

# NOTICE OF RACE – EBYRA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES 2019

## EVENT

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

## RULES

The regatta will be governed by, in reverse order of prevailing authority, the United States Sailing Association, The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. With the exception of specifically designated one-design, IRC or ORC divisions, all boats are considered entered as "PHRF Class," and are required to sail and adhere to YRA of LIS 2019 PHRF regulations. Note that this applies to any one-design boat sailing in a PHRF Class division.

As of 2018, YRA of LIS regulations require PHRF events to have a "Technical Committee" to adjudicate any PHRF certificate compliance issues. EBYRA has elected to use the newly established YRA of LIS Technical Committee if necessary. See YRA of LIS website further information regarding the Technical Committee.

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.

Note that crew weight limit penalties and weight credits are not in effect for the Wednesday series, and are no longer in effect for any YRA races. 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 2019 YRALIS or 2019 EBYRA PHRF provisional certificate. Boats sailing in a One-Design division must have a measurement certificate and/or other agreed-to stipulations.

## REGISTRATION

NOTE THAT ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE THROUGH YACHTSCORING.COM. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION AT THE SKIPPER'S MEETING. The \$300 registration fee must be paid when you register on Yachtscoring. A late fee of \$30 will be applied after May 1. Late applications must be received by the Monday immediately preceding the boat's first race for a boat to race that Wednesday. You must have a valid 2019 YRA PHRF certificate on file by May 1 or your application is a late filing. In lieu of a YRA PHRF certificate, you may apply for an EBYRA Wednesday Night provisional certificate by submitting a properly filled out PHRF application and mailing or emailing it to EBYRA by May 1, 2019.

Boats entering the series for the first time, and entering as "non-spinnaker", shall pay an entry fee of \$175. Boats without a valid 2019 YRALIS PHRF Certificate may apply for a provisional EBYRA PHRF Certificate for a fee of \$20. This certificate is only valid for the EBYRA 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 toward qualifying for each boat, and earn a throwout will be calculated separately for each boat.

## SCHEDULE, LOCATION AND START TIME

The races take place each Wednesday from May 8, 2019 through September 4, 2019. The default start line will be at a yellow inflatable mark 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 via email and/or other telecommunication by 4:30 PM if conditions beyond our control or severe weather (e.g. sustained winds of 30 knots or more) indicate that cancellation of the scheduled race would be necessary or prudent. A race cancelled in this manner may 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 2019 Course Instructions document posted on Yachtscoring.

## 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 its PHRF rating. One-design divisions will be offered if there are sufficient entries to ensure competitive racing throughout the season.

## QUALIFYING

Boats will need to be scored in half of the races sailed, rounded down, plus 1 to qualify for the series. Races started but with no finishers in division will count as races not sailed, and will therefore lower the number of races needed to qualify. Committee Duty will count toward qualifying as long as there is a finisher in the division of the yacht doing committee duty.

## SERIES SCORING

The first race on May 8 will NOT count toward the series results. The series score will be based on up to 16 races sailed, starting with Race 2. If fewer races are sailed (see Cancellation Policy), all races starting with Race 2 will count toward the series. The final race on September 4 will count toward the series only in the event of a cancellation earlier in the season.

## THROWOUTS

All yachts will earn one throwout for the series upon qualifying. The scoring program will discard the race that results in the highest cumulative score for the series. A DSQ or withdraw as a result of a protest hearing may not be discarded.

## RACE FINISH POSITION

Finish position for PHRF divisions will be established on corrected time using time-on-time factors derived from a boat's PHRF certificate rating and the formula  $F = 600/(480+PHRF)$ .

## RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

Should an entrant's crew be called upon to perform Race Committee duty for a race of an event, three or four members of the entrant's crew shall be obligated to do so and follow the Directions of the PRO or other provided directives. Failure of an entrant's crew to fulfill their obligations as stated shall result in a non-excludable DSQ for the entrant for that race and may result in a refusal of entry in future EBYRA events.

## AWARDS

First place trophies will be awarded for each division in which there are 3 or more qualifiers; Second place for 5 or more qualifiers; Third place for 7 or more qualifiers; Fourth place for 9 or more qualifiers. Participants will be notified of the exact date and location of the awards event.

## INFORMATION AND AMENDMENTS

A Skippers' meeting will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 1. Time and location to be announced. Additions or changes to the sailing instructions and Scratch Sheet will be posted on 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.