

**HEMPSTEAD HARBOUR CLUB**  
**Wednesday Night Series**  
**May 27 – September 9, 2015**  
**Hempstead Harbor, NY**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. GENERAL**

The Hempstead Harbour Club measurer will confirm or assign as necessary a Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rating for every yacht entered to race. The measurer will assign rating using either a yacht's current Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRA of LIS) PHRF certificate or if there is no such certificate, assign a base rating based on similar yachts from the YRA list of ratings, plus appropriate adjustments based on jib size, furling equipment and propulsion type.

**2. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

All yachts having an associated PHRF rating either in the form of a current YRA of LIS certificate or rating otherwise derived from valid PHRF rating(s) of vessel(s) of the same type and adjusted by the club measurer if appropriate.

Eligible yachts may enter by registering online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=1351> and paying the appropriate fee.

**4. FEES**

The entry fee for all yachts is \$130.

**5. SCHEDULE**

Races are every Wednesday Night from May 27, 2015 to September 9, 2015. First Warning Signal shall be made at 1850 for Division 1& 2. Rolling five minute start for Division 3 (1855 Warning, 1900 Start).

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions are available on this site and at <http://hempsteadharbourclub.com/racing/>

**7. VENUE**

Racing will be on Hempstead Harbor and Long Island Sound

**8. MARKS AND THE COURSE**

Marks will be Hempstead Harbour Club marks and government marks. A list of marks will be published in the Sailing Instructions

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

As per The Racing Rules of Sailing except I Flag Rule (Round the Ends) is always in effect at the start. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting. Flag I will not be flown. This modifies Rule 30.1.

## **10. SCORING**

Races finishes will be calculated using PHRF time-on-distance. PHRF ratings will be either as indicated on a valid YRA of LIS PHRF certificate or in the case of no certificate, rating will be assigned by Club Measurer from looking up similar yachts on YRA of LIS PHRF list. Club Measurer will confirm all ratings within 10 days of issuing 2015 WNS scratch sheet. First Half, Second Half and Total Series will be scored as a series using Percentage Cox-Sprague. Boats must have started in at least 50% of the races sailed of a Series to qualify.

## **11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Boats shall monitor VHF Radio CH 72 to hear broadcasts from the Race Committee. Except for an emergency or to hail the Race Committee to indicate a boat is retiring from the race, boats shall not otherwise use the radio while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, except for use of GPS Apps. As a courtesy, the Race Committee may broadcast via VHF radio CH 72 postponements, cancelations or time of warning after a postponement or preparatory after a General Recall. Failure to do so is not grounds for redress.

## **13. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and, if five or more boats, Third place in each Division for First Half, Second Half and Total Series.

## **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of the sponsorship of this regatta and the acceptance of the participant's entry by Hempstead Harbour Club, each participant hereby agrees that the safety of his/her yacht and crew, and the decision whether to start or continue to race, is his/her responsibility and not the responsibility of the Sponsor. Each participant hereby waives all claims which he/she may have against the Sponsor and their directors, officers, members, committees, employees or volunteers arising out of or in any way connected with his/her participation in this event or any related activity undertaken by any of them in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this event. Each participant represents to the Sponsor that he/she carries adequate property and liability insurance, that he/she will inform his/her insurance carrier of the foregoing waiver and that he/she will inform all crew members of their responsibilities for safety. Each participant further agrees that the foregoing waiver is binding on his/her heirs, representatives, successors and assign.

## **15. DEFINITION OF DIVISIONS**

Division I - (Open Division - any sail type)

Division II- (Non-Spinnaker) TBD based on # of boats

Division III - (Non-Spinnaker) TBD based on # of boats