



Windjammers Sailing Club

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Thursday Night Series - 2010

- Dates:** Starts Thursday, May 20th, 2010
Continues through September and ending with Harvest Moon Raft-up.
"Women at the Helm" dates are June 10th, July 8th & August 12th, see separate NOR/Sl's.
- Description:** The intent of this series is to provide casual racing that encourages newcomers and the less experienced to give racing, and even Race Committee, a try. Even though no handicaps are assigned, and no scores are kept, sportsmanship and the [US Sailing Racing Rules 2009-2012](#) are in effect. **Be Nice ... Have Fun!**
- Starting:** The starting sequence is per rule 26 of the ISAF Racing Rules 2005-2008. Details can be found at http://www.ussailing.org/racemgt/documents/RRS26_Start_Sys.pdf.
- Classes:** Class A is designated as boats 29' and less, Class B is designated as boats 30' and over. *Sport boats and lower PHRF rated type yachts are encouraged to participate in class B.*

| Time | Signal | Flag | Sound |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 6:30pm | Class A Warning | Class A flag | 1 sound |
| 6:31pm | Class A Preparatory | Class A flag and Prep flag | 1 sound |
| 6:34pm | Class A One-Minute | Class A Prep flag removed | 1 long sound |
| 6:35pm | Class A Start | Class A flag removed | 1 sound |
| | | | |
| 6:35pm | Class B Warning | Class B flag | 1 sound |
| 6:36pm | Class B Preparatory | Class B flag and Prep flag | 1 sound |
| 6:39pm | Class B One-Minute | Class B Prep flag removed | 1 long sound |
| 6:40pm | Class B Start | Class B flag removed | 1 sound |

Some variation in the above starting time and sequence may be made at the discretion of the Race Committee based on conditions at the time of the start. These conditions include time being given for the preceding class to vacate the starting area. Each yacht whose class is not starting is requested to stay clear of the starting area until their Class Warning signal.

On the Thursday evenings the *Woman at the Helm* (WAH) series race is run, the starting sequence for the WAH class will be the THIRD start, with an appropriate class flag. On evenings the *Grand Prix* class is run, this class will also be the THIRD start with an appropriate class flag. Please read the course board carefully.

If additional classes are to be started, they will follow the same sequence as above with an appropriate class flag displayed to differentiate between prior classes with their sequence commencing at a discretionary time period following the prior class starting signal.

- Eligibility:** Open to all sailboats 19' and over with lights and safety equipment as required by government regulations. PHRF rating certificates are not required.
- Safety:** It is the sole responsibility of each Yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue to race.

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- Rules:** No spinnakers, bloopers, or spinnaker substitutes may be used. The only exception to this rule is boats racing in the Grand Prix class, or a one design class which allows spinnakers, on evenings when there are separate Grand Prix and/or one design starts.
- Start & Finish:** Start will be on a line between the Windjammers Sailing Club burgee on the committee boat and a special mark (S). In the event of multiple times around the course, (S) pin end of the starting line may become a Mark of the course. A proper finish will be sounded by one blast of a horn. The finish line may be moved to any mark after the start.
- Course:** Marks of the course, as outlined below and sequence of rounding will be displayed by letters on the committee boat. A Number displayed with course letters indicates number of times around the course. All Marks are to be rounded on the same side as the starting mark (pin end on the line) except those marks of the course written within circles are to be rounded to the side opposite the starting pin side. Separate courses may be set for one-design boats.

Except when being rounded as a mark of the course the marks D, E and W must be passed to seaward.

| List of Marks: | |
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| Mark | Identification |
| D | Bell "16", SSW of Charles Island |
| E | Can "1", Charles Island |
| H | Bell "1", Housatonic River entrance |
| N | Red "4", Milford Harbor channel entrance |
| P | Nun "12", Pond Point |
| W | Nun "2", Welches Point |
| S | Starting Mark (special RC set mark) |
| I | Inflatable Mark (special RC set mark) |
| T | Approx 0.4 nm SSE of "W", ½ nm SSE of Welches Point (special pre-set mark approx between "P" and "D"). |
| 2 | (or another number) indicates the number of times the course indicated by the Mark letters is to be sailed. |

Mark layout is depicted on the back cover of the WSC Year Book.

This Race Circular may be available from www.windjammers.org or the Race Committee, ashore at WSC Notice Board @ Port Milford Marina, or at the start area prior to first warning.



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