

## NOCKAMIXON SAIL CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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General Information: Nockamixon Sail Club, PO Box 133, Telford, PA 18969

- 1 RULES. See: Wednesday Night Notice of Race, Section 1, Rules.
- **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.** Notices to competitors may be provided on the water before, or between, races. See also Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) Wednesday Night Notice of Race.
- **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** Any change to the Wednesday Night Sailing Instructions will be announced on the water on the day of the event.
- 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES. See: Wednesday Night Notice of Race, Section 7, Schedule.
- 7 RACING AREAS. The illustrations show the location of racing areas, diagrams of courses, and general location of marks.
- **8 THE COURSES.** The courses are an open format within the bounds set in the illustrations. The starting and finishing areas are in the marina.
- 9 MARKS. The marks are orange or yellow buoys. The locations of marks will be designated before each start.
- 11 THE START. The start uses a two-minute rule. Each eligible boat keeps their own sailing time from the start to their finish. A single audible signal is used to initiate the two-minute start. All boats start after the two-minute time period. The starting line uses two marina no-wake buoys or one no-wake buoy and the centerline of dock A. During times when the no-wake buoys are not floating a sighting line of the two lampposts, 70 degrees magnetic, on the marina point, constitutes the starting line, five boat lengths long avoiding the rocks as an obstruction.
- **13 THE FINISH.** The finish line uses the marina no-wake buoys or starting line area. Sailing between the same two buoys constitutes a finish. During times when the no-wake buoys are not floating, a line sighting of the two lamp posts on the marina point constitutes the finish line five boat lengths long avoiding the rocks as an obstruction.
- **15 TIME LIMITS.** If no boat has rounded the first mark within thirty minutes, or fails to finish the race within ninety minutes, the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in that class/fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.
- **16 PROTESTS.** For racing at NSC on Wednesday nights, protests are not acceptable or allowed. Sportsmanship is used for all rule violations. Competitors should, whenever possible, resolve protests on the water using rule 44.2.
- 17 SCORING. See: Wednesday Night Notice of Race, Section 13, Scoring.
- **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS.** It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. Competitors are solely responsible for their own safety. Each boat must carry a Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each crewmember and one throwable floatation device. Life jackets <u>must</u> be worn when the conditions exceed crew safety.
- 26 PRIZES. See: Wednesday Night Notice of Race, Section 19, Prizes.
- 27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors sailing at NSC are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By sailing at NSC, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## SECTIONS 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 19-25, and 28 of RRS Appendix L "Sailing Instructions Guide" are RESERVED





## NOCKAMIXON SAIL CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT NOTICE OF RACE



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- 1 RULES. Racing at Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), US Sailing Prescriptions, and the rules of the one-design fleets competing, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.
  - NSC sailors are guests at the State Park and are privileged to race at the lake. A Pennsylvania State Park boat launch permit must be affixed to all boats. All boats on the Lake that are not racing with NSC shall be considered obstructions and must be treated courteously in accordance with the boating "Rules of the Road". All State Park and Pennsylvania Fish Commission Regulations shall be observed.
- **3 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY.** The Wednesday Night Sailing Series is open to all members and to guests of members. The skipper, declared each evening, need not be the helmsperson of the boat. Portsmouth Yardstick ratings will use 'D-PN' rating without wind factors adjusted by performance scoring from the previous week's results.
- **7 SCHEDULE.** The warning signal for the first event shall be at 5:00 PM. Up to five events will be scheduled "back-to-back." The warning signal for the last event will be hoisted no later than dusk. Events will be abandoned for the evening with less than four boats starting. The series is held every Wednesday night from the fourth Wednesday in April to the fourth Wednesday in October.
- 9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be as published.
- 10 VENUE. NSC racing will take place on the main body of Lake Nockamixon but clear of the marina and launch area and clear of "Hobie Alley."
- 11 THE COURSES. The course is an open format within the bounds set in Illustration 1 and Illustration 2. The starting and finishing areas are in the marina. Boats shall keep clear of obstructions (rocks, docks, fishing boats and day sailors) by at least two boat lengths while on the course.
- **13 SCORING.** A boat not starting or not finishing will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) and Did Not Finishing (DNF); boats finishing plus one. Performance handicaps are calculated each week. An average elapsed time, per event, is calculated using the first place time and the last boat within fifteen percent of this time. Handicaps are computed using the average elapsed time with a maximum one percent adjustment, plus or minus. An average performance number is computed and posted from the evening's events. The performance handicap table is normalized each week by comparing the average of the performance numbers to the average of the D-PN's.
- 19 PRIZES. Prizes will be awarded and presented at year-end.
- 20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors sailing at NSC are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By sailing at NSC, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 21 INSURANCE. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The liability coverage shall be adequate for racing at NSC.

SECTIONS 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 14-18 and 22 of RRS Appendix K "Notice of Race Guide" are RESERVED

