



2011 Wednesday Night Races

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. DATES AND TIME

The starting sequence will begin at 17:55, signals at 17:56, 17:59, and the starting signal at 18:00.

The Wednesday night races will be divided into three series:

Spring series March 16 - May 25 (11 Races)

Summer series June 1- August 31 (14 Races)

Fall series September 7 through November 2 (9 Races)

Races may be canceled or delayed for inclement weather or at the discretion of the Wednesday Night Race Committee for up to ½ hour with the starting signal to occur no later than 18:30.

2. RULES

Races will be governed by the current USSA Racing Rules of Sailing except as amended by these sailing instructions. Any changes to these rules by USSA will immediately take affect.

A boat that has run aground may use its engine to get free provided that while doing so it propels itself no faster than any nearby boat and for no longer than fairly required.

Spinnakers are allowed. Non spinnaker sailing for a spinnaker boat - handicap increased by 3% (factor of 0.97). It is the racers responsibility to make sure the race committee is aware of this before the race begins.

Protests will be tolerated but be aware that there is no protest committee, no official capacity to make formal decisions, and judgments will be made in the bar by an ad-hoc committee of peers.

3. RATINGS

BWYC Wednesday Night Ratings (WNRs) are based on a modified Portsmouth rating system computed from the 2009 sailing season by assigning each yacht a time correction based on its 50% best performance (i.e. ½ best races). All new boats entering the series will be assigned their WNR based on PHRF and Portsmouth rating conversions for similar boats from the 2009 season. WNRs will be recomputed at the end of each series and adjusted for each upcoming series.

Those participating in the Wednesday Night Series are advised that the WNRs cannot be used in BWYC invitational regattas and hold no validity outside the BWYC Wednesday night series.

4. ENTRIES

A yacht is considered to be entered if she is within the starting area at the start of the race or crew buys Wednesday Night Series race committee drinks prior to race.

5. COURSES

Course instructions will be posted by the race committee at the end of the pier just prior to the start.

Mark Information:

YC 2	Yacht Club "2" (The post bearing easterly from the end of the Yacht Club Pier) Red blinking light 5 second	N 30 19.632 W 89 19.427
JR 1	Jourdan River "1" (Multipost structure, first north of the Highway 90 bridge) Green blinking light 1 second	N 30 19.910 W 89 18.302
JR 3	Jourdan River Green "3" (Unlighted day mark bearing almost due north from YC 2)	N 30 20.678 W 89 19.511
JR 5	Jourdan River Green "5" (Lighted day mark bearing 341 from YC 2)	N 30 20.923 W 89 19.943
WR 3	Wolf River Lighted Green "3" (Multipost structure north of WR A)	N 30 20.572 W 89 17.868

6. Green placards are square
Red placards are triangular (point up)
Green over Red placards are square

Courses and Distances:

YC 2	JR 1	074 / 254	1.01
	JR 3	356 / 176	1.05
	JR 5	341 / 161	1.37
	WR 3	055 / 235	1.64
JR 1	JR 3	306 / 126	1.3
	JR 5	305 / 125	1.74
	WR 3	029 / 109	0.76
JR 3	JR 5	303 / 123	0.45
	WR 3	094 / 274	1.42
JR 5	WR 3	101 / 281	1.83

Courses (magnetic), distances (nautical miles), and latitude / longitude were all determined by GPS during 2002. Distances and headings should be used with caution and corrections are welcome.

7. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

Races will begin between YC2 and the Club pier on heading towards the first mark. On eastward heading to JR1, boats will start in a southerly direction, courses going northwards to JR3 or JR5 will start in a northerly direction.

The finish line will be between YC2 with boats approaching and crossing the finish line from the direction of the last mark.

8. TIME LIMITS

If the first yacht fails to reach the first mark within one hour the race will be canceled. Yachts failing to finish the entire course within 2 hrs will be awarded a DNF. Boats finishing late, between 1 ½ hrs and 2 hrs should record their own finish time and report it to the race committee.

9. SCORING

Corrected times will be calculated using the Time-on-Time Formula where Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x Factor.

Season scoring will be the modified Cox-Sprague Scoring System assuming a minimum of 6 boats. There will be no minimum number of races to be sailed by a yacht to be the overall season winner. Each yacht will be allowed two dropped races in each series. See Modified Cox-Sprague scoring sheet for point computation. The total score achieved by the skipper for each race will be totaled and then divided by the total number of races minus two. The skipper with the highest score will be the overall winner of the series.