



SYC WEDNESDAY NIGHT REGATTAS 2022

SPRING REGATTA - APRIL 27TH THROUGH JUNE 1ST

SUMMER REGATTA - JUNE 15TH THROUGH JULY 20TH

FALL REGATTA - AUGUST 3RD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7TH

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The rules for each series (Regatta) will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2021-2024.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the SYC web site prior to April 20th, 2022.

3. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Information pertaining to a race will be made available by the assigned/designated Race Committee boat using VHF channel 72.

3.2 Except in emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make nor receive any voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Eligible boats shall be owned or chartered by a current member of SYC, register in the event, pay the SYC Racing Event Fee, have proof of insurance, and agree to our "Rotating Race Committee" policy.

4.2 Eligible boats shall complete the entry form for each event (Regatta) entered, located on the SYC web site. (See above.)

4.3 Guest Skippers may compete in up to two races upon receiving an invitation to sail from the Principle Race Officer or a Flag Officer. After that, they shall be required to have a membership status appropriate for a boat owning member. All insurance requirements apply.

4.4

A. All eligible boats will agree to serve as Race Committee on a rotating basis, for one race of each regatta entered. If more boats register for a Regatta than races (6) in the regatta, boats shall be drawn by random number from a hat.

B. Each boat drawn or designated will be assigned a week of the regatta to serve as Race Committee Boat. No boat shall be required to serve more than once for any regatta. All assignments will be made prior to the start of the Regatta. Committee coaching will be available on request.

C. Failure to fulfill Committee Boat obligations shall result in disqualification from the Regatta. If you cannot fulfill your obligation, you may find a substitute Committee Boat to take your place without penalty.

5. FEES

5.1 The fee to race shall be \$20. per Regatta entered, or \$50 to pre register for all 3 2022 Wednesday Night Regattas.

6. SCHEDULE FOR RACES

6.1 Races shall be scheduled to make the best use of available daylight whenever possible. A chart listing dates, warning times, and sunset times will be

available on our SYC web site.

6.2 One race each evening is planned.

6.3 Competitors meetings shall be held on the dock approximately 30 minutes prior to the warning of the first start. Alternately, meetings may be held using VHF channel 72, approximately 15 minutes before the warning of the first start, to convey information to competitors pertaining to the intended course, the number of starts, and general club information.

6.4 Warning times listed on the race schedule are based on the over 200 PHRF fleet. Boats UNDER 200 PHRF will begin their 5 minute count down at the Start of the over 200 PHRF fleet.

6.5 Races will be abandoned at the sunset time stated in the race schedule chart.

7. VENUE

7.1 The location for racing will be Saylorville Lake between the dam and bridge.

8. COURSES

8.1 Course will start near the outer channel marker buoy.

8.2 Courses will be announced at the dockside skipper's meeting, and also on VHF channel 72 approximately 15 minutes before the first warning.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS Appendix V1 shall apply.

9.2 Boats failing to honor their Committee Boat obligation shall be disqualified.

10. SCORING

10.1 Boats competing in a regatta shall be issued a provisional PHRF rating, based on PHRF ratings for like boats gleaned from internet searches. There will be no actual certificate required, and there will be no cost involved.

10.2 Boats shall have finishing times taken by the Committee Boat. It is highly recommended that competitors also record their own times. A boat shall be finished when the Committee Boat signals, either by flag or audible signal, that the boat has finished.

10.3 Provisional PHRF scores can be modified each race, by taking new, inexperienced or "green" sailors on as crew for a race. These can be friends, family, sailing school students, or walk-ons. Our goal this year is to grow our Yacht Club, and we need to work together to make it happen!

To that end, for each newbie that you host, you will receive a 10 second PHRF break on your handicap! Host 3, that's 30 seconds a mile!

These modifications will be used to calculate your finishing position. It will be your responsibility to inform the Race Committee either before or at the finish of any race of the number of newbies you have aboard!

10.4 There are 6 races in each Regatta, but due to Committee Boat duties only five scores will count towards your final score. In the event that a boat is not drawn to perform Committee duties, an average of their six scores during the Regatta shall be used to calculate their "throw out" score.

11. Committee Boat

11.1 Each boat entered into a Regatta may be required to perform Race Committee duties for one race of a Regatta. Boats shall be drawn from a hat to determine which race they will be responsible to Committee before the start of any Regatta. Any boat not comfortable with performing Committee duties can ask for an experienced coach.

11.2 In the event there are more boats in a Regatta than races, (6), some boats will not need to perform Committee duties for that Regatta. If there are fewer boats than races, no boat shall be required to perform Committee duties more than once during any Regatta.

11.3 The Committee Boat shall be responsible for setting starting marks, and any other marks of the course necessary. The Committee Boat shall start the race

using appropriate sound signals, including but not limited to VHF channel 72.

11.4 The Committee Boat shall sight down the start line, and determine if any boats are over early. Boats over early shall be notified as soon as possible on VHF channel 72.

11.5 The Committee Boat shall take accurate time of the start (s) of races, and keep an elapsed time for each boat finishing. The Committee boat shall record any PHRF modifiers claimed by any boat.

11.6 The Race Committee shall pick up any inflatable buoys used, deflate them, and return them to the dock box.

12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1 Competitors participate in the SYC Wednesday night Regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 SYC Wednesday Night Regattas 2022.

13. INSURANCE

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 or the equivalent.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Trophies will be awarded for each class, for each Regatta. The depth of trophies will depend on the number of class participants.

14.2 Trophies will be awarded at our annual Banquet at the end of the season.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Bryant Alexander, SYC Race Director, or consulting Race Director Fields Gunsett, using the information available on the SYC web site.