

MYC – 2023 WNOS – Notice of Race (NOR)



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

Organized by The Milwaukee Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI, USA
Wednesdays, May 10 through September 13, 2023

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 19, 2023

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 along with fee payment 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 to the MYC website.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The WNOS will be governed by the rules of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of Mid-West PHRF (MWPHRF), except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 **ALL** vessels participating in the WNOS shall have at least one fixed or handheld VHF radio on board.
- 1.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 27.1 No later than the Preparatory Signal, the race committee may signal or designate the course to be sailed.
 - 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 Person-in-charge of the boat directs that it may be set aside.
 - 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.
- 1.4 This official Notice Of Race (NOR) 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 and Solings that meet the requirements described in this notice of race. Guest boats - that is, any boat not registered for the full or half season, may race in up to two (2) WNOS dates.
- 2.2 Boats shall register by completing the online registration at [www.milwaukeeyc.com/Fleets/2023 Race Documents](http://www.milwaukeeyc.com/Fleets/2023%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, receipt of a current MWPHRF certificate if racing in any of the handicap sections. For assistance with registration, contact the MYC Office Manager, at 414.271.4455. Entry should be completed by Friday May 19, 2023. Should a MWPHRF boat not submit a valid handicap certificate by June

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- 1, their series scores may be voided. Boats competing in the MWPHRF JAM section will not be required to submit a MWPHRF 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 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 MWPHRF/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 include:

Full season fee of \$275.00 which includes sales tax per boat: if a member of MYC, MCSC, US Sailing or SSYC
Half season fee of \$140.00 which includes sales tax per boat: if a member of MYC, MCSC, US Sailing or SSYC
Single race fee of \$25.00 which includes sales tax per boat (Boats not registering for the season(s) shall be limited to participation in up to 2(two) races.)

Only those boats registered for the full spring and summer season will be eligible for season overall awards and prizes. Boats registered for a half season will be eligible only for prizes in the season they participate in.

- 3.2 There will be no charge for races held on June 21, July 12, and August 16 for new, previously unregistered boats. This is a ONE-TIME access to racing to encourage new boaters to experience WNOS. Requirements for membership in MYS, SSYC, MCSC or US Sailing will be waived for this one-time access.
- 3.2 Fees are payable by check to “Milwaukee Yacht Club – WNOS” or through a MYC charge account. 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). Start times may be subject to change by the organizing authority.
- 4.2 For all WNOS sections, one or more races are scheduled on each Wednesday night from May 10, 2023, through September 13, 2022, as specified in the 2023 Race Schedule.
- 4.3 Practice races will be held on May 10 and May 17, 2023. These races WILL NOT be counted.
- 4.4 Races held on July 19 and July 26, 2023, will **NOT COUNT** for MWPHRF 1 & 2. Those races **WILL COUNT** for the Soling and JAM fleets.
- 4.5 Races held on June 21, July 16 and August 16 will be open to previously unregistered boats to experience WNOS. There will be no fee for these competitors, but they must comply with insurance and MWPHRF certificate requirements.
- 4.6 The MWPHRF sections may have multiple divisions with multiple starting times depending on the number of registered participants.

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5. MEASUREMENT

Each non - JAM PHRF boat shall have available proof of holding a valid measurement or rating certificate issued by MWPHRF. Boats entering the JAM section shall submit a valid MWPHRF certificate if they have one. For those JAM boats that do not have a valid MWPHRF certificate, the Race Committee Chair or the Fleet Captain shall assign a MWPHRF rating. One Design classes 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 approximately 2 weeks before the first race on the MYC website. They will also be distributed via email to all boats registered at the time of publication.

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.

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 all handicap fleets. 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 handicap fleets. 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. Each one design section will use actual finishing order.
- 10.3 For races held on June 21, July 16 and August 16, scores will be calculated both with and without any one-time access boats. Only the scores **WITHOUT** the one-time access boats will be used for series and season overall scores.
- 10.4 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 and Season Overall:

- 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.

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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 prior to the first race that the boat participates in. Any boat that does not submit the certificate will not be scored.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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