

2024 Series Racing Notice of Race



1. **Rules:** The Racing Series will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Racing rules will be changed as follow:
 - a. **RRS 29.2 General Recall** is modified to allow the race committee to use any amount of time it wishes after lowering the general recall flag before resuming racing operations.
2. **Eligibility:** The Racing Series is open to boats that have an Active Member, Lake Associate, or Race Fellow of the Eagle Creek Sailing Club aboard as the "Person in Charge". Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed ECSC Racing Registration and PHRF Handicap Rating form to the ECSC Scorer on or before the first series race for that boat. The ECSC Racing Registration and PHRF Handicap Rating form is available at <http://www.ecsail.org/racing-2023>.
3. **Fleets:** Fleet designation is determined by a boat's PHRF handicap rating on the ECSC Racing Registration form on file with the ECSC Scorer. The anticipated fleets are:
 - a) Red Fleet (J24 and other non-planning keelboats with PHRF from 154 to 186)
 - b) White fleet – See Attachment A
 - c) Blue fleet – See attachment A
 - d) Green 1 – Multihulls with a PHRF rating of 45 to 132
 - e) Green 2 – Planning monohulls with a PHRF rating of 133 to 225
 - f) J22 Fleet

Exceptions to this designation may be adjusted or changed at the discretion of the Race Chairman.

NOTE: White and Blue fleet shall be raced and as a combined fleet, however Blue fleet will be scored as a separate fleet. To qualify for Blue Fleet, The Member must sail a boat that would otherwise qualify for White Fleet, and be approved by the Race Chairman(See Attachment A).

4. **Fees:** None.
5. **Schedule:** All times Eastern Daylight-Saving Time
 - I. Wednesday Night Series – one race scheduled per day. One race constitutes a series.
 - a. Spring Series (17 April –3 July) - First Warning 6:50 PM.
 - b. Summer Series (10 July – 25 September) - First Warning 6:50 PM.
 - II. Sunday Series – one qualifying series race scheduled per day. One race constitutes a series.
 - a) Spring Series (21 April through 26 May then 9 June through 14 July) – Start 2:00 PM
 - b) Summer Series (21 July through 18 September then 29 September through 13 October) – Start 2:00 PM
6. **Sailing Instructions:** Will be available on-line prior to the 17th of April 2023 at <http://www.ecsail.org/racing-2023> .
7. **Venue:** All races shall be conducted on Eagle Creek Reservoir.
8. **Courses:** Courses shall be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
9. **Prizes:** Series Awards will be given as follows:
 - a. Individual fleets with fewer than four (4) qualified boats – First Place only.
 - b. Individual fleets with four (4) qualified boats – First and Second Places.
 - c. Individual fleets with more than four (4) qualified boats – First, Second and Third places.
10. **Radio Communications:** It is strongly recommended that all racers have a VHF radio on their boats. The Race Committee/Competitors will use channel 68 to communicate racing information and it can be used to call for assistance if needed during racing.
11. **Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.
12. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the series at their own risk See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the sailing series.
13. **Racing Chairman:** John Kohne – Racing@ecsail.org .

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Appendix A:

ECSC Racing Blue Fleet and White Fleet Definition for Series Racing

Blue Fleet

- To encourage new racers, and those who are seeking a casual (non-competitive) racing experience, with displacement cruising keel boats to participate in the ECSC racing program.
- No spinnaker. Maximum Genoa sail size is 155%.
- No restrictions on the type of sail cloth.
- Whisker pole limited to LP rating.
- PHRF Czar may adjust PHRF ratings by no more than 15 seconds per boat in relation to US Sailing published PHRF ratings to help equalize racing results of the fleet.
- A boat that has dominated the Blue Fleet for at least four Wednesday night series over two seasons, based solely on speed performance, may be encouraged to move to White Fleet.
- A skipper who wishes to move to White Fleet may submit a request to the Fleet Captain and ECSC Racing Committee Chairperson.
- Blue fleet shall start with White fleet and may sail a different course than White fleet. Blue Fleet shall be scored separately from White Fleet.
- Race course configuration will be “mixed” with at least one good windward leg.

White Fleet

- To provide a more competitive racing opportunity for displacement cruising keel boats.
- Expanded to include Red Fleet boats that are not a J22 or J24 or planing boat.
- Spinnaker and non-spinnaker with a 10-second credit for non-spinnaker boats.
- No PHRF adjustments – apply standard US Sailing published PHRF rating at the discretion of the PHRF Czar.
- Boats must declare spinnaker or non-spinnaker before the start of the Spring Series by notifying the Score Keeper. Boats may change their spinnaker/non-spinnaker declaration for the Summer Series and for the Fall Series prior to the start of each Series. Boats may declare spinnaker or non-spinnaker for regattas, unless otherwise restricted in a regatta’s Notice of Race.
- No restrictions on the type of sail cloth.
- Maximum Genoa sail size is 155%.
- Spinnaker poles limited to “J” rating and whisker poles limited to LP rating.
- A skipper who wishes to move to Blue Fleet may submit a request to the Fleet Captain and ECSC Racing Committee Chairperson.
- White Fleet shall start with Blue Fleet and may sail a different course than Blue Fleet. White Fleet shall be scored separately from Blue Fleet.
- Race course configuration will be “mixed” with at least one good windward leg.