

Wolfeboro Bay Sailing Series

Notice of Race

- Dates:** Sunday September 21, 2008 1:00 PM
Sunday September 28, 2008 1:00 PM
Saturday October 4, 2008 1:00 PM *****Note change of date*****
- Invitation:** All sailors of eligible boats are invited to compete in this series of three “Round the Islands” races this fall. This series is an effort to encourage fun competition among sailors on the eastern side of Lake Winnepesaukee. Sailors are encouraged to participate in any or all of the races.
- Eligibility:** The races are open to all sailboats over 17’.
- Rules:** These races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (US Sailing), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- Scoring:** The PHRF Handicapping System will be used. Low Point Scoring system (Appendix A2) will be used. For series scoring, all races count.
- Site:** The start and finish will be off of Clark Point in Wolfeboro Bay. Racing will be around islands as described in the Sailing Instructions and determined by the Race Committee.
- Entry:** - Competitors may enter by completing a registration form and checking in with the Race Committee prior to the start.
- The registration form may be submitted to the contact listed on the Notice of Race in advance or within 24 hours of the start of the race.
- Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded based on the number of boats that “qualify” for the series. To “qualify” a boat must sail at least half of the completed races.

<u>Number of Qualifiers</u>	<u>Prizes</u>
2	1
4	2
5	3

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Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race.
- This series is designated as an ISAF Category A (no advertising).

2. Entries

- Competitors may enter by completing a registration form and checking in with the Race Committee prior to the start.
- The registration form may be submitted in advance or within 24 hours of the start of the race to the contact listed on the Notice of Race.

3. Schedule of Races

First Preparatory Signal	1:00 PM
First Start	1:05 PM
Second Start	1:10 PM

4. Classes

Spinnaker
Non-Spinnaker

5. The Course

- The course will be displayed on course boards hung from the Race Committee boat.
- Parker Island (PI) and Ship Island (SI) will be listed as marks in the order that they are to be passed.
- All islands are to be left to port unless a symbol on the course board is circled, in which case it is to be left to starboard.
- All government navigational marks must be honored.
- Boats may not pass between Barndoor Island and Little Barndoor Island.

6. Starting and Finishing

- The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange mark and an orange flag on the Committee boat.
- The line will be set off Clark Point at the mouth of Wolfeboro Bay.
- Races will be started using Rule 26 (Five-minute starting sequence).
- Spinnaker boats will start first; their starting signal will serve as the preparatory signal for the Non-Spinnaker class.
- The Race Committee boat may give multiple sound signals approximately one minute prior to the warning signal for the first class. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

7. Time Limit

- If no boat finishes by 4:00 PM, the race will be abandoned.

8. Protests

- Rule 44.3 (20% Penalty) will apply. A boat accepts a penalty by flying a yellow flag until finishing and immediately notifying the Race Committee of their acceptance of the Alternative Penalty.
- If a boat does intend to protest, the Race Committee must be notified immediately after finishing. A US Sailing protest form (<http://www.ussailing.org/racemgt/documents/ussapf.pdf>) shall be submitted to the contact address (see Notice of Race) within 24 hours of the start of the race. Protests will be heard before the next race.

9. Safety

- Prior to racing, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hail her sail numbers until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Any boat failing to check in may be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
- A boat which withdraws after checking in shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is impossible immediately upon arriving ashore.
- Any boat involved in a collision that causes significant damage must report this by either protesting or completing an “Alternative Penalty Acceptance” form (<http://www.ussailing.org/judges/forms/AlternativePenaltyAcknowledgementTable.doc>). Failure to comply with this may result in a score of DNE “Disqualified Not Excludable” without a hearing.

10. Handicaps and Scoring

- PHRF New England base handicap ratings will apply unless the owner supplies a current certificate. If there is no posted rating or current certificate for the boat, the Race Committee will assign a rating.
- The low point scoring system will be used. All scores will count in the series.

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Registration

Boat Name: _____ Sail # _____

Boat Manufacturer/Size _____

Skipper Name: _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

e-mail address: _____

Local address: _____

Division: Spinnaker _____ Non-spinnaker _____

NE PHRF rating (if known) _____