

Charlevoix Yacht Club

Spring, Summer and Fall

Wednesday Night Race Series

Notice of Races 2009

1.0 Notice of Races

- 1.1 Charlevoix Yacht Club will be conducting the **Wednesday Night Race Series** on the dates listed below. The races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2009 to 2012, as adopted by U.S. Sailing and the Sailing Instructions. Yachts competing in these races may be registered by Members of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, and Junior Members whose parents are Members
- 1.2 Races will be given for yachts equipped with standard U.S. Coast Guard approved safety equipment. A current Lake Michigan PHRF rating certificate will be accepted but is not required. Boats sailing without a current LM-PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating by the race committee based on owner supplied measurements and modifications.
- 1.3 There will be a skippers meeting at the Charlevoix Yacht Club on Wednesday April 29, at 7:00 P.M. Potluck at 6:00.

Practice races will be sailed on Wednesday, May 6.

The Warning Signal for the First practice races will be made at 18:00. The Preparatory Signal at 18:01 and the Starting Signal at 18:05. For these practice races all boats are to start at this time.

The course for the practice races will be a windward / leeward course consisting of 2 shortened legs, the windward mark will be held to port when rounding. Finish between the committee boat and the leeward mark (the original start mark). We will attempt to complete 2 – 3 practice races, depending on weather conditions. Signals will be repeated shortly after last boat finishes

- 1.4 The Spring Series will consist of six Wednesday night races with 1 "throw out", starting Wednesday, **May 13**, running through **June 17**.
- 1.5 The Summer Series will consist of eight Wednesday night races with 2 "throw outs", starting Wednesday, **July 1**, running through **August 19**
- 1.6 The Fall Series will consist of six Wednesday night races with 1 "throw out", starting Wednesday, **September 2**, running through **October 14**.
- 1.7 The registration fee for the Spring series is \$145.00, Summer \$240.00, and Fall \$145.00. A yacht may enter all three series for \$355.00. Discounted fees are available for U S Sailing Members. A signed Entry Form and fees are due the day of the first race to be sailed. A yacht will be scored DNC for any race in which it's entry fees have not been paid. Registration form can be downloaded from the CYC website. . www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org

- 1.8 Sailing instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting, then afterwards both on-line at the CYC website www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org and at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.
- 1.9 Notices to competitors will be posted on the front window of the Yacht Club building, 209 Ferry Avenue

2.0 Scoring

- 2.1 Finish places will be determined by the race committee using PHRF Time on Time correction factor. Using Formula $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$
- 2.2
 - a.) For series standings points will be awarded in accordance with "Low Point" scoring system of Appendix A of (RRS).
 - b.) A yacht must start a minimum of 3 races to be scored for a series.
- 2.3 Flags will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place boats in each fleet, in each series, based on total points for each series. If fewer than 4 boats register in a fleet, flags will be awarded for 1 position less than the number of boats registered

3.0 Lifelines

- 3.1 Lifelines are required on all yachts racing unless permission to sail without is granted to a yacht by the race committee prior to the start of a series. All J-22 and Sonar 23 boats are granted permission to sail in these races without lifelines.

4.0 Fleets

- 4.1 Yachts racing will be divided into fleets by the following classifications:
Jib and Main (JAM), Pearson 26, Spinnaker Fleets A, B, etc.
(Depending on the quantity of boats to register, Fleet splits may be subject to change before each series and will be posted at the Yacht Club.)

5.0 Courses

- 5.1 Courses to be raced will be around the buoys normally set for these races on the Northwest end of Lake Charlevoix. Courses will be shown on the course sheet contained in the Sailing Instructions.

6.0 Changes To *The Racing Rules Of Sailing*

- 6.1 Any changes to the RRS will be included in the Sailing Instructions.