



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)
Wednesday Night Offshore Series (WNOS):
Soling, PHRF, PHRF-JAM, J-24
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Wednesdays, May 18, 2011 through September 14, 2011 (or August 31 for the Soling and J-24 sections)
*Organized by **The Milwaukee Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI, USA***

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet and Regatta Committee (F&R) shall represent the Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) as the Organizing Authority for the MYC Wednesday Night Offshore Series.

KEY DATES

Entry Deadline for the full WNOS: Friday May 13, 2011

Late entries will be accepted, but the MYC Office must receive a completed entry 1 day prior to the boat's first race. A boat will be scored only after a completed entry is received and accepted.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The WNOS will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the rules of Lake Michigan PHRF (LMPHRF), except as any of these are changed by the notice of race or the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 27.1 No later than the Preparatory Signal the course and distance will be posted by the RC;
 - 29.2 WNOS sections under General Recall will have their second start after all other sections have had one chance to start first.
 - 60.1 and 60.2 Protests or request for redress by competing boats or RC are not allowed. Rule 60.3 remains however (A *protest committee* may protest a boat as a result of damage or under rule 69.1(a)- which concerns good sportsmanship- as well as call a hearing to consider redress.);
 - 75.1 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, South Shore Boat Club, Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC), MAST, McBoat or US SAILING.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.3 The following US SAILING prescriptions to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls 5.01, will apply:
 - a) US SAILING prescribes for Category 4 lifejackets or US Coast Guard approved Type III personal floatation devices
 - b) US SAILING prescribes that 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.

- 1.4 This official notice of race will be posted, at a later date, 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.

2. ALTERATIONS:

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.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 WNOS races and series are open to all LMPHRF boats that meet the requirements described in this NOR as well as the J-24 and Soling classes.
- 3.2 Boats shall register by completing the online registration form by going to www.milwaukeeyc.com, ->Sail Fleet. 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), receipt of a current PHRF certificate, if racing PHRF, by July 1 (hopefully prior to racing), and acceptance of the required fee. Should you have difficulty completing your online registration, contact Pam Sohn, MYC Office Manager, at 414.271.4455 for assistance. The entry should be completed and received in the MYC Office by Friday May 13, 2011. Late entries will be accepted. A boat will be scored only after a completed entry (online registration and proof of insurance) is received and accepted. Should a PHRF boat not submit a valid handicap certificate by July 1, their series scores may be voided. For 2011, the first race is Wednesday May 18 with the first warning signal at 1800. Boats competing in the PHRF JAM section will not be required to submit a PHRF certificate if one is not available. For the PHRF JAM section, a PHRF rating will be assigned by either the PHRF Fleet Captain or the RC to those who do not submit a current certificate.
- 3.3 Questions or issues relating to registration in the series, online registration, or this NOR, shall be directed to info@milwaukeeyc.com, Pam Sohn, Office Manager, at 414.271.4455, or via US mail to:
WNOS
c/o Milwaukee Yacht Club
1700 N Lincoln Memorial Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53202.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required WNOS fees that include both the Spring and Summer Series are as follows:

\$125.00 per boat: if a member of MYC.

\$200 per boat: if not a member of MYC, but part of SSYC, MCSC, MAST, McBOAT or US SAILING.

Non US SAILING members shall pay the above fees plus a \$10.00 US SAILING differential fee for the series.

A guest boat may race on up to two WNOS dates. The Guest Fee is \$15 per boat, per race date. All other NOR and SI requirements apply.

Fees are payable by check to 'Milwaukee Yacht Club- WNOS' or through your 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.

- 4.2 Food and beverages will be available on the MYC patio, for an additional fee, to all competitors, regardless of club affiliation, at the Milwaukee Yacht Club, after racing each Wednesday.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first WNOS race is 1800 (6pm CDT).
- 5.2 For the PHRF sections, including PHRF-JAM:
One race each on the following evenings: May 18, May 25, July 20, July 27, September 7, September 14.
One or more race(s) each on the following evenings: June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, August 31.
- 5.3 For the Soling and J-24 sections:
One or more races are scheduled on each Wednesday night from May 18, 2011 through August 31, 2011, as specified in the 2011 Race Schedule found on the MYC website, Appendix A of this NOR, or the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.4 The PHRF fleet may have multiple sections with multiple starting times. In the event that there are an insufficient number of boats to form a PHRF 2 or PHRF 4-JAM 2 section, the WNOS races will have starts for simply PHRF 1 and PHRF 3-JAM 1, in addition to J-24 and Soling starts.

6. MEASUREMENT

Measurement will not be required, but each non-JAM PHRF boat shall have available, proof of holding a valid measurement or rating certificate issued by LMPHRF. Likewise, the Soling section will not be measured, but will be expected to follow the Soling Class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

After acceptance of a boat's entry, the sailing instructions will be available after May 6th 2011 at the MYC club office or the MYC website (-> Sail Fleet).

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, East of the Milwaukee North Gap, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. COURSES

The courses will *primarily* be windward-leeward or triangle, as shown in diagrams attached to, and described in, the Sailing Instructions. RC reserves the right to change the available courses with proper notice.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.2, will apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 One race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Spring series; one race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Summer series.
The Spring Series dates are May 18, May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, and July 13. The Summer Series dates are July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, August 31, September 7 (PHRF sections only), and September 14 (PHRF sections only).
The Soling and J-24 sections will not sail September 7 and September 14. (Instead, they will sail in the Fall WNOS which will begin September 7 and be held inside of the harbor on a separate course.)
- 11.2 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 (J-24 and Soling) will use actual finishing order.
- 11.3 For the Spring Series and Summer Series, one throw-out for every 5 races completed will be applied to a boat's series score. Her score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst scores.

12. PRIZES

Awards will be presented, at the MYC Annual Awards Banquet, to boats finishing first, second, and third in each section of the Spring Series, in which greater than three boats are registered, and to boats finishing first, second and third in each section of the Summer Series in which greater than three boats are registered.

The Season Series awards will be presented to the first, second and third place boats after combining the Spring Series with the Summer Series scores.

The PHRF boat placing 1st in the Season Series (combined Spring plus Summer series, after throw-outs), will also be awarded the Marty Rieck Memorial Permanent Trophy (the first place trophy is the keeper trophy). The year, boat's name, and owner/skipper's name will be engraved on a plate, adhered to the trophy. The PHRF JAM boat placing 1st in the Season Series (combined Spring plus Summer series, after throw-outs), will also be awarded the Jim Cerney Memorial Permanent Trophy. The year, boat's name, and owner/skipper's name will be engraved on a plate, adhered to the trophy (the first place trophy is the keeper trophy). The J-24 boat placing 1st in the Season Series (combined Spring plus Summer series, after throw-outs), will also be awarded the Scrivner Permanent Trophy. The year, boat's name, and owner/skipper's name will be engraved on a plate, adhered to the trophy (the first place trophy is the keeper trophy).

13. 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.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact:

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