

OSWEGO YACHT CLUB

2017 NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. OYC PHRF Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of PHRF-LO. When there is a conflict between a class rule and the rules of PHRF LO, the rules of PHRF LO will take precedence. All Divisions will be scored using the PHRF-LO handicapping system and the PHRF LO Time on Time scoring method. Boats having both an ODR rating and a PHRF-LO rating will be scored at their ODR rating or their PHRF-LO rating, at the discretion of the Fleet Captain. J-24 boats racing in the PHRF fleet will be scored with the boat's PHRF handicap.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. OYC voting or young adult members (known hereafter as the owner) may enter a competing yacht by:

2.1.1. having a valid PHRF-LO certificate on file with the Handicapper, and

2.1.2. paying required race fees for all entries to OYC, and

2.1.3. complying with US Sailing and USCG equipment requirements, and

2.1.4. assuring the yacht is helmed by a voting (individual, family, or life) or young adult member of OYC.

2.2. Any yacht from a club with reciprocal privileges may race a maximum of three Wednesday night races but will not receive an official score for any races, unless approved in advance by the OYC-PHRF Committee.

2.3. Failure to comply with the conditions of entry will result in the yacht not being scored.

2.4. The OYC Handicapper shall prepare, and post in the OYC clubhouse, a valid list of the yachts eligible to compete at least one week prior to the first race of the season. Revised lists will be posted as other yachts become eligible.

2.5. Prior to the beginning of the season, each yacht shall inform the Fleet Captain of the Division and Series in which it intends to compete. In the event a yacht desires to change divisions, the owner shall inform the Fleet Captain of the yacht's intention to compete in another division in which it is eligible to compete. Yachts are eligible to compete in only one (1) division per series.

2.6. No yacht shall be scored for a race unless it appears on the valid list before the start of the race.

3. THE SEASON AND THE SERIES

3.1. The season shall consist of 19 weekly races on Wednesday and Tuesday evenings beginning May 10, and ending September 13. In addition there will be three "stand alone one day events": the Commodore's Cup (5/27), the Haulout Regatta (9/16), and the Long Distance Race (TBD).

- 3.2. The Commodore's Cup shall be sailed on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (5/27) or on such day as designated by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.3. The Haulout Regatta to be held Saturday, Sep. 16. The format and SI's for the Haulout Regatta will be determined by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.4. The scheduled date, format, and SI's for the Long Distance Race will be as determined by the Fleet Captain.
- 3.5. Weekly racing will be divided into 5 separate series:
 - 3.5.1. The Spring Series shall commence on Wednesday, May 10 and end on June 14.
 - 3.5.2. The Summer Series shall commence on June 21 and end on August 2.
 - 3.5.3. The Fall Series shall commence on August 7 and end on September 13.
 - 3.5.4. The Division Overall Series and the PHRF Fleet Overall Series shall commence on May 10 and end on September 13. It shall consist of all Tuesday and Wednesday evening races.
- 3.6. The Summer Solstice Race. June 21 will a special night of racing to celebrate the Summer Solstice. In addition to being scored for the Wednesday night series, the race will also be scored for the Summer Solstice Awards. Flags will be awarded to the first place finishers of each Division. Conditions permitting, the Summer Solstice Race may be sailed on an optional course determined by the Fleet Captains and PRO.

4. DIVISION SPLITS and CLASS FLAGS:

- 4.1. There shall be four scoring divisions. Division 1 shall consist of boats rating 162 or less. Boats rating 163 and higher shall be in Division 2. Division 3 shall consist of J-24s. Division 4 will be the White Sails Division for all boats racing non-spinnaker.
- 4.2. The class flag for division 1 is "Numeral Pennant 1". The Class flag for Division 2 is "Numeral Pennant "2". The class flag for division 3 is "J-24 Pennant." The class flag for division 4 is "Numeral Pennant 4". The class flag for a combined start for Divisions 1, 2, and 4 will be code flag "W".

5. SCORING:

- 5.1. Scoring will be in accordance with the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A. Except that a boat's finishing place will be determined by her corrected finish time using the PHRF LO Handicapping system including the PHRF LO Time on Time scoring method. This changes RRS A4 and A9.
- 5.2. A PHRF Fleet Overall Series race shall require at least two yachts, from any PHRF division, that rank as starters. The PHRF Fleet Overall Series races will be scored based on all PHRF Divisions racing being combined, and scored as if they were a single division for each race.
- 5.3. A PHRF Divisional race shall require at least one yacht, from that division, that ranks as a starter. The J-24 Fleet shall require at least two starters. They shall be scored in their respective division and they shall be scored overall.

