



Sagamore Yacht Club

2017 Wednesday Night Racing
10 May – 20 September

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the current PHRF regulations as administered by the YRA of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) and the Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS (Category C)
- 1.2. Each boat racing, including one design, must carry a working VHF radio.
- 1.3. Any boat withdrawing before the start, or abandoning the race for any reason, shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity on the race area VHF channel 78A or by telephone to the Club at (516) 922-0555 at the earliest possible opportunity. Failure to follow this provision shall be grounds for protest.
- 1.4. *RRS 28.1* shall be modified in the SI to include a restricted zone at marks **1-1a**.
- 1.5. *RRS 34* shall be modified in the SI to require VHF notification of finishing if the RC is not on-station.
- 1.6. *RRS 35* shall be modified in the SI to set a time limit of ½ hour after the first boat to finish.
- 1.7. *RRS 61.1a (2)* is deleted. (A protest flag is always required.)
- 1.8. The protest time limit in *RRS 61.3* shall be modified in the SI.
- 1.9. *RRS 62.1(a)* is modified regarding redress on failure to make an OCS call.
- 1.10. *RRS Appendix T (Arbitration)* will be utilized.
- 1.11. In the absence of a RC boat:
 - 1.11.1. *RRS 26* is amended to use sound signals and no flags.
 - 1.11.2. *RRS 27.3* is amended to use a sound signal.
 - 1.11.3. *RRS 29.1 and 29.2* are deleted (RC will not signal OCS.)
 - 1.11.4. *RRS 32* will be amended by the SI. (Abandoning only for safety reasons.)
- 1.12. The Sailing Instructions (SI) may also change other racing rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. All yachts 17 feet or longer with or without a valid PHRF rating. If no PHRF Certificate is available, the Sagamore Race Committee will assign a rating.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, payable to Sagamore Yacht Club Inc, P.O. Box 372, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 by 1800 hours, 3 May 2017.
- 2.3. Eligibility requires attendance at an approved 2017 Rules seminar, such as sponsored by the YRA or North U, by all skippers, including Oakcliff coaching division boats or submission of a completed knowledge test of current US Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing. The test will be open book and will be administered by Todd Field for Sagamore or Bill Simon for Oakcliff.
- 2.4. Late entries will be accepted but scoring will not be posted until accepted.

3. FEES

Spring and Summer series \$200 for SYC/SCYC members and \$300 for non-SYC/SCYC members.
Summer series only \$150 for SYC/SCYC members and \$250 for non-SYC/SCYC members.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Pre Race Season Meeting Wednesday 26 April from 1930 at Sagamore Yacht Club.
- 4.2. Practice Race Wednesday 3 May 1830 hours.
- 4.3. Spring Series Wednesday 10 May through Wednesday 12 July
- 4.4. Summer Series Wednesday 19 July through Wednesday 20 September.
- 4.5. The scheduled time for the Wednesday evening racing warning signal is 1830 (1845 for Area Bravo).
- 4.6. One race will be held for each class every Wednesday evening.
- 4.7. SYC Awards Dinner 4 November 1900 hours.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the Pre Race Season Meeting, and on the SYC racing websites: www.sagamoreyc.com and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SagamoreRacing>

6. VENUE

Racing will occur in Oyster Bay, Cold Spring Harbor and the adjoining waters of Long Island Sound. "AREA ALPHA" (Oyster Bay in the vicinity of Cove Neck) will be the starting area of all races unless "AREA BRAVO" (Cold Spring Harbor near the entrance to Oyster Bay Harbor) is declared no later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled first warning signal the day of the race. Announcement of this will be made on VHF channel 78A.

7. SCORING

7.1. The US Sailing HIGH-POINT PERCENTAGE scoring system shall be used to determine finishing position in a series. *This modifies RRS A.2.*

7.2. A minimum of one race will constitute a series.

7.3. A boat must start in 60% or more of races held in each series on the schedule for her score to be considered for the series.

7.4. Race Committee will assign divisions based on rating and performance.

7.5. Each boat is responsible for providing staffing to run race committee for a minimum of one race during the season. A minimum of one person shall be provided.

7.6. Race Committee schedule will be posted on-line. It is the responsibility of the boat to select a date and collaborate with other skippers if a change is required.

7.7. Boats *who fail to provide RC staffing as per 7.6 and 7.7* will not be scored in any series for the year.

7.8. Race Scores

Time over distance¹ shall be used to calculate finishing place in a race.

To calculate score for a race, define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

<u>Finishing place</u>	<u>Score</u>
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
Each place thereafter	Subtract 1 point

All other boats that compete in that race, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that race (DNC) will not be scored.

7.9. Series Scores

The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her race scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every race in which she competed; multiply the result by 100. Exclude her worst score(s), if any, as noted in 7.10. The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

7.10. Excluded Races

If a boat sails more than 6 races in a series, score the top 6 races and exclude the others. *This modifies RRS A.2.*

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee intends to use VHF channel 78A for check-in, to signal courses, to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts and for other communications as designated in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. *This modifies RRS 62.1(a)*

¹ Actual elapsed time less her time allowance [(rating-scratch) * course distance.]

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first in each series. If there are four or more boats registered, prizes will also be awarded for second in each series. If there are six or more boats registered, prizes will also be awarded for third in each series.

10. OAKCLIFF COACHING DIVISION

10.1. There may be a start for Oakcliff Supporters in Shields, SM 40's or other classes.

10.2. The start time for this division is at the discretion of the RC. *This modifies NOR 4.5*

10.3. Coaching, from on-board or a coach boat is allowed for this division. *This modifies RRS 41.*

10.4. There may be multiple races per evening for this division. *This modifies NOR 4.6*

10.5. There are no formal awards for the coaching division.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact SYC Race Chair, at sagamoreyc.racechair@gmail.com for additional information.



Sagamore Yacht Club

P.O. Box 327 Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771
2017 Wednesday Night Racing

ENTRANCE FORM

Skipper's Name			
Address			
Phone		Boat Name	
email			
Boat make/model			
Length overall		Jib size / type - if non standard	
Keel type/depth		Prop type / # of blades	
Sail Number		Hull Color	
Current YRALIS PHRF on file:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; No <input type="checkbox"/> ²	PHRF	
YC or Marina			
Rule Seminar attended		Rules test passed	

I wish to race in: (please check one) **SPINNAKER DIVISION** ; **NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION**

	Series	-	Spring and Summer	Summer only
2017 Program Fee:	Category A	SYC/SCYC Member	\$200	\$150
	Category B	Non SYC/SCYC Member	\$300	\$250

For and in consideration of the acceptance by the Sagamore Yacht Club (SYC) of my entry in these regattas, I hereby accept all the risks and responsibilities of my yacht's participation in said regattas and waive any and all claims I may have against the Sagamore Yacht Club, their members, officers, directors, committees, agents, and /or employees arising out of or in any way connected with such participation. Further, I agree to abide by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Prior to each race weather and sea conditions must be evaluated by each skipper and his crew and each participant is responsible for determining whether it is safe for him or her to participate. The responsibility of wearing life jackets rests upon the skipper and the crew. As skipper it is my duty to ensure each person aboard my boat understands these facts and I will also ensure that the appropriate safety gear is aboard my vessel and in good working order. For a list of the prescribed Long Island Sound Minimum Equipment and Safety Recommendations category "C" go to yralis.org.

Signed _____ Date _____

Date application received: _____ Entrance fee received: Yes ; No Amount: _____

² If no PHRF certificate on file, the Race Committee will assign you a rating.