

AYC ALL or ONE SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE 2023

1) ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & KEY DATES

- A) The Anchorage Yacht Club (AYC) is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the AYC ALL or ONE Series.
- B) Race Schedule:
 - (1) The All or One race series is four races and begins Saturday June 3rd, Saturday July 1st, Saturday August 5th, and Saturday September 2nd.
 - (2) Should any of the four races be canceled, then a makeup race shall be scheduled for either Saturday September 9th or Saturday October 7th. Should two or more of the four races be canceled, then both dates shall be used for makeup races.
 - (3) Starting Times:
Starts will be in the reverse Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) or pursuit start format. Start times will be given at the skippers meeting. Meetings are scheduled at 9:00 am the beginning of the race event at the Waukegan Port Authority patio (harbor house) in Waukegan harbor.
- C) Courses will be east of Waukegan Harbor & Marina in the open waters of Lake Michigan, and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

2) RULES

- A) All races will be governed by the 2021-2024 World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS).
- B) The rules of the Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) will apply except as altered by the following. A current MWPHRF certificate is recommended for all yachts, and can be obtained by going online to www.mwphrf.org. MWPHRF handicaps are time on distance handicaps applied to determine winners of races. Yachts not having a current certificate will be assigned an average "book" rating less a six second penalty. There will be no retroactive favorable adjustment of this rating for races completed prior to submittal of a valid MWPHRF certificate. Anchorage Yacht Club may from time to time apply certain modifications to MWPHRF, as determined by the Race Committee.
- C) All Coast Guard safety requirements must be met by each yacht. For yachts with three or more crew members, AYC recommends that a PFD be worn by each crew member.
- D) Each yacht must carry a VHF marine radio telephone with at least channels 6, 16, 22, 69 and WX. Channel 69 will be used for required reporting between competitors. All solo racers' radios must be accessible to racers while at the helm. This can either be an adaptation of the permanent radio or a second radio such as a hand-held.
- E) Additional safety requirements for Solo and Double sailors:
 - (1) Each yacht must have a system for self-steering the yacht on a compass course or by apparent wind only, to exceed the capabilities of lashing or locking a wheel or tiller.
 - (2) Each crew member must wear a PFD when the yacht is away from the dock.
 - (3) Each yacht must have a system such as jack lines, running from near the cockpit to the foredeck, so that the crew can move from the cockpit to the forestay without disconnecting the safety harness.

- (4) On double-handed yachts, each crewmember must have a safety harness properly fitted and worn at all times when not below decks. Any time a crewmember leaves the cockpit, they must be connected to the jack line. Solo racers must be hooked to the jack line at all times while above deck.
- (5) Each yacht must have a system for re-boarding in place at all times. This may include looped lines or a ladder.

3) ADVERTISING

- A) Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Application. Advertising deemed by the Organizing Authority not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulations may be rejected.
- B) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4) ELIGIBILITY

- A) The Owner and/or Skipper in charge shall be a member of his or her national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing. To join call 1-800-877-2451 or go online to www.ussailing.org.
- B) Yacht owners/skipper are not required to be members of Anchorage Yacht Club to race. Registrations must be complete and entry fee(s) paid before yachts are eligible to participate. Payment of the entry fee is required before a boat will be scored in a race. Other boats may race at special invitation by the race committee chairman.
- C) The OA shall have full authority to determine the suitability of any boat for entry into any Division, and may divide any Division into sections at its discretion. All decisions by the Anchorage Race Committee shall be final.
- D) Insurance: Each boat shall have a minimum of \$500,000 Boat Liability Insurance that is valid from before the start of the Practice race until day after the last race in the series.
- E) Correct sail numbers must be displayed on the mainsail, spinnakers, and all headsails larger than a working jib.
- F) Each yacht should carry enough fuel, water, and food to be self-sufficient for the duration of the course, as if cruising.
- G) Boats shall be of a seaworthy offshore-type construction.
- H) Racing will be offered in the following divisions:
 - (1) Spinnaker with a crew, double, or solo sections.
 - (2) JAM with a crew, double, or solo sections.

5) ENTRY

- A) Sailing yachts may be entered by completing the registration, submitting the required documents, and paying the series-racing entry fee. Entry fees can be found on the AYC website. All AYC members are required to register and pay the racing fee which can be found at the AYC website (www.anchorageyachtclub.org).
- B) Entry Fees:
 - (1) \$45 for all four races,
 - (2) \$15 for one race ala-carte fee.
- C) All series entries are due by Wednesday May 31, 2023.

6) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- A) Sailing Instructions will be available online on or before Wednesday May 31, 2023.
- B) Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted online. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board on the AYC website for any amendments or other notices.

7) NOTICES AND CHANGES

- A) Notices to competitors (if any) will be posted on the AYC website (www.anchorageyachtclub.org) and/or announced on VHF channel 69 prior to the start of that evening’s race.
- B) Any change in the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race will be posted on the AYC website at least 24 hours before the day that they will take effect.

8) COMMUNICATIONS WHILE RACING

- A) RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, RRS 41(c) is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable.
- B) No boat shall operate or control a remotely controlled aircraft (‘drone’) or other remotely controlled vehicle while racing.

9) SCORING

- A) The low point scoring system will be used. 1 point for first, 2 points for second, 3 points for third, etc.
- B) RSS A5.3 shall apply with the following change that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- C) In the event of Disqualification (DSQ) from a given race, throwing that race out will be allowed or disallowed in accordance with RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5. A yacht that realizes that she has infringed a rule shall either retire promptly or accept an alternate penalty when so prescribed in the sailing instructions. A DSQ can’t be thrown out if it was the result of a collision which caused damage.
- D) One race will constitute a series.

10) PRIZES

- A) Overall Division Prizes will be awarded in each Division.
- B) Section Prizes will be awarded to boats within a Division having more than one Section.
- C) Prizes for Division and Sections will be awarded to boats per the table below:

Number of Starters	Prizes Awarded
2 or less	1 st
3	1 st -2 nd
4-14	1 st -3 rd
15+	1 st -4 th

- D) Awards Dinner on Saturday October 21 or Saturday November 4th.

11) RISK AND LIABILITY

- A) The Anchorage Yacht Club, their officers, directors, members, sponsors, agents, the Race Committee, Protest Committee and any other Committee of the Club shall not be liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property which may occur during or arise out of or in connection with any race.
- B) Based on any public health consideration, competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Illinois, Waukegan Harbor & Marina, City of Waukegan, and the Anchorage Yacht Club's policies regarding coronavirus, COVID-19, that are in effect at the time of the event.
- E) Notice is hereby given to all participants including spectators, officials and others that they participate in this event solely at their own risk.

12) PRIVACY POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RIGHTS

As a condition to participating in the AYC Thursday Night Race for Fun Series, competitors shall agree to accept operational communications (voice, email, text, or other) from the Race Committee. Competitors shall agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the Anchorage Yacht Club and their agents, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage. Competitors further agree to photography, which may be posted on the AYC website. Such photography shall not be used for commercial purposes.