



Pettipaug Yacht Club
2026 One Design Racing Series
NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing: 2025-2028, and the individual class rules unless modified by this Notice or the Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility and Registration:

- 2.1. The Series is open to any class of boat. A minimum of three registered boats are required to qualify as a class and be able to start as a class.
- 2.2. The Series is open to all Senior and Junior Pettipaug Yacht Club members. Written parental permission is required for minors (under 16 years of age). Guests are permitted with sponsorship by a PYC member.
- 2.3. Participants are requested to E-mail Dick Hutchison at hutchria@rcn.com at least three days beforehand – provide name and boat type, and if you are a minor.
- 2.4. Registration must be completed in person prior to the Skippers Meeting on race day.

3. Schedule:

- 3.1. Races will be held once a month on a Saturday from May to September. If the weather is bad, the race will be held the next day (Sunday). Postponements will be announced via e-mail the Friday prior to race day by 8pm.
- 3.2. Skippers Meeting for each race day will take place on the PYC clubhouse deck one hour prior to the first Warning Signal.
- 3.3. The Warning Signal for the first race will normally be at 1pm. If the Warning Signal is scheduled for a time other than 1pm (usually due to low tide), the Skippers Meeting will be held one hour prior to the specified time. No races will be started three hours after the first Warning Signal.

4. Course:

- 4.1. The course will be determined on the day of racing and announced at the Skippers Meeting. The course length will be such that it should take 15-30 minutes to complete.

5. Scoring:

- 5.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used, with modification A5.3.
- 5.2. Completion of one race constitutes a race day series.
- 5.3. If five or more races are completed, each competitor's worst result will be thrown out.

6. Sailing Instructions:

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions are available on the PYC website Racing & Results page and will be available at the Skippers Meeting.
- 6.2. Any changes/amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the PYC website Racing & Results page and PYC bulletin board before the day of the race.

7. Awards:

- 7.1. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each class. Results will be posted on the PYC website Racing & Results page

8. Safety Requirements:

- 8.1. RRS 40.1 applies: a USCG approved PFD, must be worn by each competitor while on the water. Inflatable vests are prohibited.
- 8.2. All class-required safety equipment is mandatory.

9. Responsibility for Safety:

- 9.1. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Pettipaug Yacht Club or Pettipaug Junior Sailing Academy (PYC/PJSA): the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility, and each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the PYC/PJSA, and any of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat including safety equipment and rigging and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant.

10. Content:

By participating in this racing series, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other productions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.