

SYC Wednesday Night Series 2024

May 1st – Sept 25th, 2024

Saylorville Yacht Club - Polk City, Iowa (USA)

Notice of Race

The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions are available relevant web page of <http://www.saylorvilleyachtclub.org> and will not be available as paper copies at the event.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 – 2024*.
- 1.2. [The Handbook of Iowa Boating Laws and Responsibilities](#).

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the SYC web site <http://saylorvilleyachtclub.org> prior to April 15, 2024.

3. Communications

- 3.1. The official notice board will be the pertinent page on the Saylorville Yacht Club website (<http://saylorvilleyachtclub.org>).
- 3.2. Information pertaining to a race will be provided to boats by the assigned/designated Race Committee boat using VHF channel 72 prior to the start of the race.
- 3.3. [DP] Except in emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 3.4. [DP] All boats shall have a functional VHF radio that is capable of communicating on channels 16 and 72.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Eligible boats shall be owned or chartered by a current member of the SYC, register in the event, pay the SYC racing fee, and have proof of insurance.
- 4.2. The SYC Wednesday Night Series consists of three sets of series races, the Spring, Summer and Fall series. Competitors may enter any or all of these series.
- 4.3. Boats owned by the SYC Sailing School may participate in these events if a SYC member in good standing is onboard.
- 4.4. Eligible boats shall complete the entry form for this series located on the SYC webpage (www.saylorvilleyachtclub.org).
- 4.5. Guests Skippers may compete in up to two races upon receiving an invitation to sail from the designated principal race officer or a flag officer. After that, they shall have a membership status appropriate for a boat owning member.

5. Fees

- 5.1. Twenty five dollars per series or \$60 to register for all three series.

6. Schedule for Races

- 6.1. A Wednesday night Race will be on the specified Wednesday nights shown in the table below.

Spring Series			Summer Series			Fall Series		
Date	Warning	Sunset*	Date	Warning	Sunset	Date	Warning	Sunset
1-May	1755	2013	19-Jun	1825	2051	14-Aug	1755	2014
8-May	1755	2020	26-Jun	1825	2052	21-Aug	1755	2004
15-May	1755	2027	10-Jul	1825	2049	28-Aug	1725	1953
22-May	1825	2034	17-Jul	1825	2045	4-Sep	1725	1941

29-May	1825	2040		24-Jul	1825	2039		11-Sep	1725	1929
5-Jun	1825	2045		31-Jul	1825	2032		18-Sep	1725	1917
* Sunset - not, last light – There will be no racing June 12: July 3 & 10; Aug 7										

- 6.2. A skippers meeting may be held at the 400 dock 30 minutes prior to the warning.
- 6.3. The 2024 Wednesday Night Series will be sailed in three series, Spring, Summer and Fall.
- 6.4. One race each evening is planned.
- 6.5. Competitor's will be given information using VHF channel 72, approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning of the first start, to indicate the intended course, the number of starts and general club information.
- 6.6. Depending on the number of boats that are in or near the racing area and intend to race, the race committee may start all boats in a single start or separate the boats into two starts, the first start will be for the boats with a PHRF rating of 180 or above and the second start will be for the boats with a PHRF rating of less than 180. Warning times race schedule 6.1 is based on the over 180 PHRF fleet.
 - 6.6.1. If two starts are warranted, the 180 and Over PHRF fleet's preparatory signal will be made at the time shown in Item 6.1, the preparatory signal for the under 180 PHRF fleet will be made with the start of the over 180 PHRF fleet.
 - 6.6.2. Times will be adjusted appropriately if the race is postponed.
- 6.7. Boats failing to finish prior to the designated sunset time will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
 - 6.7.1. A boat scored TLE shall be scored for the finishing place, two more than the points by the last boat that finished prior to Sunset, not to exceed the number of boats that came to the starting area.

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 using VHF radio communication (Channel 72) approximately 15 minutes prior to the first warning.
- 8.3. Courses will be describe in the sailing instructions.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1. RRS Appendix V1 will apply.
- 9.2. A breach of a rule that is not in Part 1, 2 or rule 31 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. When a signal boat is available, each boat is still responsible for taking their own finishing times and reporting the times in 24 hour time (XX:XX:XX) to the racing director Race Director (Richard Leaders) at racing@saylorvilleyachtclub.org either via email or text within 24 hours after the finish of the race.
- 10.2. Appendix A5.3 shall apply to these series.
 - 10.2.1. Appendix A5.3 is changed to score boats that did not come to the starting area (DNC) to 2 more than boats that came to the starting area, not to
 - 10.2.2. exceed the number of boats registered for the series.
- 10.3. One race for each series is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.4. The boats finishing at or near the end of the race are asked to pick up the start/finish line, deflate the buoys and return them to the Club's dock box.

11. Risk Statement

- 11.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Saylorville Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, volunteers, and employees for

damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

- 11.2. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat.
- 11.3. The Skipper and crew using a boat that is borrowed from the Saylorville Yacht Club Sailing School assumes the risk of sailing the borrowed boat. The Skipper and crew are expected to inspect the boat prior to departing the dock, if there are any concerns about the boats safety, the boat shall not be sailed and the Race Committee notified of the safety concern.

12. Insurance

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

13. Prizes

- 13.1. The SYC Race Director will determine the appropriate number of awards to be given for each series based on participation.

14. Further Information

- 14.1. Contact the SYC Race Director, Richard Leaders, or the consulting Race Director, Fields Gunsett, using the information available on the SYC web site.