

Notice of Race

Norwalk Yacht Club Winter Sailing Program 2017-18



1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* For 2017-2020 (RRS), and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as they are changed by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The regatta is designated Category A as described in Appendix J of the Rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The program is available to members of the Norwalk Yacht Club and their guests.
- 2.2 Eligible skippers may enter by delivering both a completed Entry Form and a check for any applicable fees to the Organizing Authority. Club members may wish to have their Club accounts billed the applicable fees instead of submitting checks.

3. Fees

- 3.1 The entry fees shall be \$275 for NYC members and \$335 for non-member guests. Please make all checks payable to Norwalk Yacht Club, with "Frostbite" in the memo section.
- 3.2 A limited number of charter boats are available to first- and second-year sailors for \$475. After one year of sailing, a member is no longer eligible to charter a boat from Norwalk Yacht Club's fleet.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1 Races shall be held at the Norwalk Yacht Club on each Sunday commencing the first Sunday in November and ending on the final Sunday of March, as detailed in the schedule below.
- 4.2 The season shall be scored in two series: Fall and Spring. An Overall Series (combined Fall and Spring) and Rookie Series may also be scored.

Fall	5-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	3-Dec
	10-Dec	17-Dec	31-Dec	7-Jan	14-Jan
Spring	21-Jan	28-Jan	4-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb
	25-Feb	4-Mar	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar
- 4.3 The first signal for racing shall sound at 1300. No signal to start shall be sounded by the Race Committee after 1500. These times may be modified at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Organizing Authority.

- 4.4 If a postponement is made ashore by the Race Committee or the Organizing Authority, and such postponement is not lifted before 1345, then racing is canceled for that day. There will be no make-up days.

5. Measurements

- 5.1 The races will be held in 9' Dyer Dhow dinghies.
- 5.2 Sails must approximate the "standard" 9' Dyer Dhow sail: no headboard, full-length battens or exceptionally large sails. Sail measurements are approximately 12' 6" luff, 13' 3" leech, 7' 3" foot, 5" max foot skirt, 4' 6.5" mid-girth (by folding to mid-points). Sail measurements are available from the Norwalk Yacht Club Winter Sailing Committee, the Organizing Authority.
- 5.3 Competitors shall race at a minimum of 180 pounds. A maximum of 40-pounds of ballast shall be supplied by the skipper. A gallon of water shall be considered 10 lbs.
- 5.4 All boats shall have a bailer of sufficient size permanently attached to the boat.

6. Sailing Instructions

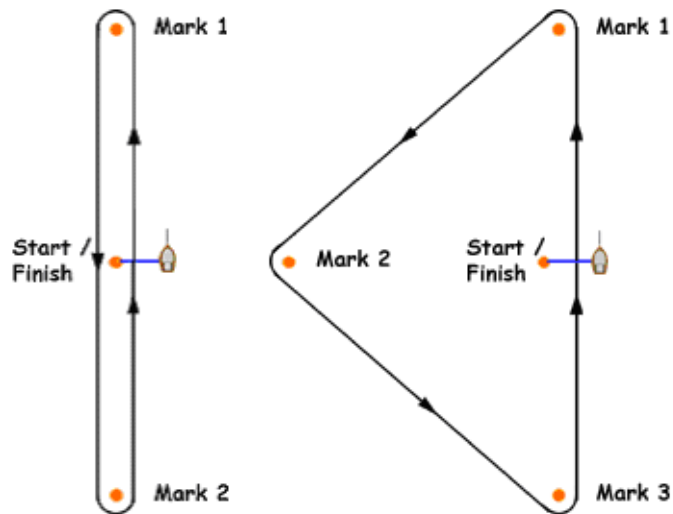
- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions are available via PDF file on Norwalk Yacht Club's website at www.norwalkyachtclub.com => Boating => Frostbite Sailing.
- 6.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board of Norwalk Yacht Club.

7. Venue

- 7.1 Races will be held in the vicinity of Norwalk Yacht Club in Wilson Cove.
Norwalk Yacht Club
10 Nathan Hale Drive
Norwalk, CT 06854
203-866-0941

8. The Courses

- 8.1 The course will be windward-leeward-finish as approximated in the following diagram, with the start-finish between the windward and leeward marks. All marks will be left to port.
- 8.2 The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee may add a gybe mark as in the diagram below.
- 8.3 Competitors may re-cross the start/finish line while racing.
- 8.4 The finish will be the same as the starting line.



