

**Rhode Island Yacht Club  
Cranston, RI**



**2023 Tuesday Night Racing Series  
Notice of Race**

**1. Organizing Authority:** Rhode Island Yacht Club

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules in “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024” (RRS).
- 1.2. The RRS can be found at [www.USSailing.org](http://www.USSailing.org). Direct Link to [The Rules](#)
- 1.3. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed to make the penalty of breaking one or more rules of Part 2 a one turn penalty, not two turns.

**2. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. Event Series is open to all RI Yacht Club (RIYC) “Enrolled or Listed” mono-hull sailboats with a valid PHRF-NB certificate and rating.
- 2.2. To enter, a competitor must complete by one week prior to the first scheduled race, the “Registration Deadline”, the following:
  - 2.2.1. an online race application and waiver online on the Club’s website, <https://www.riyachtclub.org/riyc-race-series>, on “Racing Forms” tab
  - 2.2.2. appropriate application fee - billed to member account via registration
  - 2.2.3. a current-year PHRF rating, obtained from PHRF-NB, delivered or accessible to the Race Committee via the PHRF-NB website, [www.phrf-nb.org/ratings](http://www.phrf-nb.org/ratings)
- 2.3. Late Registrations; the deadline is 1700 on Monday, May 15 preceding the first race, for that race and all remaining races in the series. A \$25 late fee will be assessed.
- 2.4. The RIYC Race Committee shall be notified of any change in PHRF rating within six days of yacht’s notification. Favorable rating changes will not be made retroactive to races previously sailed. Failure to notify the Race Committee of an unfavorable rating change will result in a retroactive recalculation of scoring for the season.

**3. CLASSES**

- 3.1. Classes will be formed with class splits determined by the Race Committee based upon the registered entries as of the “Registration Deadline”.
- 3.2. Late registrations will be placed in a then existing class at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3. The Race Committee intends to split the entries into classes based upon their intent to sail spinnaker or non-spinnaker, their rating, and the number of yachts entered, to provide the fairest competition.

4. **FEES:** Spring Series \$39, Summer Series \$70, Fall Series \$49, Registering for all series \$140. A late fee of \$25 will be charged to late applications in accordance with paragraph 2.

5. **SCHEDULE**

Spring Series: May 16, 23, 30, June 6 and 13

Summer Series: June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15, and 22

Fall Series: August 29, September 5, 12, 19

6. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the RIYC website

<https://www.riyachtclub.org/riyc-race-series> or on a Race notice board located at the Rhode Island Yacht Club.

7. **START TIME**

7.1. The Warning Signal for the first class start for Spring and Summer Series is at 1815.

7.2. The Warning Signal for the first class start for the Fall Series is at 1800.

8. **COURSE AREA:**

The race courses will be in the upper Narragansett Bay, and utilize fixed courses indicated in the Appendix to the SI or variable courses using dropped marks, or marks chosen from the list of government marks to be posted on a course board from the committee boat.

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

9.1. Sailing instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting, and on the RIYC website <https://www.riyachtclub.org/riyc-race-series> prior to April 17, 2023.

9.2. Class Splits will be posted by May 10, 2023.

10. **AWARDS:**

1st place awards may be presented each week for each class.

Awards for each Season series, as well as for the Season overall will be presented at the annual Race Banquet.

11. **COMMUNICATIONS AND SAFETY**

11.1. The race area utilizes navigable waters shared by commercial traffic and other stakeholders. The Sailing Instructions will contain specific instructions regarding the rights of commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver.

11.2. All boats shall carry and activate a VHF radio capable of communicating on 72.

11.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF 72.

11.4. While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the event, 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. All competitors are required to maintain an active watch on the race VHF channel 72.

11.5. All skippers are reminded they are responsible for the safety of their crew, and the requirement to help any others in danger.

**12. DECISION TO RACE, ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

**12.1.** Competitors are required to complete/accept the Rhode Island Yacht Club Liability Waiver, as part of the application to race, before participating in this event.

**12.2.** RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

**13. INSURANCE:**

Each participating boat shall have a valid certificate of insurance on file with the RIYC office.

**14. SPECIAL NOTICES**

**14.1.** Narragansett Bay is a No Discharge Zone.

**14.2.** Disposal of trash overboard is prohibited and can result in race disqualification.

**For questions or further information, please contact: Tom Tracy, Race Chair at [race@riyc.org](mailto:race@riyc.org)**