

2024 Milwaukee Bay **PURSUIT** Series

June 1 – September 7, 2024

South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee, WI

Notice of Races

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY and RULES

- a. South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC Sail Committee) a member of US Sailing has, subject to RRS 89.1 appointed the Milwaukee Bay Pursuit Series Fleet Captain to be the Organizing Authority ('OA') of the 2024 Milwaukee Bay Pursuit Series in order to conduct the races and related activities. The OA has the authority subject to RRS 76.1 to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the start of the series.
- b. This series will be governed by the rules as defined in:
 - i. The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS)
 - ii. The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Safety Equipment
- c. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available at the SSYC office and on line at: www.ssysc.org/fleets/sailing-fleets

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The official notice board is located on the bulletin board on the south facing wall of the SSYC derrick house and the official on-line notice board located at: www.ssysc.org/fleets/sailing-fleets
- b. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel 79.
- c. While racing from the boat's start until the end of her race, except in an emergency, a boat racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive any voice or data transmissions not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- a. The series is open to all sailboats with the following requirements:
 - i. Owner/Person in Charge (PIC) of the boat is a member of: South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee Yacht Club, MAST Racing Milwaukee, Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, U.S. Sailing or invited by the MB Pursuit Series Fleet Captain.
 - ii. Provide a certificate of insurance indicating a minimum of \$300,000 of liability coverage.
 - iii. Provide a copy of a valid 2024 MWPHRF certificate. If no certificate is available, submitting a request for a handicap to be assigned by the MB Pursuit Series Fleet Captain.
- b. To register and enter the Milwaukee Bay Pursuit Series, boats are directed to: <http://www.ssysc.org/all-fleets-registration>. Boats are required to complete the on-line registration form, sign the Release and Waiver of Liability, include a certificate of insurance, and pay the entry fee as described in "FEES".

5. FEES

- a. Series Registration
 - i. Series entry fee of \$30.00 paid to SSYC prior to May 15th, 2023.
 - ii. Series entry fee of \$40.00 paid to SSYC after May 15th, 2023.
 - iii. Fee and completed registration must be received by May 31, 2023 to be scored for the first race.
- b. Single Race Registration
 - i. Single race entry fee is \$15.00 paid to SSYC.
 - ii. Fee and completed registration must be received by the Wednesday prior to the race to be scored for that race.

6. SCHEDULE

- a. Races are scheduled to run June 1, July 13, August 10 and September 7, 2024.
- b. The first assigned start for each race will be 1300.
- c. Based on weather conditions, the course and race distance will be set to target a finish time of 1600.

7. VENUE

- a. The racing area will include the near shore waters of Lake Michigan within the vicinity of the Milwaukee Harbor.
- b. The race course may include a combination of South Shore Yacht Club fixed race marks, fixed navigation buoys, Milwaukee Harbor gaps and fixed race marks of other clubs.

8. SCORING

- a. Races will be scored using Time-on-Distance, with MWPHRF or Fleet Captain assigned handicap rating and the Low Point System RRS Appendix A4
- b. Series will be scored using the Series Scores RRS Appendix A2.
- c. One race is required to constitute a series.
- d. One score (worst score) will be excluded if a total of four races are completed.

9. PRIZES

- a. Rum to be awarded to each race winner at the SSYC Horseshoe on the day of the race.
- b. Series prizes to be awarded to boats placing 1st to 3rd for the season at the Annual Awards Banquet.
- c. Intrepid prize to be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet to the boat with the next lowest series score that has completed all four races.

10. RISK STATEMENT

- a. RRS3 Decision to Race states: '*The responsibility of a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*'
- b. By participating in any race of this series, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk or injury.
- c. INHERENT IN THE SPORT OF SAILING IS THE RISK OF PERMANENT, CATASTROPHIC INJURY OR DEATH BY DROWING, TRAUMA, OR OTHER CAUSES.

11. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information, please contact: Fleet Captain Mark Wolbrink at MBPursuitSeries@gmail.com.
- b. South Shore Yacht Club, 2300 E Nock Street, Milwaukee, WI 53207

