



Wednesday Night Series 2023 Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. NOR/SIs available www.yachtscoring.com

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available prior to the Skippers Meeting at www.yachtscoring.com
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and any amendments that will be on the official notice board located at www.yachtscoring.com

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at www.yachtscoring.com
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.
- 3.3. All changes to the SIs or cancellation of a race will be announced at or before 6:00 pm on the day of the race.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee will communicate with competitors on VHF radio. The information is provided as a courtesy. Any errors or omissions of these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The channel will be confirmed in the SIs.
- 3.5. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all offshore one design classes, spinnaker, and jib and main with a valid 2023 MW PHRF rating certificate that are 19 feet or longer.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by registering and paying online at: www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 24 hours prior to their first race. Each owner/skipper will be required to submit a current MW PHRF certificate, Proof of Liability Insurance of at least \$300,000 and a signed Liability Waiver.
- 4.4. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
 - 4.4.1. A minimum of 3 boats will need to be registered prior to the start of the series in order to establish a one-design class and establish an individual class start. The race committee will establish section breaks per registration of handicap boat classes that are registered.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

| Series | Bayshore Yacht Club Member Rate | Non-Member Rate |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Gold Series (Spring/Summer/Fall and Frostbite) 21 Races | \$430 | \$460 |
| Spring | \$90 | \$100 |
| Summer | \$300 | \$330 |
| Fall | \$90 | \$100 |
| Frostbite | \$30 | \$35 |
| Individual Race | \$30 | \$35 |

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Skippers Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7pm at Bayshore Yacht Club.

6.2. Dates/Time of racing:

| SERIES | TIME | DATES |
|-----------|----------------|---|
| Spring | 6:50pm Warning | May 3, 10, 17, 24 |
| Summer | 6:50pm Warning | May 31 June 7, 14, 21 July 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2, 9, 16, 23 |
| Fall | 6:35pm Warning | August 30 September 6, 13, 20 |
| Frostbite | TBD | Saturday, September 23 |

7. COURSES

7.1. The racing area will be approximately ½ to 1 nautical mile west of the Holland pier heads. The race committee may elect to conduct the race on Lake Macatawa if weather conditions do not allow racing on Lake Michigan. Racers will be notified with multiple transmissions on Channel 72.

7.2. The diagrams in the SI Addendum will show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.3. Marks used may include the following: inflatable yellow or orange marks. Lake Macatawa Races may include government buoys.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing.

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

9. SCORING

9.1. The scoring system used for all Wednesday Night Races is the Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.

9.2. For the Spring and Fall Series:

9.2.1. If 4 races are officially scored, each boat will be allowed 1 throw-out race.

9.2.2. If 3 or less races are scored there will be no throw-outs.

9.3. For the Summer Series:

9.3.1. If 10 races are officially scored, each boat is allowed 3 throw-out races for the complete series.

9.3.2. If there are 9 or 8 officially scored races, each boat will be allowed 2 throw-outs.

9.3.3. If there are 7 or less officially scored races, no throw-outs will be allowed.

9.4. For the Gold Cup Series:

9.4.1. Each boat is permitted throw-out races stipulated for each series. For the Gold Cup Series you will be allowed up to 5 throw-outs for the complete series.

10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3, Decision to Race). By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

11. INSURANCE

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

12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be given in each division for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

12.2. The Gold Cup will be awarded to the boat accumulating the best record for the Spring, Summer and Fall series.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1. Contact the Bayshore Yacht Club Organizing Authority, Andrew Koop at bayshoreracer@gmail.com