



PEQUOT YACHT CLUB

# NOTICE OF RACE

## Wednesday Night Big Boat Races

May 8 to September 25, 2024

HOSTED BY PEQUOT YACHT CLUB

Pequot Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.

### 1. GENERAL RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF regulations of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (“YRA-LIS”)
- 1.2. Pequot Yacht Club (“PYC”) Members and SAMs who are registered in Yacht Scoring are eligible to race:
  - <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16713>
- 1.3. Skippers who are not Members or SAMs at PYC may enter with the Race Committee’s approval but are not eligible for trophies.
- 1.4. Big boats with a YRA-LIS PHRF certificate, a copy of which has been submitted to the Race Committee (racecommittee@pequotyc.com) two (2) days prior to the date of the boat’s first race are eligible for trophies. Boats with an expired YRA-LIS PHRF certificate will be scored provided:
  - 1.4.1. the expired certificate was valid within the past three years, and
  - 1.4.2. the boat has not been modified in a manner which would result in a lower rating.
- 1.5. Finishes will not be scored for boats without a YRA-LIS PHRF certificate.
- 1.6. Boats sailing with two or fewer crewmembers may use autopilots without penalty. This changes RRS rule 52.
- 1.7. All boats shall comply with Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations of the YRA-LIS for Category C. The Recommendations are available on [www.yralis.org](http://www.yralis.org).

### 2. SERIES

- 2.1. Wednesday Night Races are divided into four (4) series with trophies awarded for each series as follows:

	Date		Race #	Start Time
			<b><u>June Series</u></b>	
	May	8	Jun #1	18:30
	May	15	Jun #2	18:30
	May	22	Jun #3	18:30
	May	29	Jun #4	18:30
	June	5	Jun #5	18:30
	June	12	Jun #6	18:30
			<b><u>July Series</u></b>	
	June	19	Jul #1	18:30

June	26	Jul #2	18:30
July	3	Jul #3	18:30
July	10	Jul #4	18:30
July	17	Jul #5	18:30
July	24	Jul #6	18:30
<b><u>August Series</u></b>			
July	31	Aug #1	18:30
August	7	Aug #2	18:30
August	14	Aug #3	18:30
August	21	Aug #4	18:30
August	28	Aug #5	18:30
<b><u>September Series</u></b>			
September	4	Sep #1	18:00
September	11	Sep #2	18:00
September	18	Sep #3	18:00
September	25	Sep #4	18:00

2.2. The owner of a boat with a valid YRA-LIS PHRF certificate who desires to sail in a Series with a sail configuration which is different from that shown on its certificate may request, prior to the start of the Series, that the Race Committee approve a revised rating for the boat for that Series. If the Race Committee determines that the requested adjustment to the rating is consistent with the current handicapping policies of the YRA-LIS, the Race Committee, in its sole discretion, may approve the revised rating for the boat for that Series.

### 3. START TIMES

From May 8 to August 28: 1830

From September 4 to September 25: 1800

### 4. DIVISIONS will be identified as follows:

Division 1: Spinnakers; Red Shape. Boats in Div. 1 shall fly numeral pendant 1.

Division 2: No spinnakers; White Shape. Boats in Div. 2 shall fly numerical pendant 2.

### 7. COURSES

7.1. Courses will be based on the a) marks shown on the "Racing Marks Chart" on the Big Boat Racing page of pequotyc.com and b) other marks setup by the Race Committee.

7.2. The Race Committee will post the courses for Divisions 1 and 2 on the Race Committee boat at least 10 minutes before the start of first race of the evening.

### 8. POINTS

Points are awarded based on the Low Point System as described in Appendix A of the RRS.

### 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions are available on the Yacht Scoring series registration page (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16713>) and posted on the Pequot Yacht Club

website Big Boat Racing page (<https://pequotyc.com/group/pages/big-boat-racing>).

#### 10. SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

By participation in racing, a sailor acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat; that he or she represents that the boat and its equipment are in sound condition and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers; and he or she hereby releases the organizing authority, its officers, trustees, employees and all members of the Race Committee, whether or not Members of the organizing authority, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage or death resulting from participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.