

# SYC Wednesday Night Series 2018

May 16<sup>th</sup> – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Saylorville Yacht Club

Polk City, Iowa (USA)

## Notice of Race

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the 2018 Saylorville Yacht Club (SYC) Racing Rules.
- 1.2. Item 8.1 deletes RRS 90.3.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Entrants shall hold a current Boat Owner membership in the SYC, register in the event, pay the SYC racing fee, and have proof of insurance. This series is open to all boats registered and measured for the event in accordance with the 2018 SYC Racing Rules and holding a 2018 SYC PHRF rating. This is a PHRF handicap event.
- 2.2. Entrants must complete the entry form for this series and pay the appropriate racing fees to be eligible to be scored for a race of the series. Registration must be received prior to 10:00 hours on the date of the event in order to be scored for the event.
- 2.3. Guests may compete in up to two races upon receiving an invitation to sail from a flag officer.

### 3. Schedule

- 3.1. A Wednesday night Race will be held every Wednesday from May 16 through to October 24, 2018. There will not be a race on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 3.2. One race each evening is planned.
- 3.3. A brief competitor's meeting will be held at 1745 hrs to determine the race course and insure that individuals find a boat to crew with.
- 3.4. Warning signal is scheduled for 1820 hrs for boats with a PHRF rating of greater than 200 or boats assigned to the "over 200 fleet" for races held in May – August.
- 3.5. Warning signal is scheduled for 1825 hrs for boats with a PHRF rating of less than or equal to 200 or boats assigned to the "under 200 fleet" for races held in May – August.
- 3.6. Warning signal and competitor's meeting for races beginning in September and continuing to the end of the series will be changed based on the expected time which sunset occurs, times will be sent to participants via email and posted on the Club's Facebook page.

### 4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the SYC web site <http://saylorvilleyachtclub.org/> prior to May 15, 2018.

### 5. Venue

- 5.1. The location for racing will be Saylorville Lake.

### 6. Courses

- 6.1. Courses start near the outer channel marker buoy. A starting line will be set and a fixed mark – or – a bridge pillar will be used as a windward or leeward mark. The course will be decided upon during the skippers meeting.
- 6.2. Courses will be announced using VHF radio communication (Channel 72).

### 7. Penalty System

- 7.1. Appendix V1 will apply.

### 8. Scoring

- 8.1. There are no scores kept for this series. This deletes RRS 90.3.

- 8.2. The boat finishing first across the line is encouraged to go to the American Legion Hall in Polk City and start cooking the brats for the other competitors.
- 8.3. The boats finishing at or near the end of the racers are asked to pick up the start/finish line, deflate the buoys and return them the Club's dock box.

**9. Radio Communications**

- 9.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 9.2. Information pertaining a race will be made by the assigned/designated Race Committee boat using VHF channel 72.

**10. Prizes**

- 10.1. There are no prizes, other than bragging rights, for this series.

**11. Insurance**

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

**12. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the SYC Buoy Race Series 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 regatta.

**13. Further Information**

- 13.1. Contact the SYC Race Director, Fields Gunsett, using the information available on the SYC web site.