

Wickford Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE 2026 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES June 10 – September 2 (no racing August 5)

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Wickford Yacht Club

2. RULES

2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 – 2028, except as modified by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any Amendments to the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 All yachts must have the safety equipment on board as required by the US Coast Guard and the State of Rhode Island.

2.3 US Sailing Rule 81 is waived for this event.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Each yacht sailing in a PHRF class shall submit a valid 2025 PHRF-NB certificate (except for one design class) with their Entry Form online. Yachts competing PHRF cannot be scored without a rating certificate. Any changes in the PHRF-NB rating certificate during the course of the series must be forwarded to the Race Committee prior to the yacht's next race. Rating changes will not be made retroactive to races previously sailed.

3.1 Classes: *Yachts may choose to race in Spinnaker, Cruising, or One-Design (J-22, Ensign).*

PHRF Certificates may be obtained by applying to:

PHRF-NB

PO Box 0073

Bristol, RI 02809-0073

401-253-0207

401-254-1495 fax

Web Site - www.phrf-nb.org

4. SCHEDULE:

7. 1. The Wednesday Night Racing Series will consist of 12 races, held on Wednesday nights beginning on June 10 and ending on September 2, 2026.

7.2. There will be no racing on **August 05, 2025** (WYC cruise week)

7.3. The warning signal for June 10 – July 29 races will be at 6:00 P.M. (1800 hours)

7.4. The warning signal for August 12, 19, and 26, and September 2nd will be at 5:45 P.M. (17:45 hours)

7.5 The Captains' Meeting for the Series at WYC is on **Wednesday, June 10 at 4:00 P.M. (1600 Hours)**

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. All racers must complete their registration online before entering their 1st race using the Regatta Network. The registration form may be reached via link on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29369>

5.2. Required fee must be paid

5.3. Waivers must be signed and delivered to the race committee on paper or electronically via Regatta Network prior to the start of the first race sailed by the owner.

6. OWNER AND PERSON IN CHARGE

6.1 The term "Person in Charge" means the person who is designated in the Entry Form who will act as Captain of the yacht during the series.

6.2 **Liability** - Liability insurance must cover the Person in Charge if other than the Owner.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETITORS

7.1 As a condition precedent to his or her participation in the Wickford Yacht Club Wednesday Night Racing Series (including without limitation all activities relating thereto) sponsored by the Wickford Yacht Club, each participant assumes any and all risks associated with such participation and each yacht and each participant waives and releases any and all claims, including those of negligence or equivalent conduct against the host, its directors, members, employees, representatives, and associated volunteers.

7.2 Competitors and their guests will comply with the rules of the Wickford Yacht Club while on the premises.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The 2024 Sailing Instructions will be available by May 20, 2026 online at www.wickfordyc.com and on Regatta Network. **Be Sure To Bring Them With You When You Go Racing.** You may want to consider making copies to keep on board.

9. COURSE- ALSO SEE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The starting area will be established in the vicinity of General Rock, east southeast of the Wickford harbor entrance. Courses will be displayed on the Committee Boat in the order of rounding, by letters designating the marks of the course, to the right of the Class designator, rounding direction will be indicated by the letters S (starboard) and P (port), numbers (2,3) will indicate how many times the course is to be repeated. A Course Chart will be available online at www.wickfordyc.com

9.2. You may want to consider making copies to keep on board. It will also be available on the WYC website. **Be Sure To Bring Them With You When You Go Racing.**

10. AWARDS AND PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each class for each series. Other special prizes may also be awarded.

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

11.1. The Procedures outlined in the RRS 2025-2028 and US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply. See also Sailing Instructions.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

12.1. The Race Committee will attempt to monitor **Channel 78 VHF** throughout the racing series. Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12.2. The Race Committee will endeavor to broadcast an announcement on **Ch 78 VHF** approximately one hour prior to the Warning Signal regarding the status of racing. The Race Committee may broadcast general and safety information.

12.3. Failure to make any of the above Race Committee announcements is not grounds for seeking redress.

13. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

13.1 Self-catered post-race dinners will be at WYC. Grills are available. Participation by race participants and race volunteers following a race is encouraged. Final celebration September 2 at Wickford Yacht Club, all captains and crew are invited, BYOF.

13.2 Dock usage at the Yacht Club is for loading and unloading only. The main loading dock is reserved for the specific use of the Race Committee. Any vessels left overnight without approval of the Fleet Captain of the Wickford Yacht Club are subject to a usage fee and/or removal at the Owner's expense.

13.3 Parking at the Wickford Yacht Club is very limited and reserved for club members only. Please car-pool if possible. The East Side of Pleasant Street near the Yacht Club is a NO PARKING ZONE to establish a fire lane. The end of Pleasant Street is a public boat ramp, **DO NOT PARK IN THE LOADING RAMP AREA.** The Town will ticket and tow violators. Many

children, walkers and bikers use Pleasant Street so please travel slowly, let's be good neighbors. Members who park in the yacht club parking lot, please follow club policy and leave your keys in the car so as not to block others. The youth sailing program dismisses at 3:30. Watch for children.
13.4 The Rules of the Wickford Yacht Club are to be observed by all crews and guests. Any damage or theft may result in an assessment of the registrants.

14. Changes to the Notice of Race

The Wickford Yacht Club reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any such changes will be made prior to the Wednesday, June 10 race and will be posted at www.wickfordyc.com as well as the notice board on the www.regattanetwork.com site.

15. Inquiries

Please address all inquiries concerning Wickford Yacht Club's Wednesday Night Racing Series to:

Race Committee Chair	Mike Tammaro	rear@wickfordyc.com
Fleet Captain	Siobhan O'Bara	fleetcaptain@wickfordyc.com

Please check www.wickfordyc.com for racing information.

16. Results may be found posted on:

Wednesday Night Race Series WYC bulletin board in the club pavilion, and <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29369>