# NYC 2024 PHRF, MULTI-HULL, AND ONE-DESIGN WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES



22 May 2024 to 28 Aug 2024 Newport, RI, USA



# **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 2024.*
- 1.2 No additional documents apply.
- 1.3 PHRF boats will be governed by PHRF Narragansett Bay (PHRF-NB). (https://www.phrf-nb.org/)
- 1.4 Class rules that prohibit the use of VHF radios while racing are waived for the duration of the series for the purpose of safety, receiving pertinent race information, and NOAA weather that is available to all boats.
- 1.5 Participants do not become stand-on or privileged by virtue of their participation in this event All participants are subject to the Inland Rules of the Road which can be found at: https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/navigation-rules-amalgamated

Of particular note, participants shall comply with:

- Rule 9 (b): "A vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."
- Rule 9 (d): "A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within that channel or fairway."
- Rule 19 "Conduct of vessels in restricted visibility"
- Rule 35 "Sound signals in restricted visibility."

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted no later than 01 May 2024 on the NYC website:

https://www.newportyachtclub.org/sailing/onshore/phrf-cruising/

### 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 All boats should **carry a VHF radio** capable of communicating on Channels 16 (safety & emergency) & Channel 73 (race committee).

- On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio **Channel 73.**
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All PHRF, multi-hull, and one-design (non-spinnaker) boats are invited to race in the Wednesday Night Summer Series. To compete and be scored, a boat must be properly registered with the NYC Regatta Committee as required by this paragraph.
- 4.2 NYC RC will provide a start for any class with two or more boats that are properly registered at least 24 hours before a race.
- 4.3 To be properly registered, online registration must be completed, fee submitted, proof of liability insurance, and valid 2023 PHRF-NB rating certificate must be received at least 24 hours prior to the first race in which the competitor will be scored.
- 4.4 Registration Window:
  - a) Opens for all series 01 May 2024.
  - b) Closes midnight the day prior to the second race of the series.
    - Series I at midnight 04 Jun 2024
    - Series II at midnight 23 Jul 2024

Registrations received after these dates will not be accepted.

4.5 Complete registration and payment online at

https://www.newportyachtclub.org/sailing/onshore/phrf-cruising

4.6 Email or mail proof of liability insurance and PHRF-NB rating certificate to:

Mail to: Newport Yacht Club - Regatta Committee

110 Long Wharf Newport, RI 02840

Email to: office@newportyachtclub.org, Attn: Regatta Committee.

- 4.7 Sail Newport J/22 charter boats do not have to send proof of insurance.
- 4.8 A non-current PHRF-NB certificate or a certificate from outside Narragansett Bay will not be accepted.
- 4.9 The organizing authority (OA NYC) reserves the right to accept or deny entries.

#### 5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

| SERIES   | NYC MEMBER | NON-MEMBER |
|--|------------|------------|
| Series I (29 May – 10 Jul 2024)  | \$100      | \$110      |
| Series II (17 Jul – 28 Aug 2024)   | \$100      | \$110      |
| Series I & II (fee shown includes a 10% discount if registered for both series at the same time) | \$180      | \$198      |

Note: Starting this year Ensign Class will be included in Series I & II unlike previous years when they ran a single series.

5.2 Add a \$25 late fee for registrations submitted after:

May 27, 2024 for Series I and

July 15, 2024 for Series II.

5.3 US Sailing members receive a 10% discount

# 6 SCHEDULE

The PHRF, multi-hull, and one-design (non-spinnaker) Summer series are conducted on Wednesday evenings.

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the <u>warning signal for the first race is **6:00 pm** (1800).</u>
- 6.3 Class assignments and starting sequence will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.4 Number of races: Typically, there will be a single race for each class each night; however, the Race Committee may determine based on time of sunset, weather conditions, or other factors to conduct multiple races for one or more classes.
- 6.5 RC will make every effort to select courses that allow for participants to finish and return to port prior to sunset.

# 7 VENUE

7.1 All races are conducted on Narragansett Bay.

7.2 In general, the starting area is in the vicinity west of Goat Island and north of Fort Adams (vicinity of buoy "A" as indicated on the Sail Newport South Bay Race Chart – update expected Spring 2024).

### 8 COURSES

8.1 Courses are selected from the established list of courses defined on the <u>South Bay Race Chart</u> published by Sail Newport. (update expected to be published Spring 2024)

An electronic .PDF copy is available at the Sail Newport website under "Regattas" (<a href="https://sailnewport.org">https://sailnewport.org</a>).

### 9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS 44.1 (**Taking a Penalty**) is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.2 RRS 64.2 (**Decisions Penalties**) is changed to include the following:
  - a) The penalty, if any, for infringement of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification.
  - b) In the case of race participant violation of the Inland Rules of the Road Rule 9 per SI paragraph 15.4, the protest committee may impose on the race participant a sanction of up to "disqualification not excludable" (DNE) from more than the race when the violation occurred.

#### 10 SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in RRS Appendix A.
- 10.2 For **multi-hulls (Class IV) only**: actual times (not corrected times) shall be used to determine finishing places using the Time-on-Time (ToT) scoring system.
- 10.3 RRS A5.3 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) applies for all races.
- 10.4 One completed race shall constitute a series.
- 10.5 There will be one throw-out for every four (4) races completed in a series. Allowable throw-outs include: DNC (did not start, did not come to the starting area) and DNS (did not start (other than DNC or OCS)).
- 10.6 Each boat properly registered in a series shall be scored for each race started by the Race Committee and not subsequently abandoned. Registered boats that do not start or are disqualified will only be scored on the series summary and not on the daily result sheet.
- 10.7 Unregistered boats will not be scored.

10.8 All boats are scored based on their registered sail number, or in the case of the Sail Newport J/22 class, the registered Team Name.

### 11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 11.2 The OA accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series.

# 12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded for each series based on the number of entrants in each class.
  - a) The first 3 places in each class if there are 7 or more boats registered in that class.
  - b) First and second places for classes that consist of 4 to 6 boats registered in that class.
  - c) First place only for classes that consist of fewer than 4 boats registered in that class.

# 13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact the Newport Yacht Club Regatta Committee via email at regatta@newportyachtclub.org.