

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) Wednesday Night Offshore Series (WNOS):

Organized by The Milwaukee Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI, USA

Wednesdays, May 12 through September 8, 2021 -- Practice (non-counting) dates – May 12 and May 19

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Milwaukee Yacht Club shall act as the Organizing Authority for the MYC Wednesday Night Offshore Series.

KEY DATES

Entry Deadline for the full WNOS: Friday May 21, 2021

Late entries will be accepted, but the MYC Office must receive a completed entry prior to the boat's first race. A boat will be scored only after a completed entry is received and accepted. For any race that occurs prior to a boat's accepted registration, that boat will be scored DNC. Registration will be through the on-line entry system linked through the MYC website.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The WNOS will be governed by the rules of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020, the rules of Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF), except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 29.2 WNOS sections under General Recall will have their second start after all other sections have had one chance to start first.
 - Rule 40 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.
 - Rules 60, 61, 62, 64 & 65: Appendix T will apply.
 - Rule 63 shall be changed to allow the Protest Hearing to be held as an online or phone conference meeting.
 - Rule 75 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 (MYC), South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC), Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC), or US SAILING.
- 1.3 All competitors, volunteers and staff will report COVID-19 related symptoms and tracing information to their skippers. If a competitor, volunteer or staff member exhibits any symptoms of any respiratory illness they **MAY NOT** enter the MYC grounds and **MAY NOT** compete in the WNOS.
- 1.4 This official notice of race will be available 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.
- 1.5 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 WNOS events are open to all Keel boats, Solings and J-24s that meet the requirements described in this notice of race. Guest boats - that is, any boat not registered for the entire season, may race in up to two (2) WNOS dates.
- 2.2 Boats shall register by completing the online registration form by going to [www.milwaukeeyc.com/Fleets/2021 Race Documents](http://www.milwaukeeyc.com/Fleets/2021%20Race%20Documents). 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), and receipt of a current LMPHRF certificate if racing in any of the PHRF sections. For assistance with registration, contact the MYC Office Manager, at 414.271.4455. Entry

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should be completed by Friday May,21 2021. Should a PHRF boat not submit a valid handicap certificate by June 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, a rating will be assigned to those who do not submit a current certificate.

- 2.3 Registration of a minimum of 4 boats shall be required for any fleet, PHRF or One Design (OD), to qualify for a separate starting sequence of its own. Any One Design boat that registers for a OD fleet, and where that fleet fails to meet the minimum number of boats required for an individual start, will race in the equivalent PHRF/ handicap section.
- 2.4 Questions or issues relating to registration in the series, online registration or this NOR shall be directed to info@milwaukeeyc.com, or the Office Manager, at 414.271.4455.

3.0. FEES

- 3.1 Required WNOS fees that include Spring and Summer Series are as follows:

\$350.00 which includes sales tax per boat: if a member of MYC, MCSC, US Sailing or SSYC

- 3.2 All others shall pay the above fees plus a **\$100.00** differential fee for the series. All other NOR and SI requirements apply.
- 3.3 Fees are payable by check to “Milwaukee Yacht Club – WNOS” or through a 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. All others shall pay fees through a check made payable to The Milwaukee Yacht Club.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first WNOS race is 1800 (6:00pm CDT).
- 4.2 For all WNOS sections, one or more races are scheduled on each Wednesday night from May 12, 2021 through September 8, 2021 as specified in the 2021 Race Schedule. Races held on May 12, May 19 and July 21 will not be counted in the series or season overall scores.
- 4.3 The PHRF sections may have multiple divisions with multiple starting times depending on the number of registered participants.

5. MEASUREMENT

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 or the PHRF Fleet Captain shall assign a PHRF rating. The Soling class will not be measured but will be expected to adhere to their one design class rules.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or about May 1, 2021 on the MYC website.

7. 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.

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8. 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.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rules 44.1 (a) and 44.2, will apply for the 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.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 One race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Season series.
- 10.2 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 will use actual finishing order.
- 10.3 For the Series overall, one throw-out for every 9 counting races completed will be applied to a boat's series score. Her score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This score will only apply to the overall season score and not to the individual spring or summer series scores.

11. PRIZES

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

Season Series:

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

12. 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.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000. A Certificate of Insurance MUST be filed with The Milwaukee Yacht Club for a boat to participate in the WNOS. Any boat that does not submit the certificate will not be scored.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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