

MILWAUKEE BAY WOMEN'S OFFSHORE SERIES

MBWOS

June 10 - August 26, 2024

Milwaukee Yacht Club and South Shore Yacht Club
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee Bay Women's Sailing Organization

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC Sail Committee) and Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) members of US Sailing has, subject to RRS 89.1 has appointed the MBWOS Fleet Captain to be the Organizing Authority ('OA') of the 2024 MBWOS Series in order to conduct races and related activities for this series. The OA has the authority to reject the entry of any boat at any time before the start of the series. The fleet may be divided into divisions according to handicaps and any other factors at the discretion of the MBWOS Fleet Captain.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Milwaukee Bay Women's Offshore Series (MBWOS) will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *2021-2024 The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2 The following prescription of US SAILING will apply:
The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including US SAILING Prescriptions, 40.1: "US SAILING prescribes that each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices."

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available one (1) week prior to the first race, either sent by USPS, e-mail or delivered to entered boats or at <http://www.ssysc.org>.

4 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The official notice board at SSSC is located on the bulletin board of the derrick house south facing wall and MYC at the main entrance to the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 69 for SSSC races and 72 for MYC races.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio.
- 4.4 While racing from the boat's preparatory signal until the end of the race, except in an emergency, a boat racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The MBWOS is open to all keel boats owned or skippered by a member of the Milwaukee Bay Women's Sailing Organization (MBWSO) which has either: a valid MWPHRF certificate or a handicap assigned by the MBWSO Fleet Captain.
- 5.2 Boats must be skippered and entirely crewed by females.
- 5.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and providing proof of insurance with \$300,000 of liability coverage using the link given in FURTHER INFORMATION below by 7 days prior to the boat's first race. Late entries will be accepted, but a completed entry must be received 1 day prior to the boat's first race. A boat will be scored only after a completed entry is received and accepted. The fee is required to be paid before the boat's first race.
- 5.4 The Lady of the Wind Trophy Regatta is scored based on the races hosted by South Shore Yacht Club. Entry to this regatta is included with entry to MBWOS.
- 5.5 A substitution for an entered boat may be made by meeting the requirements given in the sailing instructions.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee for the MBWOS is \$60. The entry for the Lady of the Wind series is included.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>
1	June 10	SSYC
2	June 17	SSYC
3	June 24	MYC
4	July 8	SSYC
5	July 22	MYC
6	August 12	MYC
7	August 19	SSYC
Make Up	August 26	TBD

- 7.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each race is 1820 hours CDT.
- 7.3 The Race Committee may change the format or terminate any stage of the series when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of a race/races under the existing conditions, municipal safety guidance, or in the remaining time scheduled.

8 VENUES

- 8.1 The racing area will be on Lake Michigan easterly of the Milwaukee Harbor Main Gap.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be as per the Attachment A in the SIs.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be the score the boat would have received without the penalty, made worse by 1 place. The one-turn and two-turn penalties are not in effect.

11 SCORING

11.1 The low point system, Appendix A4 will apply.

11.2 Three (3) boats overall are required for the RC to start a race.

11.3 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.5 A boat that starts a race and subsequently retires, then fails to notify the race committee of its retirement, shall be scored DNF. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 RRS 3 Decision to race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. By participating in this event, 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 or equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk or injury.

12.2 INHERENT IN THE SPORT OF SAILING IS THE RISK OF PERMANENT, CATASTROPHIC INJURY OR DEATH BY DROWNING, TRAUMA OR OTHER CAUSES.

13 INSURANCE

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

14 PRIZES

14.1 The MYC Coast Guard permanent trophy will be awarded to the boat placing 1st overall in the MBWOS fleet.

1 to 3 Division entrants	1 trophy
4 to 5 Division entrants	2 trophies
6 or more Division entrants	3 trophies

14.2 Lady of the Wind Trophy Regatta prizes will be given according to the following schedule:

1 to 3 entrants	1 flag and 1 trophy
4 to 5 entrants	2 flags and 2 trophies
6 or 7 entrants	3 flags and 3 trophies
8 or more entrants	4 flags and 3 trophies

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the MBWOS entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information regarding the NOR or SI, contact:

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17 REGISTRATION

Registration for the MBWOS is located at [SSYC Racing Fleets Registration](#).