- 5.4. A boat's total Series score will be based on 70% of the races scored in a series. Fractions of 0.5 and greater, of the races scored in a series, will be rounded up to the next whole number when determining the number of races to be used in calculating a Series score. For stand alone one day events no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 5.5. A boat's average score, awarded for when a boat is on Race Committee duty, will be the average of all her races scored in a Series including throwouts, and races scored as SCP, ZFP, OCS, DSQ, BFD, DNF, RAF, DNE, DNC and DNS.
- 5.6. Points awarded for a DNC for the Spring, Summer, Fall, Division, and PHRF Fleet Overall Series' will be two more than the number of boats that participated in at least one race of the overall series. Points awarded for a DNS, DNF, RAF, DNE, BFD, OCS and DSQ, for the Spring, Summer, Fall, Division, and PHRF Fleet Overall Series' will be one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A9.
- 5.7. For Series races, the boat serving as Race Committee duty is counted as a boat that came to the starting area when calculating the points awarded for boats scored as DNS, DNF, RAF, DNE, BFD, OCS and DSQ. This changes RRS A9.
- 5.8. Points awarded for races scored as a DNC, DNS, DNF, DNE, RAF, BFD, OCS and DSQ, for the Haulout Regatta, the Commodore's Cup, and the Long Distance Race will be one more than the number of boats that participated in at least one race of the Regatta. This Changes RRS 4.2.
- 5.9. A disqualification under rule 69.2(c)(2) shall be scored DNE. This alters RRS A11.

6. BASIS FOR AWARDS

- 6.1. Awards will be granted to the top three finishing yachts in each Division in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series', the Division Overall Series, the Haulout Regatta, the Long Distance Race, and the Commodores Cup.
- 6.2. A single award will be granted to the 1st place yacht in the PHRF Fleet Overall Series. Division 1, Division 2, and Division 4 will compete for the PHRF Fleet Overall award.
- 6.3. Club Championship Trophy. This trophy will be awarded to the skipper with the lowest point total for scores in the following five races after the skipper's worst score is excluded. The Commodore Cup Regatta (May 27), Oswego County Hospice Cup Regatta (June 3), Selkirk/Oswego Lighthouse Race (TBD), Sail Oswego Regatta (July 28-30), and The Haulout Regatta (Sep. 16).
- 6.4. The Division Overall and PHRF Fleet Overall Series awards will be based on the cumulative results of all races scored in the Series, after throw outs.
- 6.5. Yachts must compete in at least one third of the races scored in any series to qualify for an award.

7. RACE COMMITTEE

- 7.1. The order of Race Committee duty assignments shall be as determined by the Fleet Captain. If the boat owner and his crew cannot be present on his assigned date the boat owner is responsible to switch dates with another boat owner and notify the Fleet Captain and the PRO of any change. Boats not scheduled will serve as alternates for Race Committee duty.
- 7.2. The skipper shall be required to supply crew for the RC Boat and the Mark Boat on his

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7.3. When on Race Committee duty, the owner's boat will be awarded points equal to the average of the points earned for all races scored in the Series. The average score will be calculated as described in this NOR. Or, the owner may elect to allow their boat to compete in the race in which case it will be scored as it finishes. This alters RRS A4, A6, and A9.

7.4. When the Oswego Yacht Club provides a PRO to conduct the races, that PRO shall be responsible for conducting the races. Further, the PRO shall be exempt from serving as a witness in any request for redress or protest hearing unless he or she desires to do so.

8. PROTEST COMMITTEE

8.1. The order of Protest Committee duty assignments shall be as determined by the Fleet Captain. If the skipper cannot be present on his assigned date, the skipper is responsible to switch dates with another boat owner and notify the Fleet Captain of the change. Boats not scheduled will serve as alternates for Protest Committee duty.

8.2. The scheduled yacht shall be responsible for soliciting additional protest committee members to comprise the protest committee.

8.3. If a protest involves a yacht scheduled to act as protest committee, it is the responsibility of the so affected yacht to identify alternative committee members.

8.4. The scheduled yacht shall also be responsible to provide persons to tend bar after racing is complete.

9. MAN OVERBOARD DRILL.

9.1. It is recommended that each participating boat conduct at least one MOB drill during the season.