

Allegations of breach of rules, good manners or sportsmanship:

Sometimes we need to be reminded what Wednesday Night Racing is all about. We wish to keep the honor and integrity and most of all appreciation of all sportsmanship at a high level. Please see USSA Racing rules (69.1) for advice on conduct. The Race Committee Chair has the HYC Board's support of the following; it is the RC Chair's decision that a crew or skippers arguing race results to any degree will receive a warning; and prolonged or chronic arguing will result in being excluded from the next race or race series at the discretion of the RC Chair. Proper race management by the committee and adherence to the rules by participants are equally important to maintain the relaxed and fun atmosphere of Wednesday night races.

Scoring and Handicapping:

PHRF Class: You do not need a PHRF certificate to race. We will use the PHRF number for your boat in the New England region. If your actual PHRF certificate is different from the book number, the actual certificate number will be used. Boats without certificated ratings or book ratings will be assigned provisional ratings by the Scorer, which are subject to change during the season. In order to more equitably handicap those boats that race without spinnakers, and to promote family participation, we will increase (improve) their "racing" handicap number by 12 seconds per mile. If you decide to race under this "cruising" handicap and will not use a spinnaker, you must notify the committee of that fact before the race, at the starting line. Those who do not notify the committee boat before the race will be presumed to have raced with and used their spinnakers during the race, and "racing" handicap numbers will be used in scoring.

Sonar Class on Thursday nights: The Sonar class will race as a one-design class with no "racing" or "cruising" handicaps.

If your boat is new to the scene, please identify your boat name and boat type to the race committee before the start of each race.

A race will be held for each class even if there are only two boats on the line. If there are less than 2 boats on the line for a class, there will be no race that day.

Scoring: We will use Low Point Scoring for both classes: 1 point for 1st place; 2 points for 2nd; 3 points for 3rd; etc. PMS, DSQ, DNF = 1 point more than the number of boats in a class for that race. DNS = 1 point more than the greatest number of boats in the class for the series. (This means that DNS points assigned early in the series may change as more boats join the series during the season.) Lowest score at the end of the series wins.

The on water race committee may elect to run 2 or more shorter races on any Wednesday or Thursday if the conditions are favorable. If this happens, those races will be scored individually as described above. And then the lowest combined score will place first and receive 1 point for the night; 2nd lowest combined score will receive 2 points, etc. This may lead to some ties for the night, and they will be scored appropriately as if it was a tie in one race. (e.g. two boats tied for 2nd would each receive 2 points for the night, the next boat would receive 4 points).

