



Welcome to Thursday night Racing Lite!

Usually for racing there are two documents, the Notice of Race and Sailing instructions, that lay out what is to happen and how it'll happen. There is no need of such formality for Thursday nights but it is still very useful to let everyone know what will happen so here it is.

The event will be held on four evenings, June 21, July 5, July 19 and August 2. The first signal is scheduled to happen at 6:30pm. If things are delayed for some reason the flag AP (vertical red and white stripes) will be displayed with two horn honks. When the AP flag comes down (with one honk) the start sequence will commence one minute later.

The Race Committee will use our usual signal vessel, the J McG. All signals will come from this vessel and the start and finish line will be based upon it. When you come out to race, look for the J McG and head for it. It will usually broadcast where it is about 20-30 mins prior to the start to help people out and often has a large orange flag flying over it.

The Race Committee uses VHF channel 72 to communicate with the racers. Participants should either radio the Race Committee or sail past the stern of the boat and let them know they're taking part. A boat name and sail number will help us keep track of everyone.

Once the J McG is set up the course will be announced over the VHF and displayed on a canvas course board on the starboard side of the boat. The numbers listed are associated with marks listed on the standard Sail NS course card, available on the RNSYS website under Race Documents. A red P indicates the mark should be left to port, a blue S indicates the mark should be left to starboard.

If mark 82 is listed it will be a large yellow inflatable tetrahedron. If mark 84 is listed then it will be a large orange inflatable tetrahedron.

The start line will be between an orange flag flying on the J McG and a yellow pin on the port side of the boat. The finish line will be the same.

All boats will start together. The start sequence will be a standard 5 minute one. At 5 minutes before the start a horn will sound and a yellow flag will be hoisted. At 4 minutes before the start a horn will sound and the P flag (blue with a white square in the middle) will be hoisted. 1 minute before the start a horn will sound and the P flag will come down. At the start itself a horn will sound and the yellow flag will come down. If a boat is over the start line before the actual start the Race Committee will attempt to inform them over the VHF.

If a boat decides to go home before finishing the race please inform the Race Committee so we're not waiting and wondering where it might have gone.

The Race Committee will track finishing times as an exercise but the races will not be scored.

Participants are encouraged to give each other feedback and help, this is a learning opportunity for all. The Race Committee can also answer questions and give feedback if desired.

Questions and concerns should be directed to the Race Director, (902) 414-3284 or racedirector@rnsys.com.