

2007 Race Season

Race Committee Members:

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Scoring	Brian Jones
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RC scheduling	Nancy VanDeMark
Rookie training	Tracy Ireland
Racer training	Tom Ruwitch

Schedule

There are some minor changes to the racing schedule for the 2007 so check them out on the web site. There will be just 2 weekends of racing for the spring, summer and fall series races. The start time for the Spring Series, Columbia Cup, and the first weekend of the Summer Series will be 12:30 on Saturday and 11:30 on Sunday. The start times for the second weekend of the Summer Series, Fall Series and McGann Cup will be 15:00 on both days. On the Saturday races no race will start after 18:00 which should allow time for the racers to finish and get up to the potluck dinner.

We are trying something different this year with the fleet splits. We will have a racer fleet and a cruiser fleet. You can race in which ever fleet you choose for the series. The difference between the fleets is the level of competition and the intensity that you want to race at. A boat in the racer fleet is required to have a current PHRF Certificate from S.A.I.L. but not in the cruiser fleet. The fleets are no longer split at a specific PHRF number. The cruiser fleet's PHRF numbers can be changed by the Race Committee to facilitate level racing. Cruiser fleet will have their own start if they have more than 2 or 3 boats show up, and will sail a shorter course. So no more excuses, let's get more boats out there on the race course.

Scoring

The following changes have been made to the scoring for this season:

Assigned finishing places

- TLE number of finishers +1
- DNS/DNC number of starters +2
- DNF number of starters +1
- OCS number of starters +1
- RC average of series score after throw outs

There will be 1 throw out if 6 – 8 races are sailed and 2 throw outs if 9 – 12 races are sailed. Time limits will remain the same as last season, 1.5 hours for every boat to finish and within 30 minutes of the first boat in your fleet. I will have the Sailing Instructions posted in the next month or so.

Nancy is doing the RC scheduling so everyone sign up for a slot, the schedule will be posted on the web site soon.

Training

Tracy is doing the Rookie Series racing and training again this year with a couple of new twists so look for more information from him. The Rookie Series is a great way for skippers new to racing to get some training on shore and practice on the water.

There are two days of racer training scheduled this spring. The idea is to get sailors who want to race on board a boat to learn and practice some of basic

maneuvers in a more controlled environment than in a race. We will have on shore training followed by on the water drills to practice and improve our skills.

Boat handling is the base of the speed pyramid, so if you want to go faster better improving your boat handling is the most bang for the buck.

We have extended an invitation to some of the mountain clubs and fleets to come join us for the spring series and then stay for the Carter Lake Open Regatta. It is going to be a short season, but it will be packed with FUN. See you on the water!