



**2015 NORWALK SATURDAY CHAMPS – NOTICE OF RACE  
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – NORWALK YACHT CLUB**

**1. BACKGROUND**

The Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet (“NISF”) has for many years run a popular series of weekend sailing races. This year, NISF is combining with Norwalk Yacht Club (“NYC”) to assign the running of most of the races to NYC, as Organizing Authority (“OA”).

**2. RULES**

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

- 2.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 2.2 The current Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations (PHRF) as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS);
- 2.3 The Category C Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1 The series is open to boats with LOA between 22 and 60 feet, racing under PHRF rules.
- 3.2 The OA reserves the right to reject any entry.
- 3.3 Each boat entered shall have a valid 2015 PHRF Certificate (YRALIS) or accept a rating from the OA.
- 3.4 The OA, at its discretion, may also have starts for Ideal-18s or other one-design classes.

**4. REGISTRATION**

- 4.1. All entries are to be made on-line at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 4.2. Boats may enter for all or individual race/s of the races comprising the Series.
- 4.3. Prior to the first race signal of the day, each boat intending to race shall check-in with the signal boat by sailing by and declaring her intention. There is to be no check-in by radio.

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. Entry Fees are \$400 for the series; \$45 per individual race.
- 5.2. Members of the Minuteman Yacht Club (for the King Cup), Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club (for the SHYC evening race) and Sprite Island Yacht Club (for the Women’s Cup) who are not signed up for the series may race in those races by registering with the Signal boat prior to the first race signal of the day. If they do not have a PHRF certificate, a rating will be assigned to them by the OA. They will be eligible to win trophies for the respective race, but their finish will not be counted toward the series unless they subsequently register online for the series.

**6. DIVISIONS**

- 6.1 Division I – Racing Spinnakers may sail in Division I and fly Numeral Pennant One.
- 6.2 Division II – Racing Non-Spinnakers may sail in Division II and fly Numeral Pennant Two.
- 6.3 Division III – Cruisers may sail in Division III and fly Numeral Pennant Three.
- 6.4 Every Non-Spinnaker Division boat shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. A reaching strut/whisker pole may be used with one end attached to the mast, all in accordance with RRS 1.2.
- 6.5 Boats may sail in any Division in any race, provided they comply with the other paragraphs of this section. Non-spinnaker boats may opt to be in Division II or III, but the OA reserves the right to reassign them in the interest of fairness to all boats.

**7. QUALIFYING FOR SEASON TROPHIES**

- 7.1 A boat must start at least 50% of the races completed in her Division to qualify for season series scoring in that Division.
- 7.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

**8. SCHEDULE**

- 8.1 The Schedule of Races is attached hereto as **Appendix 1.**
- 8.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1200. Warning signals for succeeding Divisions will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding Division.
- 8.3 Post-race parties will be held at the locations noted on Appendix 1. Please contact the host club to arrange for temporary mooring or dockage as needed. (Norwalk Yacht Club can be reached by phone or VHF radio as noted in item 15 below).

**9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at [www.yachtscore.com](http://www.yachtscore.com) and will also be available at Norwalk Yacht Club and from the race committee signal boat on race days, prior to racing.

**10. RACE AREA**

As shown in the Schedule of Races, start and finish lines will be South of Rowayton, Connecticut in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Light, or South of Norwalk, Connecticut in the vicinity of Government Mark R"26".

**11. COURSES**

Courses will be "Navigator's" courses around Government marks, to be chosen for the day from the list of courses attached as **Appendix 2** to the Sailing Instructions.

**12. SCORING**

- 12.1 Individual races will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS.
- 12.2 Series results will be scored using the High-Point Percentage Scoring System.
- 12.3 Races sailed in excess of the minimum required for qualification will be thrown out.

**13. PRIZES**

- 13.1 Daily prizes for individual races will be awarded for each Division that qualifies. Three boats per Division, per race, defines "qualifies".
- 13.2 Season's trophies will be awarded to the best three boats in each Division that qualify.
- 13.3 The Awards Ceremony will be held at Shore & Country Club on a date in November to be announced. Competitors will also be invited to the Norwalk Yacht Club awards party to be held on a date in October to be announced.

**14. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 the YRA of LIS 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 manning them is at the risk of the participant

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Please contact: Norwalk YC, 10 Nathan Hale Rd, Wilson Point, South Norwalk, CT, 06854

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2015 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Race Committee</b>	<b>Start Area</b>	<b>Party</b>
May 16	Spring Tune-up Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
May 30	King Cup	Norwalk YC	R26	Minuteman YC
Jun 13	Chanteyman Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Jul 18	Mid-Summer Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Aug 1	SHYC Evening Race <sup>1</sup>	SHYC/NYC	R26	SHYC
Aug 8	Women's Cup <sup>2</sup>	Norwalk YC	R26	Sprite Island YC
Aug 29	Green's Ledge Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Sep 12	Philcox Cup	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Sep 19	Mayor's Cup	Norwalk YC	R26	Norwalk YC
Sep 26	NISF Challenge	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Oct 3	Partners' Café Cup	Norwalk YC	GL	Partners

**\* First Warning Signal for all races (except Aug 1) is 12.00 \***

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<sup>1</sup> Timing of this race will differ from the standard, and will be announced in advance of the event.

<sup>2</sup> This race will not be counted toward season standings.