

AMENDMENT #1 to the 2012 MYC Wednesday Night Offshore Series Notice of Race

1. Rules

1.2 *Protest procedure changed.*

Sailing Instruction Attachment Z, AFTER INCIDENT SCORING PENALTIES AND PROTEST ARBITRATION, will be in effect.

ATTACHMENT Z – AFTER INCIDENT SCORING PENALTY AND PROTEST ARBITRATION

After Incident Scoring Penalty

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a penalty after she is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), unless the sailing instructions state a different penalty. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire. This adds to rule 44.

Protest Arbitration Process

(a) An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. If all the parties to a protest are not represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted. No witnesses will be permitted.

(b) After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:

(1) The protest committee would find the protest to be invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the *protest*.

(2) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a *rule*. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the *protest*.

(3) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. The arbitrator will offer each of those boats the option to accept an After-Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.

(4) A protest hearing is appropriate.

(c) The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After-Race Scoring Penalty will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rule 31.

(d) If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held; and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal.

(e) Following an arbitration meeting, the arbitrator of that meeting may allow the protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1.

See Paul McGuan, 2012 Race Director, for further information.

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)
Wednesday Night Offshore Series (WNOS):
Soling, PHRF, PHRF-JAM, J-24
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Wednesdays, May 16, 2012 through September 12, 2012
Organized by The Milwaukee Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI, USA

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet and Regatta Committee (F&R), MYC Race Committee, and MYC PHRF Fleet 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 25, 2012

Late entries will be accepted, but the MYC Office must receive a completed entry prior to the boat's first race. A boat may 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.
 - 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 The Milwaukee Yacht Club, South Shore Yacht 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 events are open to all LMPHRF boats, J-24s, and Solings that meet the requirements described in this notice of race. Guest boats, that is, any boat not registered for the entire season, may race on up two WNOS dates.
- 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, MYC Office Manager, at 414.271.4455 for assistance. The entry should be completed and received in the MYC Office by Friday May 25, 2012. Late entries will be accepted. Should a PHRF boat not submit a valid handicap certificate by July 1, their series scores may be voided. 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, 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 2012 WNOS fee:

MYC members: **\$130.00 per boat**, entire season.

Non-MYC members, but member of SSSC, MCSC, MAST, McBOAT or US SAILING: **\$200 per boat**, entire season.

Non US SAILING members shall pay one of the above fees plus a **\$10.00**.

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 members will be charged through their club account if no prior arrangement is approved by the MYC F&R Director.

- 4.2 Food and beverages will be available on the MYC patio to all competitors regardless of club affiliation after racing for an additional fee.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first WNOS race is 1800 (6pm CDT).
- 5.2 For all WNOS sections, one or more races are scheduled on each Wednesday night from May 16, 2012 through September 12, 2012 as specified in the 2012 Race Schedule.
- 5.3 The PHRF sections may have multiple divisions with multiple starting times depending on the number of registered participants.

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 and J-24 classes will not be measured, but will be expected to follow their one design class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after May 6th 2012 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, with the starting pin approximately 1.6 nautical miles east, 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 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, and July 18.
The Summer Series dates are August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29, September 5, and September 12.
- 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. 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 and 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 and 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 and 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

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