

BAY-WAVELAND YACHT CLUB

SPRING / SUMMER / FALL SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC), Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

2. VENUE

Racing will take place in the waters of Bay St. Louis and surrounding areas as determined by the Race Committee (RC).

3. RULES

- 3.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
 - 3.2 The Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap System will be used for scoring across all classes.
 - 3.3 This document serves as both the Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI).
 - 3.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify these Sailing Instructions. Any changes will be posted on the official regatta website.
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4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The series is open to all classes of sailboats.
 - 4.2 Boats of the same class with three (3) or more entries may be recognized and scored as a class at the discretion of the RC.
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5. ENTRY & FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee is \$20 per boat for each weekend regatta.
 - 5.2 Registration shall be completed prior to racing as directed by the organizing authority.
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6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Event Format

The BWYC Spring / Summer / Fall Series consists of three separate weekend regattas: -

- Spring Series Regatta
- Summer Series Regatta
- Fall Series Regatta

Each regatta will be scored individually, and results will also contribute to an overall series score.

6.2 Racing Schedule

Saturday & Sunday

- First Warning Signal: **11:55 AM**
- Multiple races will be sailed back-to-back

A total of **seven (7) races** are scheduled for each weekend regatta.

6.3 Time Limit for Racing Each Day

No warning signal will be made after **4:30 PM**.

7. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official regatta website prior to their effective time.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 The official notice board will be the regatta website.

8.2 Competitors are responsible for checking for updates and changes.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the BWYC flagpole or communicated via the official regatta website.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Bay St. Louis and surrounding waters as determined by the RC.

11. COURSES

11.1 Courses will generally be **windward/leeward, two (2) laps**.

11.2 The Race Committee may adjust course configuration based on conditions.

11.3 Course information may be displayed on a course board or communicated prior to the start.

12. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable marks or government marks as designated by the Race Committee.

13. THE START

13.1 Races will be started in accordance with **RRS 26**.

13.2 All boats will start together in a single combined start.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course-side of the finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The target race time is **30–45 minutes**.

15.2 Time limits and finishing windows will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16. SCORING

16.1 Regatta Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Throwouts

When six (6) or more races are completed in a regatta, a boat's worst score will be excluded.

16.3 Overall Series Scoring

16.3.1 Each of the three regattas will be scored separately.

16.3.2 Boats must compete in at least **two (2) of the three (3) regattas** to qualify for the overall series standings.

16.3.3 Overall scoring will be based on regatta results as determined by the Race Committee.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All competitors shall comply with applicable safety requirements.

17.2 **Check-in ashore is mandatory** prior to racing each day.

17.3 Personal flotation devices (PFDs) are required for all junior sailors while on the water.

18. PROTESTS

18.1 Protests shall be submitted to the Race Committee within a reasonable time after racing.

18.2 Protest hearings will be conducted and resolved on a case-by-case basis.

18.3 Competitors are encouraged to resolve disputes on the water; protests are discouraged.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Winners of each weekend regatta will be announced following racing for that event.

19.2 Overall series winners will be announced following the conclusion of the Fall Series Regatta.

20. RACE COMMITTEE DISCRETION

The Race Committee may modify the number of races, course configuration, starting sequence, or race format as necessary due to weather, safety concerns, or other conditions. The Race Committee's decisions regarding these matters are final.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 the regatta.

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