St. Michaels Wednesday Night Racing 2021 Notice of Race

1. Rules

The series shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. Racing Rules shall be changed as follows:

35 / A4 / A5 – boats must start within 10 minutes of their start time or be scored DNS

35 / A4 / A5 - any boat not finished within 45 minutes of the first boat in her class shall be scored DNF

 $44.1\,/\,44.3$ – boats can also take a 30% scoring penalty before going to the protest hearing

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

The series is open to all PHRF boats and Mid-Eastern Shore (MES) Star Fleet members. The registration fee is \$60 for the season of racing. Eligible boats may register online at: regattanetwork.com/event/22154



Entry must be received before the boat competes for a fourth time during the season. (You get three races for free, so try racing with us!)

3. Schedule

The skipper's meeting is scheduled for 1800 hrs, April 21, 2021, via Zoom.

One race is scheduled each Wednesday from May 5, 2021, until October 6, 2021. There will be one series: May 5– October 6

1st warning signal (Stars)

Special Events: James H. Wilson Round the Island Race Guest Skippers Race Annual Awards Party 1805 hrs from May through August 1745 hrs in September and October

August 4, 2021, 1745 hrs warning August 11, 2021 October 22, 2021 1800 hrs warning

4. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions shall be available after 1800 hrs on **April 21, 2021** on the official notice board. <u>sm-wnr.blogspot.com</u>

5. Race Area

The Race Area shall be the Miles River off the entrance to St. Michaels harbor.

6. Courses

- Stars: The course shall be port-rounding windward/leeward laps around club drop marks. The number of laps shall be shown on the Race Committee's course boards.
- PHRF: The course shall be designated on the Race Committee's course boards by mark designations.

7. Scoring

Class series shall be scored using the Low Point System of Appendix A with the following changes:

- One race shall be excluded from a boat's score for every 5 races completed.
- If a boat and crew acts as mark boat instead of racing, she shall be scored an average of all her races for the season.
- Guest Skipper Night shall be excluded from season scores.

The "Highpoint" Trophy shall be awarded to the boat that wins the most competitive class. The "most competitive class" shall be defined as the class that has the smallest number of points between the 1st place competitor for the season and the 5th place competitor for the season.

8. Prizes

Prizes shall be awarded to the 1^{st} place boat for three boats in a class, 1^{st} and 2^{nd} for four-six boats in a class, $3^{rd}/9$, $4^{th}/12$, etc. The "Highpoint" Trophy shall be awarded to the boat that wins the most competitive class as defined in "Scoring".

The Miles River Yacht Club will award nightly 1st place trophies to class winners.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the St. Michaels Wednesday Night Racing Steering Committee.

9. Disclaimer of Liability

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

10. Further Information, please contact:

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