

NOTICE OF RACE - EBYRA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES 2015

EVENT

Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association (EBYRA), the organizing authority, is sponsoring the Wednesday Night Series open to all PHRF, IRC and One-Design boats, consisting of eighteen (18) scheduled races with spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions.

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the United States Sailing Association, The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the Notice of Race, EBYRA General Sailing Instructions and Local Rules, and the event-specific Sailing Instructions, and non-PHRF divisions may have a rules addendum specific to those respective divisions. All boats shall have a minimum crew of two people on board at all times. If necessary, a boat's YRA or LIS PHRF rating will be adjusted to reflect EBYRA policy, specifically that crew weight limit penalties and weight credits are not in effect for the Wednesday series. EBYRA may require an entry to change sail numbers to avoid conflict with boats previously registered in the series. All boats shall properly display the sail number indicated on the scratch sheet.

ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to all sailing boats, spinnaker and non-spinnaker, with a valid 2015 YRALIS or 2015 EBYRA PHRF certificate. If IRC Divisions or dual scoring (PHRF/IRC) become available, a valid endorsed or unendorsed 2015 IRC Certificate would be required. Boats sailing in a One-Design division, must have a measurement certificate and/or other agreed-to stipulations.

REGISTRATION

Application, including certificate (or certificate application with fee), and \$270 entry must be received by Wednesday, April 29, 2015 to race on May 13. Thereafter, applications must be received by the Monday immediately preceding the boat's first race, and include a \$30 late fee. Boats entering the series for the first time, and entering as "non-spinnaker", shall pay an entry fee of \$125. Boats without a valid 2015 YRALIS PHRF Certificate or may apply for an EBYRA PHRF Certificate for a fee of \$10. This certificate is only valid for the Wednesday night series. A yacht's registration will be valid for the single boat hull indicated on the entry.

There can be no substitution of an alternate hull or boat and merging of the series race scores for any reason. If a boat is damaged and unable to continue the series, EBYRA will allow the skipper to re-enter another boat without paying an additional entry fee; however, the races scored under the original hull will stand in the series and the scores of the new entry will stand apart. The number of races for each boat to qualify, and the earning of throwouts will be calculated separately for each boat.

NOTE THAT ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE THROUGH YACHTSCORING.COM. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION AT THE SKIPPER'S MEETING.

SCHEDULE, LOCATION AND START TIME

The races take place each Wednesday from May 13, 2015 to September 9, 2015. The default start line will be at "S" in the vicinity of 46A, or at alternate marks "A" or "H", depending on wind direction. The warning gun will be at 7:05 PM.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We will attempt to notify racers with an email and web posting by 4:30 PM if conditions beyond our control or severe weather (eg. sustained winds of 25 knots or more) indicate that cancellation of the scheduled race would be necessary or prudent. A race cancelled in this manner will be re-sailed at the end of the season; however, a race abandoned by the race committee, on the water, will not be re-sailed.

COURSES

Courses will be signaled from the committee boat according to course codes in the Sailing Instructions.

DIVISIONS

Division splits will reflect the goal of making fair and competitive groupings for the series. The factors considered will be the number of entries, the type of boat, the boat's sailing characteristics and it's PHRF rating. IRC and one-design divisions will be created if there is sufficient numbers to insure competitive racing throughout the season.

QUALIFYING

Refer to General & Local Policies, Procedures and Definitions

THROWOUTS

Refer to General & Local Policies, Procedures and Definitions

RACE FINISH POSITION, SERIES SCORING

Finish position will be established on corrected time using time-on-time factors derived either from a boat's PHRF certificate rating and the formula $F = 600/(480+PHRF)$ or, if IRC Divisions are available, the IRC rating. Also see General & Local Policies, Procedures and Definitions.

RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

Refer to General & Local Policies, Procedures and Definitions

AWARDS

First, second and third place trophies will be awarded for each division in which there are 3 or more qualifiers. If 10 or more boats qualify, a 4th place will be awarded; and a 5th place for 13 or more qualifiers. Participants will be notified of the exact date and location for the December awards dinner.

INFORMATION AND AMENDMENTS

Additions or changes to the sailing instructions and Scratch Sheet will be posted on the www.ebyra.com and www.yachtscoring.com by 5 PM on the Wednesday of the race.

ADMINISTRATION

Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association, Inc., P.O. Box 126, City Island, NY 10464. The organizing authority may establish themselves as members of the Race Committee or a Protest Committee when necessary.

