

SYC Wednesday Night Series

May 1st – Sept 25th, 2024
Saylorville Yacht Club, Polk City, IA (USA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- a. These Wednesday night series shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS)* and by SYC Racing Rules 2021.

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI's)

- a. Changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the SYC web site prior to each day of racing.
- b. The Race Committee (RC) may alter sailing instructions on the water by making an announcement to competitors approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning signal using VHF Channel 72 and by hailing affected boats, hailed boats shall acknowledge that they received the hail.

3. Communications with Competitors

- a. [DP] All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of communicating on the channels 16 and 72.
- b. The official notice board will be the pertinent page on the Saylorville Yacht Club's website (saylorvilleyachtclub.org).
- c. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- d. The race committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel for each circle. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors. The failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- e. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

4. Code of Conduct

- a. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- b. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- a. All signals made ashore will be made using the VHF channel 72 on the docks of the Saylorville Marina.
- b. When flag AP is announced on the designated VHF channel as being displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes". This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule of Races

- a. A Wednesday night race will be on the specified Wednesday nights shown in the table below.

Wednesday Night Racing

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-June	1825	2045	7-Aug	1825	2032	18-Sep	1725	1917
No racing on June 12; July 3 & 10; August 7								
* Sunset - not, last light								

7. Class Flags

- a. No flags will be presented as indicated in RRS 26. Sound signals will be used in place of visual signals in accordance with RRS 26.
 - i. Oral hails indicating the warning, preparatory signal presented, and preparatory signal removed, and removal of the warning signal will be made by the designated Principal Race Officer for the day's racing. All hails will be made using VHF channel 72. This changes RRS 26.

8. Racing Area

- a. Appendix A provides a map and explanation as to where the 2024 SYC Wednesday Night Series races will be held.

9. Courses

- a. Racing will start in the proximity of the channel marker for the Marina.
- b. Races will be sailed toward the Bridge or the Dam at the discretion of the principal race officer. Courses will be announced approximately 15 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- c. Races may be started in either the windward or leeward direction, at the discretion of the principal race officer.

10. Marks

- a. Marks will be fixed marks, yellow or orange inflatable buoys.

11. The Start

- a. Races will be started using RRS 26 as modified below,
 - i. There will not be any visual signals,
 - ii. Visual signals will be replaced with a verbal announcement made on VHS channel 72 as to what signal will be made and the time it will be made. This modifies RRS 26.
 - iii. If an "I", "Z", "U", "Black" flag or combination of these flags is to be used instead of the "P" flag, it will be announced prior to the warning announcement.
- b. The starting line will be between the buoys that are set outside of the "outer channel marker".

- i. If a signal vessel is anchored, the starting line will be the line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard side and the course side of the port-side of the starting mark.
- c. Competitors are reminded that SYC Wednesday Night Races may not use a signal vessel, a boat is expected to take the appropriate penalty if they are on the course side of the start line at the starting signal.
- d. There may be 2 rolling starts. Under 180 PHRF, 180 and over 180 PHRF. Over 180 PHRF will start with the warning times stated in SI 6.a. Under 180 and 180 PHRF warning will be the start of the over 180 PHRF boats.

12. Finish

- a. The finish line will be the start line. The last boat finishing will then pick up the start line buoys and return them to the club's dock box.
- b. All boats are required to record their own times whether there is a starting signal boat or not and forward them to the racing director by 6 pm the following day.

13. Shortening or Abandoning Before or After the Start

- a. Prior to or after the start of a race, the race committee may shorten or abandon a race by making a hail on the radio using the designated VHF channel. This changes Rule 32.1.

14. Time Limits

- a. Time limits will be at sunset as stated in SI 6.a.

15. Protests

- a. Protest forms are available from the SYC dock box. Protests shall be delivered to the SYC Race Director, his representative or the event Principal Race Officer before 0800 hrs the day following the event.
- b. Protests may also be filed by submitting a digital copy of the protest form or by sending the information required by RRS 61.2 to submitprotest@gmail.com, if protests are submitted digitally they shall be received prior to 0800 hrs the day following the event and it shall include a phone number at which the protestor may be contacted.
- c. A protest hearing will be held as soon as possible after receipt of the protest.
- d. This modifies RRS 61.2 and 61.3.

16. Scoring

- a. Each boat is responsible for recording their own finish time in **24-hour time** (XX:XX:XX). This time **shall** then be provided to the Race Director (Richard Leaders) at racing@saylorvilleyachtclub.org. or via text and **shall** be forward by 18:00 the following day.
- b. Appendix A5.3 shall apply to these series.
 - i. 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 exceed the number of boats registered for the series.
- c. One race for each series is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- d. Boats failing to finish prior to the designated sunset time will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
 - i. A boat scored TLE shall be scored a finishing place two more than the points for the last boat that finished prior to Sunset, not to exceed the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- e. Corrected times will be calculated using the Time-on-Time correction factor for the PHRF handicap system.

- i. The correction factors, A and B, used to calculate the correction factor, will be 650 and 550, respectively.
- ii. The decimal portion of the adjusted corrected time will be rounded off to the nearest whole second.
- iii. The handicap for a boat will be either their 2024 MW-PHRF DHCP handicap, or a handicap assigned to each boat by the Race Director.

17. Risk Statement

- a. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 shall be notified of the safety concern.

18. Weather Restrictions

- a. Racing will not be held on a day which the National Weather Forecast predicts a heat index greater than 100 degrees F or sustained wind velocity of greater than 20 mph. Current National Weather Forecast information can be found at – <http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Polk+City&state=IA&site=DMX&textField1=41.7731&textField2=-93.7165&e=1&FcstType=digital>
- b. **The Principal Race Officer should consider all weather and lake conditions that may be considered a safety issue prior to running a race.**

Appendix A

Mark designations for Wednesday night races.

Dependent on the wind direction, the Wednesday night courses will be to the Bridge (Mile Long Bridge) sailing north or to the south to Lake View launch area or Party Cove.



The designated bridge mark will be a virtual mark that is approximately 3 boat lengths from the 8th pylon, as counted from the west side of the lake, boats are to round this mark to Port and sail parallel to the bridge to the 7th pylon and then round a second virtual mark to port and return to the finish. The 8th pylon is easily identified by having a large array of solar panels attached to the south side of the bridge.

Approximate GPS coordinates for rounding waypoints for bridge pylons.

Bridge Pylon	~Latitude	~Longitude
8	41° 45.5167' N	93° 44.5333' W
7	41° 45.5000' N	93° 44.5833' W

Lake View has three no-wake marks, North, Center and South. The designated Lake View mark is the Center mark.

Party Cove has two marks, a North and South no-wake buoy. The designated Party Cove mark is the North mark.

All marks were measured for water depth and adequate depth is around all marks, but – use your best judgement when sailing the designated course, no penalties will be assessed if you believe the mark puts you, your boat and your crew in harm's way.