

Wickford Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE 2017 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES

Series 1: Solstice Series May 31 – July 5
Series 2: Dog Days Series July 12 – August 23 (no racing August 2)

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 2017 – 2020, 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 82 is waived for this event.

3. Eligibility

Each yacht sailing in a PHRF class shall submit a valid 2017 PHRF-NB certificate with their Entry Form. Any changes in the PHRF-NB rating certificate during the course of the series must be forwarded to the Race Committee prior to the yachts 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 1, Spinnaker 2, Cruising 1, Laser, or One-Design (Ensign) Class 5. 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

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.

6. A. Series 1: Solstice Series Entry Procedure

6. A. 1 The Race Committee must receive a complete registration package from each Owner or Person in Charge of each participating yacht before May 30, 2017 at 4 pm or before competing in that yacht's first race. All Notices and Forms are available at www.wickfordyc.com . A completed registration package includes:

- Completed and submitted Entry Form (through Regatta Network)
- Valid 2017 PHRF-NB rating certificate – PHRF Classes
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Signed Release, Waiver, and Retention of Rights Agreement

6. A. 2 -Payment of the required fee.

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

6. B. 1 The Race Committee must receive a complete registration package from each Owner or Person in Charge of each participating yacht before July 11, 2017 at 4 pm or before competing in that yacht's first race. All Notices and Forms are available at www.wickfordyc.com . A completed registration package includes:

- Completed and submitted Entry Form (through Regatta Network)
- Valid 2017 PHRF-NB rating certificate – PHRF Classes
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Signed Release, Waiver, and Retention of Rights Agreement

6. B. 2 -Payment of the required fee.

7. Schedule of Races

7. 1. A. The WYC Solstice Series will consist of 6 races, held every Wednesday night beginning on May 31 2017 and ending on July 5, 2017.

7. 1. B. The Dog Days Series will consist of 6 races, held every Wednesday night beginning on July 12, 2017 and ending on August 23, 2017. There will be no racing on **August 2, 2017** (WYC cruise week)

7.2 The warning signal for each race will be at **6:00 PM.**

7.3 There will be a Captains' Meeting at the Wickford Yacht Club on Wednesday, May 31 at 4:00 PM.

8. Sailing Instructions

The 2017 Sailing Instructions will be available by May 3, 2017 online at www.wickfordyc.com. **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 at the Captains' Meeting. 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 IT 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

The Procedures outlined in the RRS 2017-2020 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 information regarding the status of the starting line on Ch. 78 VHF.

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

13. Social Activities and Facilities

13.1 All participants are invited to join in the post-race cookouts held at the Wickford Yacht Club. The grills are available for use.

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 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, 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 Competitors, crew, and their guests will comply with the rules of the Wickford Yacht Club while on the premises. Any or 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 31 race and will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board at Wickford Yacht Club.

15. Inquiries

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

Registrar

Race Committee Chair:

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Fleet Captain:

Bob Shore flagshipundersail@yahoo.com 401-741-6485

Please check www.wickfordyc.com for racing information and results.