

NOTICE OF RACE - EBYRA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES 2017 rev 1-16-17

EVENT

Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association (EBYRA), the organizing authority, is sponsoring the Wednesday Night Series open to all PHRF and One-Design boats, consisting of eighteen (18) scheduled races with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions.

RULES

The regatta will be governed by, in reverse order of prevailing authority, the United States Sailing Association, The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. Non-PHRF divisions may have a rules addendum specific to those respective divisions. All boats shall have a minimum crew of two people on board at all times. If necessary, a boat's YRA of LIS PHRF rating will be adjusted to reflect EBYRA policy, specifically that crew weight limit penalties and weight credits are not in effect for the Wednesday series. EBYRA may require an entry to change sail numbers to avoid conflict with boats previously registered in the series. All boats shall properly display the sail number indicated on the scratch sheet.

ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to all sailing boats, spinnaker and non-spinnaker, with a valid 2017 YRALIS or 2017 EBYRA PHRF provisional certificate. Boats sailing in a One-Design division must have a measurement certificate and/or other agreed-to stipulations.

REGISTRATION

To take advantage of early registration fee of \$270, the on-line registration must be completed and paid for by Wednesday, February 15, 2017. A valid 2017 YRA of LIS PHRF certificate must also be on file with YRA of LIS at that time. In lieu of a YRA PHRF certificate, you may apply for an EBYRA Wednesday Night provisional certificate by submitting a properly filled out PHRF application and mailing or emailing it to EBYRA. This must be received before February 15, 2017 for early registration.

Regular fee of \$300 applies after February 15, 2017. A late fee of \$30 will be applied after April 30. Late applications must be received by the Monday immediately preceding the boat's first race for a boat to race that Wednesday. Boats entering the series for the first time, and entering as "non-spinnaker", shall pay an entry fee of \$175. Boats without a valid 2017 YRALIS PHRF Certificate may apply for a provisional EBYRA PHRF Certificate for a fee of \$20. This certificate is only valid for the EBYRA Wednesday night series.

A yacht's registration will be valid for the single boat hull indicated on the entry. There can be no substitution of an alternate hull or boat and merging of the series race scores for any reason. If a boat is damaged and unable to continue the series, EBYRA will allow the skipper to re-enter another boat without paying an additional entry fee; however, the races scored under the original hull will stand in the series and the scores of the new entry will stand apart. The number of races toward qualifying for each boat, and earn a throwout will be calculated separately for each boat.

NOTE THAT ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE THROUGH YACHTSCORING.COM. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION AT THE SKIPPER'S MEETING.

SCHEDULE, LOCATION AND START TIME

The races take place each Wednesday from May 10, 2017 to September 6, 2017. The default start line will be at "S" in the vicinity of 46A, or at alternate marks "A" or "H", depending on wind direction. The warning gun will be at 7:05 PM.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We will attempt to notify racers via email and/or other telecommunication by 4:30 PM if conditions beyond our control or severe weather (e.g. sustained winds of 30 knots or more) indicate that cancellation of the scheduled race would be necessary or prudent. A race cancelled in this manner will be re-sailed at the end of the season; however, a race abandoned by the race committee, on the water, will not be re-sailed.

COURSES

Courses will be signaled from the committee boat according to 2017 Course Codes document.

DIVISIONS

Division splits will reflect the goal of making fair and competitive groupings for the series. The factors considered will be the number of entries, the type of boat, the boat's sailing characteristics and its PHRF rating. One-design divisions will be created if there is sufficient numbers to insure competitive racing throughout the season.

QUALIFYING

Boats will need to be scored in half of the races sailed, rounded down, plus 1 to qualify for the series. Races started but with no finishers in division will count as races not sailed, and will therefore lower the number of races needed to qualify. Committee Duty will count toward qualifying as long as there is a finisher in the division of the yacht doing committee duty.

THROWOUTS

All yachts will earn one throwout for the series upon qualifying. The scoring program will discard the race that results in the highest cumulative score for the series. A DSQ or withdraw as a result of a protest hearing may not be discarded.

RACE FINISH POSITION, SERIES SCORING

Finish position will be established on corrected time using time-on-time factors derived either from a boat's PHRF certificate rating and the formula $F = 600/(480+PHRF)$.

RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

Should an entrant's crew be called upon to perform Race Committee duty for a race of an event, three or four members of the entrant's crew shall be obligated to do so and follow the Directions of the PRO or other provided directives. Failure of an entrant's crew to fulfill their obligations as stated shall result in a non-excludable DSQ for the entrant for that race and may result in a refusal of entry in future EBYRA events.

AWARDS

First place trophies will be awarded for each division in which there are 3 or more qualifiers; Second place for 5 or more qualifiers; Third place for 7 or more qualifiers; Fourth place for 9 or more qualifiers; and a Fifth place for 11 or more qualifiers. Participants will be notified of the exact date and location of the awards event.

INFORMATION AND AMENDMENTS

Additions or changes to the sailing instructions and Scratch Sheet will be posted on yachtscoring.com by 5 PM on the Wednesday of the race.

ADMINISTRATION

Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association, Inc., 63 Pilot St., City Island, NY 10464. The organizing authority may establish themselves as members of the Race Committee or a Protest Committee when necessary.



