



**2017 NORWALK WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – NORWALK YACHT CLUB**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

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

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The series is open to boats with LOA between 22 and 60 feet, racing under PHRF rules.
- 2.2 The OA reserves the right to reject any entry.
- 2.3 The OA, at its discretion, may also have starts for multihulls, Ideal 18's or other one-design classes.

3. ENTRIES & FEES

- 3.1 All entries are to be made on-line at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 3.2 The entry fee for the 3 series, 15 race event is \$375.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of Racing:

- Series 1: May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21.
- Series 2: June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26.
- Series 3: August 2, August 9, August 16, August 23, August 30.

4.2 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 submit a valid 2017 PHRF Certificate (YRAofLIS) to the Race Committee, or upon specific request, accept a rating from the Race Committee. Children under 13 years old will not be included in base weight limits.

6. CLASSES

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

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at www.yachtscoring.com and at Norwalk Yacht Club and

from the signal boat on race days, prior to racing.

7.2 Notices to competitors and Amendments to the Sailing Instructions or scratch sheets will be posted on the official Notice Board at the Norwalk Yacht Club and at www.yachtscoring.com at least 24 hours before taking effect, and from the Race Committee signal boat by displaying code flag L and by a broadcast on VHF channel 5 in the 10 minutes prior to the first warning signal on the day they take effect.

8. RACE AREA

Racing will take place South of Rowayton, Connecticut, with the start and finish lines in the vicinity of Green's Ledge Light.

9. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward, triangles or a combination, as described in APPENDIX A of the sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 Finish times will be corrected using 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)).

10.2 Five races are scheduled for each of the 3 Series. If 5 races are sailed in a series, a boat's worst score will be discarded. If 4 or fewer races are sailed in a series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race constitutes a series.

10.3 A boat's overall score will be the total of her scores for the 15 scheduled races, excluding her 3 worst scores.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Trophies for the three series will be awarded as follows:

5 or more boats in the class, 1st and 2nd place.

7 or more boats in the class, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

11.2 Trophies for the season's best overall will be awarded in like fashion.

11.3 The Perpetual Tomfoolery Cup will be awarded to the boat with the best season score for the Spinnaker class.

11.4 The Perpetual Gala Cup will be awarded to the boat with the best season score for the Non-Spinnaker class, excluding the Cruising Class.

11.5 Prizes will be awarded at Norwalk Yacht Club at a date in November to be announced.

12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

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 the YRA of LIS and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat, including safety equipment and rigging, and for wearing a life jacket. 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:

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