



Windjammers Sailing Club

2024 Thursday Night Series

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Thursday Night Scored Series

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Dates: Thursdays starting May 16, 2024 and ending September 26, 2024.

Description: Thursday Night Series: The intent of this series is to provide casual racing that encourages newcomers and the less experienced to give racing and Race Committee a try. Even though no handicaps are assigned, sportsmanship and the rules apply. ***Be Nice ... Have Fun!***

Thursday Night Scored Series: This initiative is driven by WSC to promote competitive sailing and to encourage those who already enjoy racing to parlay their passion into weekend racing events. This Thursday Night Scored Race Series will consist of 5 total races. The scheduled dates are as follows: **July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22, and August 29.** September 12 may be used as a makeup scored race if at least one earlier scored race is canceled.

All participants that submit a PHRF rating before the end of the series will be scored based on Time-On-Time calculation using $650 / (\text{PHRF} + 550)$ as the Time Correction Factor (TCF). A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If a participating boat serves as the race committee for a scored race, her score for that race shall also be excluded. No more than two race scores shall be excluded for a participating boat.

Rules: *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as amended by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, apply. Rule A5.3 shall apply for the Thursday Night Scored Series.

Classes: Thursday Night Series:

Class 1 is designated for boats longer than 32 feet.

Class 2 is designated for boats 32 feet and shorter.

Symmetrical or Asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown in either class.

Sport boats and lower PHRF rated type yachts are encouraged to participate in class 1.

Thursday Night Scored Series:

Class 1 is designated for all Spinnaker Boats, regardless of size

Class 2 is designated for all Non-Spinnaker boats, regardless of size.

Sport boats and lower PHRF rated type yachts are encouraged to participate in either class 1 or class 2.

Before racing, boats shall check in with the anchored race committee vessel by passing in close proximity with mainsail raised and hailing their sail number and class until acknowledged by the race committee.

Starting:	Time	Signal	Flag	Sound
	6:30pm	Class 1 Warning	Numeral pennant 1	1 sound
	6:31pm	Class 1 Preparatory	Numeral pennant 1 and Prep (P) flag	1 sound
	6:34pm	Class 1 One-Minute	Numeral pennant 1, Prep (P) flag removed	1 long sound
	6:35pm	Class 1 Start	Numeral pennant 1 removed	1 sound
	6:35pm	Class 2 Warning	Numeral pennant 2	1 sound
	6:36pm	Class 2 Preparatory	Numeral pennant 2 and Prep (P) flag	1 sound
	6:39pm	Class 2 One-Minute	Numeral pennant 2, Prep (P) flag removed	1 long sound
	6:40pm	Class 2 Start	Numeral pennant 2 removed	1 sound

The scheduled first warning time changes from 6:30pm to 6:00pm starting on September 5.

The above times may be postponed at the discretion of the Race Committee based on conditions at the time of the start. These conditions include time being given for the preceding class to vacate the starting area.

Each yacht whose class is not starting shall stay clear of the starting area until their Class Warning signal.

Eligibility: Open to all sailboats 19' and longer with lights and safety equipment as required by government regulations. ECSA PHRF rating certificates are not required. Windjammers Sailing club membership is not required but is encouraged for all who participate. **Windjammers Sailing Club strongly encourages all participants to volunteer for at least one week of race committee during the Thursday Night Racing season.**

Safety: RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'
On shore cancellation of a race will be announced via the WSC email list by 5:00pm on the day of the race.

Start & Finish: The start will be on a line between the Windjammers Sailing Club burgee on the race committee boat and a temporary mark (S) in the vicinity of Charles Island. In the event of multiple times around the course, the (S) pin end of the starting line may become a Mark of the course. A proper finish will be sounded by one blast of a horn. The finish line may be moved to any mark after the start. Boats should monitor VHF channel 72 for announcements made by the Race Committee.

Course: Marks of the course, as outlined below, and sequence of rounding will be displayed from the Race Committee boat on a white board. Each class will be identified by its corresponding number. Each class number will be followed by a number that indicates the number of times around the course. This will be followed by the course mark letters. By default, all marks are to be rounded on the same side as the starting mark (pin end on the line). Any marks of the course written within circles are to be rounded to the side opposite the starting pin side. *Except when being rounded as a mark of the course, the marks D, E and W must be passed to seaward.*

List of Marks:	D	Bell "16", SSW of Charles Island
	E	Can "1", Charles Island
	H	Bell "1", Housatonic River entrance
	N	Red "4", Milford Harbor channel entrance
	P	Nun "12", Pond Point
	W	Nun "2", Welches Point
	S	Starting Mark (special RC set mark)
	B1	Approx 0.4 nm SSE of "W", ½ nm SSE of Welches Point (special pre-set mark approx between "P" and "D", formerly known as "K")
	I	Inflatable mark

Other Course Indications:

- 2 (or another number) Indicates the number of times the course indicated by the mark letters is to be sailed
- Indicates that the circled mark shall be left to starboard rather than to port

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