

St. Michaels Wednesday Night Racing 2024

Notice of Race

1. Rules

The series shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Racing Rules shall be changed as follows:

35 / A4 / A5 - boats must start within 10 minutes of their start time or be scored DNS

35 / A4 / A5 - any boat not finished within 45 minutes of the first boat in her class shall be scored DNF

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

The series is open to all handicap boats and Mid-Eastern Shore (MES) Star Fleet members. Stars race as a one-design class and must be eligible to race in MES. Handicap boats will race using the North American Ratings system (NAR). If your boat has a current ORC or ORR-Ez certificate, use the rulebook for that certificate. If your boat does not have a current ORC or ORR-Ez certificate, we will provide you an NAR rating using a sistership or similar design.

The registration fee is \$60 for the season of racing. Entry must be received before the boat competes for a fourth time during the season. (You get three races free, so try racing with us!)

Eligible boats may register online at:

nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/656

3. Schedule

The competitor's meeting is scheduled for 1800 hrs. April 17, 2024, at the Miles River Yacht Club.

One race is scheduled each Wednesday from May 1, 2024, until October 2, 2024 (except holidays).

Holidays - There will be **no racing** on **July 3rd** and **September 4th**.

1st warning signal (Cruiser Class)

1755 hrs from May through August

1735 hrs in September and October

Special Events:

James H. Wilson Round the Island Race

August 7, 2024, 1735 hrs warning

Guest Skippers Race

August 14, 2024

Annual Awards Party

October 25 or 26, 2024 1800 hrs warning

Three Series - we will run three series so that people who cannot race May to October can still have fun. The three series will be:

- 6 races - May 1st to June 5th
- 7 races - June 12th to July 31st
- 7 races - August 7th to October 2nd

4. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions shall be available after 1800 hrs. on **April 17, 2024** on the official notice board.

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5. Race Area

The Race Area shall be the Miles River off the entrance to St. Michaels harbor.

6. Courses

Stars: The course shall be port-rounding windward/leeward laps around club drop marks. The number of laps shall be designated on the Race Committee's course boards.

Handicap: The course shall be designated on the Race Committee's course boards by mark designations.

7. Scoring

Time on Distance ratings for handicap boats include 2 courses (W/L & Random Leg) & 4 wind ranges (Very Light 4kts, Light 8 kts, Medium 12 kts, Heavy 20 kts). A preliminary rating will be announced prior to the first warning. This may change prior to the first handicap finish. A change will be posted on the signal boat and announced on VHF. Failure to send or receive the VHF announcement is not grounds for redress.

Class series shall be scored using the Low Point System of Appendix A with the following changes:

- Rule A5.3 shall apply.
- One race shall be excluded in each series from a boat's score for every 5 races completed.
- If a boat and crew acts as mark boat instead of racing, she shall be scored an average of all her races for the season. Boats may only act as mark boat twice in one season.
- Guest Skipper Night shall be excluded from season scores.

The "Highpoint" Trophy shall be awarded to the boat that wins the most competitive class. The "most competitive class" shall be defined as the class that has the smallest number of points between the 1st place competitor for the season and the 5th place competitor for the season.

8. Prizes

Prizes shall be awarded to the 1st place boat for three boats in a class, 1st and 2nd for four-six boats in a class, 3rd/9, 4th/12, etc. The "Highpoint" Trophy shall be awarded to the boat that wins the most competitive class as defined in "Scoring".

The Miles River Yacht Club will award nightly 1st place trophies to class winners.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Miles River Yacht Club Sail Committee.

9. Disclaimer of Liability

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

10. Further Information, please contact:

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