



**NORWALK WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES
MAY 20 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

NORWALK YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- The current Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations (PHRF) as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS); and
- The Category C Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS.

Racing rules, 62.1(a), 29.1, 33, 90.3, 35, A4.2, A9, and 61.3 will be changed as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

Rule A9 shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to boats with LOA between 22 and 60 feet, racing under PHRF rules. Norwalk Yacht Club (the “Organizing Authority”) reserves the right to reject any entry.

3. ENTRIES & FEES

Please enter on-line at Yachtscoring.com. You may contact the Organizing Authority at regatta@norwalkyc.com. The entry fee for the 3 Series, 16 Race event is US\$300.

4. SCHEDULE

Dates of racing:

Series 1: May 20 and 27, and June 3, 10 and 17

Series 2: June 24, and July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Series 3: August 5, 12, 19 and 26, and September 2

One race for each class or combined classes is scheduled for each date. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1900. Warning signals for succeeding classes will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

5. RATINGS

Each boat entered shall have on file a valid 2015 PHRF Certificate (YRA of Long Island Sound) or accept a rating from the Race Committee.

6. CLASSES

Classes will be published in the order of their scheduled starts in the scratch sheet, which will be available at Yachtscoring.com and will also be available at Norwalk Yacht Club and from the committee boat on race days, prior to racing. Non-spinnaker classes will not use headsails with a luff length, including any pennant, longer than the headstay. The Cruising Class is intended for more casual racing usually with shorter courses and will sail non-spinnaker.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Yachtscoring.com and will also be available at the Norwalk Yacht Club and from the committee boat on the race days, prior to racing. Notices to competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Norwalk Yacht Club and at Yachtscoring.com at least 24 hours before taking effect, or from the race committee signal boat by displaying international code flag L and orally communicating the change by broadcasting on VHF channel 5 in the 10 minutes prior to the warning signal on the day they take effect.

8. VENUE

Racing will be South of Rowayton, Connecticut with the start and finish lines in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Light.

9. COURSES

Courses will be windward leeward, triangles or combination as described in diagrams of Addendum A of the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

Time shall be corrected by the PHRF handicap system as administered by the YRALIS based on the following "Time-on-Time" formula: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x (700/ (600+PHRF)). Five races are scheduled for each Series 1 and 3, and six races for Series 2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race constitutes a series. A boat's overall score will be the total of her scores for the 16 scheduled races excluding her 3 worst scores. Rule A9 of the Low Point Scoring System in appendix A will apply with the following changes: A boat scored "TLE" shall receive the same number of points plus two as the number of finishers in their class in that race.

11. PRIZES

Trophies for the three series will be awarded in each class for 1st; and 2nd if 5 or more boats race in the class; and 3rd if 7 or more boats race in the class.

Trophies for the season's best overall will be awarded in each class for 1st; and 2nd if 5 or more boats race in the class; and 3rd if 7 or more boats race in the class.

The perpetual Tomfoolery Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall score for the spinnaker class. The perpetual Gala Cup will recognize the boat with the best overall score in the non-spinnaker classes (excluding the cruising class).

Prizes will be awarded at the Norwalk Yacht Club on a date in October to be announced.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Norwalk Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Norwalk Yacht Club and each of its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact:

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