9. Penalty System

- 9.1 Rules 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) and 44.2 (One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties) are modified so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn including one tack and one gybe.
- 9.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under Rules 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) and 44.2 (One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties) shall notify the race committee as soon as is practical.
- 9.3 As provided in Appendix P (Special Procedures For Rule 42), the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken Rule 42 (Propulsion).

10. Scoring

- 10.1 At least four yachts on the line shall be required for a race to count in the season and series scoring.
- 10.2 Scoring shall use the High-Point Percentage Scoring System as described in Appendix A of the US Sailing edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing:
<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/race-officials/materials-for-race-officials/racing-rules-of-sailing-and-race-management/>
- 10.3 The High-Point Percentage Scoring System will be modified such that for any given race, a participant's score will be based on the total number of entrants in the series, not the total number of entrants in the race.
- 10.4 To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete in (i.e., finish in a completed race) at least 55 percent of the races completed.
- 10.5 Competitors who serve as race management personnel under the schedule published by the Organizing Authority shall have those races count as races sailed and be awarded the average percentage for the series in question for those races. Competitors are required to serve one day as race committee and will get race credit for one day only. On occasion, a competitor may be required to perform race management duties instead of sailing. In this situation, they shall be eligible for race credit for the races that they missed.
- 10.6 If a competitor races at an outside Dyer Dhow event on the same weekend that races for this series are completed, the competitor has the option to decline sailing in the Norwalk Yacht Club series and be awarded his or her average score for the series (Fall, Winter, or Overall) for each race sailed in this series during that weekend. Proof of

competition in the outside event is required if this option is exercised, and must be submitted to the Winter Sailing Program chairperson(s).

10.7 There will be no discard races.

11 Prizes

13.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in the Fall Series and the Spring Series. An Overall Series (combined Fall and Spring) and Rookie Series may also be scored.

13.2 A First Place trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Bob Simard Tavern Island Race.

13.3 The Jack Ritchey Judges Trophy is awarded to the sailor who displays knowledge of, uses, and teaches the Racing Rules of Sailing.

13.4 The Frostbite Volunteer Award is presented to the sailor who, in the mind of the Organizing Authority, donates the most time and talent to the Program. The recipient need not be a member of the Program.

13.5 The Penguin Award will be awarded at the Organizing Authority's discretion based on the greatest number of capsizes of the season or, if a clear winner is not determined, to the sailor who has demonstrated the greatest skill and aptitude at capsizing.

12. Race Committee Duty

12.1 Each skipper is required to serve as Race Committee for one weekend of the season. Registration is not complete until they have signed up for race committee duty.

12.2 A skipper will be awarded race credit for only one day of race committee duty. On occasion, for safety reasons a competitor may be required to perform race management duties instead of sailing. In this situation, they shall be eligible for race credit for the races that they missed.

12.3 Only one skipper will receive credit for race committee duty per day of racing, unless additional skippers are required to perform race management duty.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. Further Information

14.1 For further information please visit www.norwalkyachtclub.com => Boating => Frostbite Sailing, email at frostbite AT norwalkyachtclub DOT com, or call Norwalk Yacht Club at 203-866-0941.

Provisional Dates

10/22/17 Kickoff Party 3-5pm

11/05/17 Novice Rigging Clinic 11:45 am on the dock, head out to the course early with mentors

12/03/17 Tuning & Speed Tips: Be rigged and ready at 12:15pm on the dock.

12/24/17 No Sailing

12/31/17 New Year's Eve Regatta, scoring counts towards series, day prizes

02/10/18 Larry Goodwin Trophy Regatta: Saturday open regatta

03/04/18 Bob Simard Tavern Island Race 1st attempt - HT @ 12:55pm

03/11/18 Bob Simard Tavern Island Race 2nd attempt - HT @ 2:06 pm

03/18/18 Bob Simard Tavern Island Race 3rd attempt - HT @ 12:48 pm

04/01/18 Provisional Noroton YC Dyer Dhow Frostbite Invitational

04/29/18 Provisional Closing Party & Awards: 3-5pm