



2024 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

49th Season

Racing: May 22nd – September 4th, 2024

Awards Night: 1700 – 1900 Sunday, November 2nd, 2024

Norwalk Yacht Club
Norwalk, CT

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 1.2. The PHRF Class Rules as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) (<http://www.yralis.org/>);
- 1.3. The Nearshore Category of US Sailing's Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>) Click on monohull or multihull as applies.;); and
- 1.4. The House Rules of Norwalk Yacht Club. (DP)

The notation '(DP)' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The series are open to boats with LOA between 22 and 60 feet racing under PHRF rules.
- 2.2. Each boat entered shall submit a valid 2024 YRALIS PHRF Certificate, or at the discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA), accept a rating from the OA.

3. ENTRIES & FEES

- 3.1. All entries are to be made on-line at Yachtscoring.com.
- 3.2. The entry fee for the 3 series, 15 race event is \$375.
- 3.3. Fees are payable by credit card through PayPal as part of the entry process.
- 3.4. Newcomers are welcome at no charge for their first race and may compete in an additional 4 races @ \$30 per race before registering at the prorated full season rate.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Five races are scheduled for each of 3 series. Dates of Racing are:

Series 1:	May 22 nd ,	May 29 th ,	June 5 th ,	June 12 th ,	June 19 th .
Series 2:	June 26 th ,	July 3 rd ,	July 10 th ,	July 17 th ,	July 24 th .

Series 3: July 31st, August 7th, August 14th, August 21st, August 28th.
Make-up race: September 4th.

4.2. One make-up date is scheduled for September 4th. The race to be rescheduled will be the most recently abandoned race selected from within the series with the fewest or equally fewest races completed.

4.3. One race for each class or combined classes is scheduled for each date. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1900.

5. **CLASSES**

5.1. There shall be 2 PHRF classes: a spinnaker class (Class 1) and a non-spinnaker class (Class 2). The OA reserves the right to divide any class into two or more divisions.

5.2. Classes and/or divisions will be designated in the scratch sheet and published in the order of their scheduled start which will be available at Yachtscoring.com and from the race committee signal boat on race days prior to racing.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at Yachtscoring.com, and from the race committee signal boat on race days prior to racing.

7. **RACE AREA**

Racing will take place south of Rowayton, Connecticut with the start line in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Light.

8. **COURSES**

Courses will be windward/leeward; triangles; or a combination, as described in **Addendum A** of the Sailing Instructions.

9. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. **SCORING**

10.1. Finish times shall be corrected using the PHRF handicap system as administered by the YRALIS, based on the following "Time on Time" formula: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x [700/ (600+PHRF)].

10.2. One completed race constitutes a series. When fewer than 5 races are completed in a series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 races are completed in a series, a boat's worst score will be excluded.

10.3. A boat's overall season score will be the total of her scores for the 15 scheduled races excluding her 3 worst scores.

10.4. Rule A5.3 will apply with the following change: Rule A5.3 shall be changed by adding "A boat that did not finish (DNF) because the time limit expired (TLE) shall be scored points for the finish place two more than the number of boats that finished". This changes RRS 35, A5.3, and A10.

10.5. Rule A5.3 is further changed so "...a boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series at the time of the race."

10.6. Results will be posted on Yachtscoring.com.

11. **PRIZES**

- 11.1. Prizes for each of the three series will be awarded in each class or division for 1st place, and 2nd in a class or division of 3 or more boats, and 3rd in a class or division of 5 or more boats.
- 11.2. Prizes for the best overall season scores will be awarded in each class or division for 1st place, and 2nd in a class or division of 3 or more boats, and 3rd in a class or division of 5 or more boats.
- 11.3. The perpetual Tomfoolery Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall season score in the spinnaker class.
- 11.4. The perpetual Robert J. Kienle Memorial Gala Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall season score in the non-spinnaker class.
- 11.5. Prizes will be awarded at Norwalk Yacht Club at 1700 – 1900 on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024.

12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Norwalk Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman, and each crew member agree 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 Norwalk Yacht Club and their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents, or volunteers 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 manning them is at the risk of the participant.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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