

**Wednesday Night Series
Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club
May 22, 2024 – October 2, 2024
Atlantic Highlands, NJ**

Notice of Race (NOR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the US Sailing Prescriptions except as modified by this NOR and the Sailing Instructions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SI) will be available 24 hours prior to the first warning signal for each series. SIs will be available online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=2310.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=2310.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 68, 69.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid PHRF-MA rating certificate. In lieu of a PHRF-MA rating certificate, Boats sailing in the Cruising Division must meet all the requirements of PHRF-MA
- 4.2 All racers must be in good standing with the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club. All entries and participants race at the discretion of the AHYC Race Committee.

- 4.3 By registering for any race in this series, all competitors agree to the Safety Conditions in Addendum A of this NOR.
- 4.4 The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Regulations of the PHRF-MA shall apply to boats racing under Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes.

4.5 Classes are defined as follows:

A1	PHRF Spinnaker
A2	PHRF Spinnaker
B1	PHRF Non-Spinnaker
Cruising	Non-Spinnaker

4.5.1 Yachts competing in the spinnaker divisions are allowed the use of all sails.

4.5.2 Yachts competing in Non-Spinnaker divisions are allowed the use of Main and Jib only.

4.5.3 In the interest of promoting Yacht Racing at AHYC, the Race Committee has created the Cruising Division. This division is open to Yachts that meet the requirements of PHRF-MA for a rating. A PHRF-MA is not required for this division, it is encouraged. The Races for this division will be scored in a "One-Design" format, where the order of finish is the order of scoring.

4.6 Boats may enter the event by registering online at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_club_events.php?CLUB_ID=2310.

4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.8 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
 (a) A Minimum of three boats is required for a class. If there are less than three boats, the on-the-water Race Committee may combine classes by making an announcement on VHF 69 prior to the initial warning signal.

4.9 Late registrations will be accepted provided that:
 (a) the yacht identifies herself as a late entry to the race committee on the water and

(b) the yacht completes her registration, including all applicable fees, and signs up for committee duty within one (1) hour of the docking of the committee boat

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	US Sailing Members	Standard Fee
All	\$60	\$65

9 SCHEDULE

9.3 Dates of racing:

Series	Date of First Race	First Warning Signal Times
Spring	May 22	1820
Summer	June 19	1820
Moonlight	July 17	1820
No Light	August 14	1820 Aug 14,21 1800 Aug 28, Sept 4
Last Shot	September 11	1800 Sep 11,18 1730 Sep 25, Oct 2

9.4 There will be one race per day.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.3 Owners and/or captains agree to permit measurers—and the Race Committee or their representatives—to board their boats, unaccompanied, for the purpose of inspection, measurement, or compliance, at any time during an event or within 24 hours before or after an event.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be in Sandy Hook Bay and surrounding waters. Detailed courses can be found in the SI.

13.2 The marks that may be used are detailed in the SI.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Series prizes will be given to boats in each class as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place when 5 or more boats are entered, 1st and 2nd when 4 boats enter and 1st when only 3 boats enter.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact AHYC Race Committee Chair Karen Harris at (908)-489-3666.

NoR Addendum A Safety Conditions

All competitors agree to the following: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I as owner/captain agree to abide by all rules established for the yachting event. These rules include U.S. Racing Rules of Sailing, AHYC Sailing Instructions and AHYC House Rules. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the events with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in these events and hereby release the above organizers from any liability for such injury or damage. I certify that my boat and equipment are in good working condition, that it complies with all government and sailing regulations concerning navigation and safety, and that it complies with AHYC Sailing Instructions Attachment D. I also certify that I will abide by the customary rules of navigation and piloting for safety and courtesy at sea.

It is recommended that all participating PHRF Division yachts meet the Minimum Equipment Recommendations as detailed in the USSailing Safety Equipment Requirements, Nearshore:

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf>

The J24 class must comply with all rules of the IJCA and meet minimum Coast Guard requirements except as herein amended:

It is allowed for either skipper or crew to have their upper body extending under the upper lifeline, provided that the boat is fitted with a lower lifeline which complies with the requirements of the IJCA.