

Monroe Boat Club Sailing Fleet 2018 Midweek Races

Notice of Race

RULES: Races will be governed by the current US Sailing Association Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS)

(http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules/rulebook/), and PHRF-LE Class Rules, except as modified by this Notice of Race or the 2018 Sailing Instructions. Each yacht must conform to the USCG requirements for their vessel and carry a working VHF radio.

ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY: The Midweek Race Series is open to all single-hulled, auxiliary sailboats. Each entry must possess a current PHRF-LE handicap rating certificate and proof of a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance. A copy of current certificate and insurance must accompany entry form and entry fee.

Exceptions: Boats not possessing a certificate but who wish to experience racing may compete in two races for a reduced fee of \$10.. They will be assigned a temporary PHRF rating by the MBC Sailing Fleet, however results scored for those boats will be "unofficial" and will not count toward season standings. The minimum\$100.000 liability insurance requirement still applies.

Eligible boats may register in advance by mail or online at http://www.noticeofrace.net/organizer.aspx?&ID=54. Paper registration forms are available at the MBC clubhouse. Open registration at MBC will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from 5:00-6:00 pm. A "shakedown" will take place immediately following. Entries will be accepted throughout the season provided the required paperwork is submitted to the Race Chair or Sail Fleet Captain PRIOR TO THE START OF THAT BOAT'S FIRST RACE.

A racing yacht must declare its racing division (PHRF or JAM) prior to the start of the first race of a series. NO DIVISION CHANGES WILL BE MADE DURING A SERIES. If a boat elects to start with a different division than its registration, it will not be scored for any race(s) sailed in that different division.

FEES: The entry fee is \$35.00.; (Or \$10 for two races for those boats mentioned above under "Exceptions").

SCHEDULE: REGISTRATION: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 5-6 pm and ONLINE

SHAKEDOWN: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7pm

RACING: Tuesday evenings, May 22, 2018 through September 4, 2018

SPRING SERIES: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10 (8 races) SUMMER SERIES: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, Sept 4 (8 races)

RUM SERIES: Sept 11, 18, 25 (3 races)

AWARDS BANQUET: Saturday, October 13, 2018

THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP RACES SCHEDULED IF A RACE IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Tuesday, May 8, 2018, and may be picked up at the MBC clubhouse.

VENUE: Races will be sailed in Lake Erie using the MBC/NCYC Racing Marks.

PENALTY SYSTEM: RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty) will be in effect.

SCORING: The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Results for a series will be calculated on the best 6 scores in each series. This changes RRS Appendix A-2.

All MBC members must perform Race Committee duty once per season. R/C is scored as 1st place in Class and Division Overall. Should additional R/C duties be warranted, it will be scored 1.5th place in Class and 1.5th place OA. There is no R/C score for canceled or abandoned races. R/C is responsible for its own replacement if unable to fulfill its obligation. **No exceptions!**

RADIO COMMUNICATION: A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile (cell) telephones.

PRIZES: Award flags will be awarded to the top three finishers of each class. Exception: only one flag per season is awarded in a class with only one boat. Overall Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division of two or more classes (PHRF/JAM).

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Midweek Race Chair John Davis 419-304-1211