

Wickford Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE 2024 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES

Series 1: Solstice Series - May 29 – July 3
Series 2: Dog Days Series - July 10 – August 21 (no racing August 7)

1. Organizing Authority

The Wickford Yacht Club Wednesday Night Racing Series is sponsored by the Wickford Yacht Club. The Wickford Yacht Club is the race organizing authority.

2. Rules

2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 – 2024, 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 2021 PHRF-NB certificate (except for one design classes) with their Entry Form online. 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. Failure to do so will result in the yacht being scored DNC. 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. Owner and Person in Charge

4.1 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.

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

5. Responsibilities of Competitors

5.1 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.

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

6. Race Series Registrations

6. A. Series 1: Solstice Series Entry Procedure

6. A.1 All racers must complete their registration online by **May 29 at 4pm** using the Regatta network. The registration form may be reached via link on www.wickfordyc.com

6. A.2 - Required fee must be paid

6. B. Series 2: Dog Days Series Entry Procedure

6. B. 1 All racers must complete their registration online by **July 10 at 4pm** using the Regatta network. The registration form may be reached via link on www.wickfordyc.com

6. B. 2 - Required fee must be paid

7. Schedule of Races

7. 1. A. The Solstice Series will consist of 6 races, held each Wednesday night beginning on May 29, 2024 and ending on July 06, 2024.

7. 1. B. The Dog Days Series will consist of 6 races, held each Wednesday night beginning on July 11, 2024 and ending on August 21, 2024. **There will be no racing on August 07, 2024** (WYC cruise week)

7.2 The warning signal for the six races in the Solstice Series will be at **6:15 PM**. The warning signal for each race of the Dog Says Series will be at **6:00 PM**.

7.3 There will be a Captains' Meeting for the Solstice Series at WYC on **Wednesday, May 29 at 4:00 PM**.

7.4 There will be a Captains' meeting for the Dog Days Series via the internet on **Wednesday July 11 at 4.00PM**.

8. Sailing Instructions

The 2024 Sailing Instructions will be available by May 23, 2024 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

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. You may want to consider making copies to keep on board. It will also be available on the WYC website online. **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 with more than 5 boats competing. Other special prizes may also be awarded.

11. Dispute Resolution

The Procedures outlined in the RRS 2021-2024 shall apply.

See also Sailing Instructions.

12. Radio Communications

The Race Committee will attempt to monitor Channel 78 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.

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

13. Social Activities and Facilities

13.1 Self catered post-race dinner will be at WYC. Congregation of race participants and race volunteers following a race is encouraged.

13.2 Dock usage at the Yacht Club is for loading and unloading for members 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 the parking lot is 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. If members park in the yacht club parking lot, please follow club policy, leave your keys in the car so as not to block others. Many children, walkers and bikers use Pleasant Street so please travel slowly, let's be good neighbors!

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, May 29th 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:

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Fleet Captain **Jeri Levesque**
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314-703-7473

Please check www.wickfordyc.com for racing information.
Results may be found at:

For the Solstice Series –WYC bulletin board
www.regattanetwork.com

For the Dog Day Series -WYC bulletin board
www.regattanetwork.com