



Wet Pants Sailing Association Handicap Notice of Race

June 30

July 7, 14, 21, & 28

August 4, 11, 18, & 25

September 1

Organizing Authority – Wet Pants Sailing Association

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Handicap Racing Series is sponsored by the Wet Pants Sailing Association.
- 1.2 The Handicap Racing Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028*.
- 1.3 The first series will run from June 30 to July 28. The second from August 4 to September 1
- 1.4 No fee is required for Wet Pants Sailing Association members.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All boats except Sunfish and Optis are eligible to race.
- 2.2 The Handicap Racing Series is only open to boats owned by Wet Pants Sailing Association members.
- 2.3 The skipper for each competing boat must be a member in good standing of the Wet Pants Sailing Association.
- 2.4 Crew do not have to belong to the Wet Pants Sailing Association, nor must they meet any age or gender restriction.

3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

Registration may be made by emailing treasurer@wetpantssailing.org any time before June 30, 2026. Please leave your name and the class of boat you intend to race and its sail number. Check in on the water with the Signal Boat. Notify the Signal Boat if you decide to withdraw from the race.

4. Schedule for each race:

1800

Several short horn blast will sound to alert competitors that the three-minute starting sequence will begin shortly. Weather and daylight permitting, two races may be sailed each evening.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – The Signal Boat will give oral instructions on the course before the start. The 3-minute starting sequence will be used. The race will begin at a starting line between the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy. In a SW wind proceed to government Buoy 32 and round it to port. In a SE wind proceed to government Buoy 34 and round it to port. After rounding the appropriate buoy return to the inflatable leeward buoy behind the Signal Boat and round it to port. **DO NOT CROSS THE STARTING LINE.** Then sail upwind to the Signal Boat and cross the line where you started. If there is time, a second race will be held each evening. (The reason for not returning through the starting line is because the Sunfish may be there.)

6. PERSONAL FLotation DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 applies for all. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

7. SCORING - The Portsmouth Handicap Rating System will be used. The elapsed time of each boat will be recorded when it crosses the finish line. Then its corrected time will be calculated. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Boats not competing on scheduled race days will be scored a DNC (Did Not Compete) for each race held on that day and receive one more point than the total number of boats registered in the series. A boat that came to the starting line and did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF) or was disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored one more point than the total number of boats which came to the starting line on that day.

8. PRIZES

To be eligible for a prize, a skipper must race at least half of the total races held over the five evenings in each series. Prizes will be awarded for the top finisher at the annual mess. Final Scoring for the series will be done by the Wet Pants Sailing Association.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION - For additional information contact treasurer@wetpantssailing.org

10. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY – Competitors in this series are participating entirely at their own risk and are bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028, and assume full responsibility for starting or continuing to race – Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, host club and/or personnel conducting this event will not accept any liability for material damages or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.