# NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) Wednesday Night Offshore Series (WNOS):

***Organized by The Milwaukee Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI, USA***
**Wednesdays, June 3, 2026 through September 9, 2026**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

**The Milwaukee Yacht Club shall act as the Organizing Authority for the MYC Wednesday Night Offshore Series.**

**KEY DATES**

**Entry Deadline for the full WNOS: Friday May 29, 2026**
Late entries will be accepted, but must be completed entry prior to the boat's first race through the online registration linked on the MYC website. A boat will be scored only after a completed entry along with fee payment is received. For any race that occurs prior to a boat's accepted registration, that boat will be scored DNC. Registration will be through the on-line entry system linked to the MYC website.

**1. RULES**

1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of Mid-West PHRF (MWPHRF) shall apply, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 **ALL** vessels participating in the WNOS shall have at least one fixed or handheld VHF radio on board.

1.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows:
Rule 27.1 No later than the Preparatory Signal, the race committee may signal or designate the course to be sailed.
Rule 29.2 WNOS sections under General Recall will have their second start after all other sections have had one chance to start first.
Rule 40 All personnel, on deck, shall wear personal floatation while starting and finishing without exception, and at all other times, except when the Person-in-charge of the boat directs that it may be set aside.
Rule 63 shall be changed to allow the Protest Hearing to be held as an online or phone conference meeting.
Rule 75 To enter the WNOS, a boat shall comply with the requirements of the organizing authority of the race. The boat owner shall be a member of Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC), South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC), Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC), or US SAILING.

1.4 This official Notice of Race (NOR) will be available on The Milwaukee Yacht Club website, www.milwaukeeyc.com, and will also be available at the Milwaukee Yacht Club front desk.

1.5 If there is a conflict between a handicap rule of a Section, this NOR, the Sailing Instructions (SI) or any Amended Sailing Instructions, Rule 63.7 shall apply.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1 WNOS events are open to all Keel boats that meet the requirements described in this notice of race. Guest boats - that is, any boat not registered for the full or half season, may race in up to two (2) WNOS dates.

2.2 Boats shall register by completing the online registration at the MYC website – www.milwaukeeyc.com. Acceptance of a boat's entry shall be contingent upon the completion of the online entry form, receipt of a certificate of insurance, receipt of a current MWPHRF certificate if racing in any of the handicap sections. For assistance with registration, contact the MYC Office Manager, at 414.271.4455. Entry should be completed by Friday May 29, 2026. A MWPHRF boat which has not submitted a valid handicap certificate by June 1 may have their series scores voided. Boats competing in the MWPHRF JAM section will not be required to submit a MWPHRF certificate. If one is not available, a rating will be assigned to those who do not submit a current certificate.

2.3 Registration of a minimum of 4 boats shall be required for any One Design (OD), to qualify for a separate starting sequence of its own. Any One Design boat that registers for an OD fleet, and where that fleet fails to meet the minimum number of boats required for an individual start, will race in the equivalent MWPHRF/ handicap or JAM section.

2.4 Questions or issues relating to registration in the series, online registration or this NOR shall be directed to the fleet captain.

**3.0. FEES**

3.1 Required WNOS fees include:

**Full season fee of $350.00 which includes sales tax per boat**: if a member of MYC, MCSC, US Sailing or SSYC
**Half season fee of $175.00 which includes sales tax per boat:** if a member of MYC, MCSC, US Sailing or SSYC
**Single race fee of $50.00 which includes sales tax per** boat (Boats not registering for the season(s) shall be limited to participation in up to 2(two) races.)

Only those boats registered for the full spring and summer season will be eligible for season overall awards and prizes. Boats registered for half season will be eligible only for prizes in the season they participate in.

3.2 Fees are payable to "Milwaukee Yacht Club – WNOS" through the ClubSpot site at the time of registration, a MYC charge account or by check. MYC entrants will be charged through their club account if no prior arrangement is approved by the MYC Manager.

**4. SCHEDULE**

4.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first WNOS race is 1805 (6:05pm CDT). Start times may be subject to change by the Race Committee.

4.2 For all WNOS sections, one or more races are scheduled each Wednesday night from June 3, 2026 through September 9, 2026, as specified in the 2026 Race Schedule.

4.3 Races will NOT BE HELD on July 8 and July 15, 2026

4.4 The MWPHRF sections may have multiple divisions with multiple starting times depending on the number of registered participants.

**5. MEASUREMENT**

Each non - JAM PHRF boat shall have available proof of holding a valid measurement or rating certificate issued by MWPHRF. Boats entering the JAM section shall submit a valid MWPHRF certificate if they have one. For those JAM boats that do not have a valid MWPHRF certificate, the Race Committee Chair or the Fleet Captain shall assign a MWPHRF rating. One Design classes will not be measured but will be expected to adhere to their one design class rules.

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available approximately 2 weeks before the first race on the MYC website. They will also be distributed via email to all boats registered at the time of publication.

**7. VENUE**

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, East of the Milwaukee North Gap, with the gathering mark or starting pin approximately 1.6 nautical miles East, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

**8. COURSES**

The courses will *primarily* be windward-leeward, triangle, or triangle-windward-leeward as shown in diagrams attached to, and described in, the Sailing Instructions. RC reserves the right to change the available courses with proper notice.

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3 shall apply for all handicap fleets. The penalty shall be the score the boat would have received without the penalty made worse by one place. The one-turn and two-turn penalties are not in effect for handicap fleets. Rule 44.1(b) will apply to all boats.

**10. SCORING**

10.1 One race of a series is required to be completed to constitute the Season series.

10.2 Each boat shall be ranked by her corrected time in Section and, the Low-Point System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. Each one design section will use actual finishing order.

10.3 For the Series overall, one throw-out for every 9 counting races completed will be applied to a boat's series score. Her score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This score will only apply to the overall season score and not to the individual spring or summer series scores.

**11. PRIZES**

Awards will be presented at the MYC Annual Awards Banquet as follows:
Season Series and Season Overall:

- First, second and third in each section in which four boats or more are registered.
- First and second in each section in which fewer than four boats are registered.

**12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race in the series.

**13. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of $300,000. A Certificate of Insurance **MUST** be filed with The Milwaukee Yacht Club for a boat to participate in the WNOS prior to the first race that the boat participates in. Any boat that does not submit the certificate will not be scored.

**14. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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