skippers are not required to be members of Anchorage Yacht Club to race. Registration must be complete, waiver signed, and entry fee(s) paid before boats are eligible to participate. Payment of the entry fee is required before a boat will be scored in a race. Other boats may race at special invitation by the Sail Racing Committee chair.
- C) The OA shall have full authority to determine the suitability of any boat for entry into any division, and may divide divisions into sections at its discretion. Entries that cannot be divided into sections of at least four yachts may be excluded and their entry fee will be refunded. All decisions by the AYC Sail Racing Committee shall be final.
- D) Insurance: Each boat shall have a minimum of \$500,000 boat liability insurance that is valid from before the start of the series, and continue through the last day of the series.
- E) Correct sail numbers must be displayed on the mainsail, spinnakers, and all headsails larger than a working jib.
- F) Boats shall be of a seaworthy offshore type construction.
- G) Any skipper that did not race in the 2023 AYC Thursday Night Race Series shall qualify as a new racer.
- H) Racing will be offered in two divisions, (1) Spinnaker and (2) Jib and Main ("JAM") divisions.
- I) Divisions may be divided into sections based upon the number of yachts registered and the MWPHRF handicaps of the registered yachts.

5) ENTRY

- A) Sailing yachts may enter by completing the registration, submitting all required documents, and paying the series entry fee. AYC now uses the online Yacht Scoring regatta management system. All registration steps shall be completed online at [AYC's Yacht Scoring Thursday Race website](#).
- B) Entry fees
 - i) \$75 Anchorage Yacht Club and U.S. Sailing member "early bird" if paid on or before May 1, 2024
 - ii) \$85 Anchorage Yacht Club and U.S. Sailing member after May 1, 2024
 - iii) \$105 non-member and U.S. Sailing member "early bird" if paid on or before May 1, 2024
 - iv) \$115 non-member after May 1, 2024
 - v) All series entries are due by Friday, May 17, 2024 or a late fee of \$15 may be assessed.
 - vi) \$20 for one race, a la carte fee

vii) New racer program

- (1) Pay the a la carte fee and race.
 - (2) If the new racer pays for five a la carte races, or decides they wish to enter the series, then a la carte fees shall be credited towards the cost of the series entry fee. In this case, a la carte race results shall then be used in the series results.
 - (3) The maximum fee the new racer shall pay will be:
 - (a) \$85 for Anchorage Yacht Club and U.S. Sailing member
 - (b) \$115 for non-member
- C) **Each skipper must serve once as committee boat during the season.** The skipper must be present on the committee boat, and the skipper's boat must not participate in that race. Failure to serve will result in a DSQ of your best race of the season, and that DSQ will count as one of your races for the season total.

6) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- A) Sailing Instructions will be available [online](#) on or before Monday May 20, 2024.
- B) Starting times will be published separately along with the [scratch sheet](#) on or before Wednesday May 22, 2024.
- C) Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted online. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board [online](#) for any amendments to the Sailing Instructions.

7) NOTICES AND CHANGES

- A) Notices to competitors (if any) will be posted [online](#) and/or announced on VHF channel 69 prior to the start of that evening's race.
- B) Any changes to the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, or start times will be posted at least 24 hours before the day that they will take effect.

8) COMMUNICATIONS WHILE RACING

- A) RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, RRS 41(c) is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable.
- B) No boat shall operate or control a remotely controlled aircraft (i.e. drone) or other remotely controlled vehicle while racing.

9) SCORING

- A) The low point scoring system will be used. 1 point for first, 2 points for second, 3 points for third, etc. will be earned. The number of races scored in the series is as follows:

<u>Races completed in series</u>	<u>Races scored for each boat</u>
15 - 16	8
13 - 14	7
11 - 12	6
9 - 10	5
7 - 8	4
5 - 6	3
3 - 4	2
1 - 2	1

- B) One race will constitute a series.

- C) RRS A5.3 shall apply.
- D) In the event of disqualification (DSQ) from a given race, throwing that race out will be allowed or disallowed in accordance with RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5. A yacht that realizes she has infringed on a rule shall either retire promptly or accept an alternate penalty when so prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. A DSQ cannot be thrown out if it was the result of a collision which caused damage.

10) PRIZES

- A) Division prizes will be awarded in each division.
- B) Section prizes will be awarded to boats within a division having more than one section.
- C) Prizes for division and sections will be awarded to boats per the following table.

<u>Number of Entries</u>	<u>Prizes Awarded</u>
2 or less	1 st
3	1 st -2 nd
4-14	1 st -3 rd
15+	1 st -4 th

- D) Awards dinner ****TBA****

11) RISK AND LIABILITY

- A) The Anchorage Yacht Club, its officers, directors, members, sponsors, agents, the Sail Racing Committee, Protest Committee, and any other committee of the Club shall not be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property which may occur during, or arise out of or in connection with any race.
- B) Based on any public health consideration, competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Illinois, Waukegan Harbor & Marina, City of Waukegan, and the Anchorage Yacht Club's policies regarding coronavirus, COVID-19, that are in effect at the time of the event.
- C) Notice is hereby given to all participants, spectators, officials, and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk.

12) PRIVACY POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RIGHTS

As a condition to participating in the Thursday Night Race Series, competitors shall agree to accept operational communications (voice, email, text, or other) from the Sail Racing Committee. Competitors shall agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the Anchorage Yacht Club and their agents, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage. Competitors further agree to photography, which may be posted on the AYC website. Such photography shall not be used for commercial purposes.