

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)
Wednesday Night Offshore Series (WNOS):
Soling, PHRF, PHRF-JAM, J-24
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Organized by The Milwaukee Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI, USA
Wednesdays, May 13, 2015 through September 23, 2015
Practice (non-counting) dates - May 13 & 20
Spring & Summer Season dates – May 27 to August 26 (July 15 non-counting)
Fall Season dates – Sept 2 to Sept 30

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet and Regatta Committee (F&R), MYC Race Committee, MYC Soling Fleet and MYC PHRF Fleet shall represent the Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) as the Organizing Authority for the MYC Wednesday Night Offshore Series.

KEY DATES

Entry Deadline for the full WNOS: Friday May 22, 2015

Late entries will be accepted, but the MYC Office must receive a completed entry prior to the boat's first race. A boat may be scored only after a completed entry is received and accepted.

SPECIAL NOTE

AS STATED IN ITEM 11.3 OF THIS NOR - Each boat must provide a RC Volunteer for any two events for which MYC provides the Race Committee in order to earn a throw-out for either series.

1. RULES

1.1 The WNOS will be governed by the rules, as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2013-2016, the rules of Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF), except as any of these are changed by the notice of race or the sailing instructions.

1.2 The following racing rules will be changed as follows:

29.2 WNOS sections under General Recall will have their second start after all other sections have had one chance to start first.

60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65: Appendix T, sections A, B, and D will apply.

75.1 To enter the WNOS, a boat shall comply with the requirements of the organizing authority of the race: The boat owner shall be a member of Milwaukee Yacht Club, South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC), MAST, McBoat or US SAILING.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.3 The following US SAILING prescriptions to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls 5.01, will apply:

a) US SAILING prescribes for Category 4 lifejackets or US Coast Guard approved Type III personal flotation devices

b) US SAILING prescribes that all personnel on deck shall wear personal floatation while starting and finishing without exception, and at all other times, except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside.

- 1.4 This official notice of race will be posted, at a later date, on The Milwaukee Yacht Club web site, www.milwaukeeyc.com, and will also be available upon request from the Milwaukee Yacht Club by calling 414.271.4455.

2. ALTERATIONS:

If there is a conflict between a handicap rule of a Section, this NOR, the Sailing Instructions (SI) or any Additional Sailing Instructions (ASI), Rule 63.7 shall apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 WNOS events are open to all LMPHRF boats, J-24s, and Solings that meet the requirements described in this notice of race. Guest boats - that is, any boat not registered for the entire season - may race on up to two (2) WNOS dates.
- 3.2 Boats shall register by completing the online registration form by going to www.milwaukeeyc.com, ->Sail Fleet. Acceptance of a boat's entry shall be contingent upon the completion of the online entry form, receipt of a certificate of insurance (proof of insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 of liability coverage), receipt of a current PHRF certificate if racing PHRF by July 1 (hopefully prior to racing), and acceptance of the required fee. Should you have difficulty completing your online registration, contact Pam Sohn, MYC Office Manager, at 414.271.4455 for assistance. The entry should be completed and received in the MYC Office by Friday May 22, 2015. Late entries will be accepted. Should a PHRF boat not submit a valid handicap certificate by July 1, their series scores may be voided. Boats competing in the PHRF JAM section will not be required to submit a PHRF certificate if one is not available. For the PHRF JAM section, a PHRF rating will be assigned by either the PHRF Fleet Captain or the RC to those who do not submit a current certificate.
- 3.3 Questions or issues relating to registration in the series online registration or this NOR shall be directed to info@milwaukeeyc.com, Pam Sohn, Office Manager, at 414.271.4455, or via US mail to:
WNOS
c/o Milwaukee Yacht Club
1700 N Lincoln Memorial Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53202

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required WNOS fees that include both the Spring and Summer Series are as follows:

\$130.00 per boat: if a member of MYC.

\$200 per boat: if not a member of MYC, but part of SSYC, MCSC, MAST, McBOAT and US SAILING.

Non US SAILING members shall pay the above fees plus a **\$10.00** US SAILING differential fee for the series.

The Guest Fee is **\$15 per boat, per race date**. All other NOR and SI requirements apply.

