



Nantucket Community Sailing's

WEDNESDAY PHRF RACING SERIES

2019: June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug 7, Aug 21, and Aug 28

Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V (Alternative Penalties).

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 This series is open to any boat with a current and valid PHRF-NE rating.
- 2.2 Boats without auxiliary motors, including IODs and Alerions, are eligible to compete in the first race held each race day.
- 2.3 All competitors must be registered with Nantucket Community Sailing by no later than 1500 before the FIRST day they race. No need to register weekly thereafter. To register go to http://www.nantucketcommunitysailing.org/page/racing/wednesday_phrf
- 2.4 There will be one class, consisting of Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker boats. Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker must be declared upon registration, but may be changed in accordance with SI 11.2.
- 2.5 All skippers should be members of US Sailing.
- 2.6 There is no charge to compete in this series.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The race committee will use VHF channel 73 to communicate with competitors.
- 3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions or other notices to competitors will be read aloud over VHF at 1745 on race day and posted on www.nantucketcommunitysailing.org by 1500 on race day.
- 3.3 Postponement (flag-AP), shorten course (flag-S), general recall (1st Sub), and course change (flag-C) will be done over VHF without flags. This changes RRS 27.3, 29.2, 32.1, 32.2, and 33.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The warning signal for the first class will be at 1800 every Wednesday, June 26 through August 28, except for August 16 when racing will be suspended for Nantucket Race Week.
- 4.2 Two races are scheduled on the June and July dates, with one race on the August dates.

- 4.3 No race will be started after 1930.

5 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the NCS logo.

6 RACING AREAS

The racing area is on Nantucket Sound near the entrance to Nantucket Harbor.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be described verbally by the race committee over VHF prior to the warning signal for each race, and will generally be some version of windward-leeward (or leeward-windward) and/or triangle.
- 7.2 Marks will be inflatable marks or other marks as designated verbally by the race committee.
- 7.3 All marks are rounded to PORT unless designated otherwise.
- 7.4 Starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatables.

8 THE START AND FINISH

- 8.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on a staff on the signal boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark.
- 8.2 Prior to the warning signal, the bearing and distance to the first mark will be announced. The mark may not be placed until after the start.
- 8.3 The race committee will attempt to hail over VHF the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail and the order or omission of such hails shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of a nearby mark. The signal boat may set up on either side of the finishing mark.

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats still racing more

than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, a boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee promptly after finishing or retiring.
- 10.2 The time limit for filing a protest is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. This time will be announced over VHF.
- 10.2 Protest forms may be obtained from the race committee, and shall be turned in to the race committee at the awards location (see 13.1) by the end of protest time.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, including A9, modified such that boats who did not come to the starting area will not receive a score for that race.
- 11.2 Boats may declare Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker over VHF to the race committee no later than 1750. No declaration will default to the registered declaration. Boats may switch between Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker for the second race by hailing the race committee before the warning signal.
- 11.3 Because Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker race in the same class, the rating for boats sailing Non-Spinnaker will be increased by +12 over their "Cruising" rating per the recommendation of PHRF-NE.
- 11.4 A boat's series score will be the total of her best race scores in the number of races needed to qualify for the series, excluding its other scores. A boat must start at least 50% of the races to be eligible for series prizes. For example, if 15 races are sailed, a boat would need to start at least 8 to qualify, and count its best 8.
- 11.5 One completed race constitutes a series.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 The race committee requests that every boat check in with the race committee before the first warning signal of the first race either by sailing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number, and receiving confirmation from the race committee, OR by hailing the race committee boat over VHF and receiving confirmation from the race committee.
- 12.2 It is the responsibility of skippers and crews in all classes to wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets whenever conditions warrant.

12.3 A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee over VHF as soon as possible.

12.4 It is highly recommended that boats be equipped with operable running lights, a lantern, and GPS.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be given to the first, second and third place winners immediately after racing each day at about 2030-2100. Prizes will be awarded most weeks at the Burgee Bar at the NYC. Alternative locations will be announced for some race dates.
- 13.2 Series prizes for the top five overall will be awarded at a date and time to be announced.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizer, Nantucket Community Sailing, Race Committee, Protest Committee, volunteers, employees or any other organization or official providing services at the request of any of the foregoing in connection with the events will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any person sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, crew, and support persons) agrees to release the race organizer and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate third party liability insurance.

16 CLEAN REGATTA

Nantucket Community Sailing is committed to maintaining Nantucket's clean waters and shores. As such, NCS sponsors Nantucket Race Week which is registered in the Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. All competitors are asked to observe the goals and requirements of Clean Regattas.