

SYC Wednesday Night Series 2023

May 3rd – Sept 20th, 2023

Saylorville Yacht Club - Polk City, Iowa (USA)

Notice of Race

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, 2023.

3. Communications

- 3.1. Information pertaining to a race will be made by the assigned/designated Race Committee boat using VHF channel 72.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. 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
3-May	1825	2015	21-Jun	1825	2052	16-Aug	1755	2013
10-May	1825	2022	28-Jun	1825	2053	23-Aug	1755	2002
17-May	1825	2029	12-Jul	1825	2049	30-Aug	1725	1951
24-May	1825	2036	19-Jul	1825	2044	6-Sep	1725	1939
31-May	1825	2042	26-Jul	1825	2038	13-Sep	1725	1927
7-Jun	1825	2047	2-Aug	1825	2031	20-Sep	1725	1915
No racing on June 14, July 5 or August 9, 2023.								
* Sunset - not, last light								

- 6.2. A skippers meeting will be held at the 400 dock 30 minutes prior to the warning.

- 6.3. The 2023 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. Warning times race schedule 6.1 is based on the over 200 PHRF fleet. **Boats under 200 PHRF warning will start their 5 minute count down at the start of the over 200 PHRF fleet.**
- 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 fby 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.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. If a signal boat is not available for each race, each boat is responsible for taking their own finish times.
- 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 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. If a designated signal boat is on station to record finishes the finish times shall be sent to the Race Director (Richard Leaders) at racing@saylorvilleyachtclub.org,
- 10.5. If there is not a designated signal boat on station to record finish times, each boat is responsible for recording their own finish time. This time shall then be provided to the Race Director (Richard Leaders) at racing@saylorvilleyachtclub.org.
- 10.6. 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 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.

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