

AYC Thursday Night Race for Fun

NOTICE OF RACE 2023

1) ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & KEY DATES

- A) The Anchorage Yacht Club (AYC) is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the AYC Thursday Night Race for Fun Series.
- B) Race Schedule:
 - (1) Series begins: Thursday May 25, 2023 and continues throughout the season on Thursday Evenings through Thursday September 14, 2023.
 - (2) The first warning scheduled for 1840 for Thursday Evenings in May through August.
Note: The first warning scheduled for 1810 for Thursday night races in September (September 7th and September 14th).
- C) Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle, or a variation of those, and will be sailed east-southeast of Waukegan Harbor & Marina in the open waters of Lake Michigan.

2) RULES

- A) All races shall 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.
 - (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) 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.
 - (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/skippers 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. Entries that cannot be divided into sections of at least four yachts may be excluded and their entry fee will be refunded. 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) Boats shall be of a seaworthy offshore-type construction.
- G) Any skipper that did not race in the 2022 AYC Thursday Night Races Series shall qualify as a New Racer.
- H) Racing will be offered in one of two Divisions:
 - (1) Spinnaker.
 - (2) Jib/Main (JAM).

5) ENTRY

- A) Sailing yachts may enter by completing the registration, submitting the required documents, and paying the series-racing entry fee on the AYC website (www.anchorageyachtclub.org).
- B) Entry Fees:
 - (1) \$65 for Anchorage Yacht Club and U.S. Sailing member: “Early Bird” Entry Fee if paid on or before May 1, 2023.
 - (2) \$75 for Anchorage Yacht Club and U.S. Sailing member, after May 1, 2023,
 - (3) \$80 for non-member and U.S. Sailing member: “Early Bird” Entry Fee if paid on or before May 1, 2023.
 - (4) \$90 for non-member, after May 1, 2023,
 - (5) All series entries are due by Monday May 22, 2023, or a late fee of \$15 may be added to the entry fee.
 - (6) \$15 for one race ala-carte fee.
 - (7) New racer program:
 - (a) Pay the ala-carte fee and race.
 - (b) If the new racer pays for five ala-carte fees or decides that they want to enter for the series, then the ala-carte fees shall be credited against the cost of the

series entry fee and their results from the ala-carte races shall be used in the series results.

- (c) The maximum fee that the new racer shall pay shall be:
 - (i) \$75 if they are an Anchorage Yacht Club and U.S. Sailing member,
 - (ii) \$90 if they are a non-member.

C) Each skipper must serve once as race committee during the season. The skipper must be present on the committee boat and the skipper's boat must not participate in that race. Failure to serve will result in a DSQ of your best race of the season and that DSQ will be counted as one of your races for the season total.

6) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- A) Sailing Instructions will be available online on or before Monday May 22, 2023.
- B) Starting times will be published separately along with the scratch sheet on or before Wednesday May 24, 2023.
- C) 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, Starting Times, 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. The number of races scored in the series is as follows:

Races completed in series	Races scored for each boat
17	9
15 - 16	8
13 - 14	7
11 - 12	6
9 - 10	5
7 - 8	4
5 - 6	3
3 - 4	2
1 - 2	1

- B) One race will constitute a series.
- C) RRS A5.3 shall apply.

- D) 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.

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 Entries	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.
C) 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.