

Announces The Annual Thursday Night Race Series **2011 Notice of Race**

The Thursday Night Series is open to all seaworthy monohull sailing yachts. The Thursday Night Series is comprised of ten (10) races with two (2) races being held in each month of May, June, July, August, and September. All races start and finish off Bayview Yacht Club, in the Detroit River, Detroit, Michigan, USA.

Race dates are scheduled on: May 12th and 19th, June 16th and 23rd, July 7th and 14th, August 4th and 18th, and September 8th and 22nd.

Management Rules: All races will be governed by the Sailing Instructions and *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, including US Sailing Prescriptions, except as stated herein. The races will be managed by the BYC Thursday Night Race Committee, which will have the authority to establish the racing conditions and interpret the racing rules.

Registration: All entrants must register for the 2011 Series Races. The completed 2011 Registration Form must be received by the BYC Thursday Night Race Committee to complete the registration process. *No retroactive scoring of races will occur for non registered boats. You must register before you race.*

Sailing Instructions and Registration Forms can be found on the BYC website: www.byc.com and copies will be available at the BYC Bar. You may also register at www.byc.com and copies will be available at the BYC Bar. You may also register at www.byc.com and copies will be available at the BYC Bar. You may also register at www.byc.com and copies will be available at the BYC Bar. You may also register at www.yachtscoring.com . All entrants must sign the "Agreement to Assume Risk" either on the paper registration form or via the electronic registration process to be eligible for the series.

Race Results, Changes, Handicapping: Race results (subject to protests) will usually be posted on the BYC Bar Bulletin Board. The low point scoring system is used for calculation of series standings. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the same BYC bulletin board and website race section. If there are errors or omissions in the results or registration information, contact the Race Chair listed below. *If you do not have a <u>current</u> PHRF rating, the BYC Thursday Night Race Committee will provide one based on boat type, modifications and credits. Answer all handicapping questions accurately and completely. <u>Membership in and handicapping by DRYA is strongly encouraged</u>. <i>More DRYA information is available at* www.drya.org.

Sails Allowed: All classes racing under PHRF are to use Jib and Main Only (JAM). Ultimate 20 and Melges 24 classes may use class spinnakers.

<u>Classes and Starts</u>: 2011 class splits and start times will be as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

Courses: Course/Class assignments are set forth in the Thursday Night Series Sailing Instructions. There are no changes in courses and mark locations from the 2010 Series. An illustrative map of the course with relevant approximate BYC buoy locations, bearings and distances is available as part of the Sailing Instructions.

Interference with Shipping, Violations of Inland Rules of the Road: Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area at any time. Any boat not complying with the Sailing Instructions on this very important matter may be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.

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