Fees are payable by check to 'Milwaukee Yacht Club - WNOS' or through your MYC charge account if applicable. MYC entrants will be charged through their club account if no prior arrangement is approved by the MYC RC Director.

- 4.2 Food and beverages will be available on the MYC patio to all competitors regardless of club affiliation after racing for an additional fee.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first WNOS race is 1800 (6pm CDT).
- 5.2 For all WNOS sections, one or more races are scheduled on each Wednesday night from May 13, 2015 through September 23, 2015 as specified in the 2014 Race Schedule.
- 5.3 Racing dates 5/13, 5/20 & 7/15 **WILL NOT** count for season scoring.
- 5.4 Racing dates 9/2, 9/9, 9/16 and 9/24 will be scored separately as the "Fall Series" and will have their own, separate, Sailing Instructions.
- 5.5 The PHRF sections may have multiple divisions with multiple starting times depending on the number of registered participants.

6. MEASUREMENT

Measurement will not be required, but each non - JAM PHRF boat shall have available, proof of holding a valid measurement or rating certificate issued by LMPHRF. Boats entering the JAM PHRF section shall submit a valid LMPHRF certificate, if they have one. For those JAM boats that do not have a valid LMPHRF certificate, the Race Committee Chair shall assign a PHRF rating. The Soling and J-24 classes will not be measured, but will be expected to follow their one design class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available prior to May 1st 2015 at the MYC club office or the MYC website (-> Sail Fleet).

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, East of the Milwaukee North Gap, with the gathering mark or starting pin approximately 1.6 nautical miles East, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

The courses will *primarily* be windward-leeward, triangle, or triangle-windward-leeward as shown in diagrams attached to, and described in, the Sailing Instructions. RC reserves the right to change the available courses with proper notice.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rules 44.1 (a) and 44.2, will apply for Soling and J/24 Fleets. The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3 shall apply for PHRF and PHRF-JAM boats. The penalty shall be the score the boat would have received without the penalty made worse by one place. The one-turn and two-turn penalties are not in effect for PHRF and PHRF-JAM boats. Rule 44.1(b) will apply to all boats.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 One race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Spring series; one race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Summer series.
The Spring Series dates are May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24 and July 1.
The Summer Series dates are July 8, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12, August 19 and August 26.
The Fall Series (Soling, J/24, Ideal 18 and Laser only) dates are September 2, September 9, September 16 and September 23.
- 11.2 Each boat shall be ranked by her corrected time in Section, then the Low-Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. One design sections, J-24 and Soling, will use actual finishing order.
- 11.3 For the Spring Series and Summer Series, one throw-out for every 5 races completed will be applied to a boat's series score. Her score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst scores.
Each boat must provide a RC Volunteer for any two events for which MYC provides the Race Committee in order to earn a throw-out for either series.

12. PRIZES

Awards will be presented at the MYC Annual Awards Banquet as follows:

Spring Series:

- First, second and third in each section in which five boats or more boats are registered
- First and second in each section in which fewer than five boats are registered

Summer Series:

- First, second and third in each section in which five boats or more are registered.
- First and second in each section in which fewer than five boats are registered

The Season Series:

- First, second and third place boats after combining the Spring Series with the Summer Series scores in each section in which five boats or more are registered.
- First and second place boats after combining the Spring Series with the Summer Series scores in each section in which fewer than five boats are registered

The *PHRF* boat placing 1st in the Season Series (combined Spring and Summer series, after throw-outs), will also be awarded the Marty Rieck Memorial Permanent Trophy (the first place trophy is the keeper trophy). The year, boat's name, and owner/skipper's name will be engraved on a plate, adhered to the trophy. The *PHRF JAM* boat placing 1st in the Season Series (combined Spring and

Summer series, after throw-outs), will also be awarded the Jim Cerney Memorial Permanent Trophy. The year, boat's name, and owner/skipper's name will be engraved on a plate, adhered to the trophy (the first place trophy is the keeper trophy). The J-24 boat placing 1st in the Season Series (combined Spring and Summer series, after throw-outs), will also be awarded the Scrivner Permanent Trophy. The year, boat's name, and owner/skipper's name will be engraved on a plate, adhered to the trophy (the first place trophy is the keeper trophy).

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race in the series.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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