

NOTICE OF RACE

Fleet 43

2008 Tonini Series

Wednesday Night Series I & II

Weekend Series

Invitation:

J/24 Fleet 43 of Casco Bay Maine cordially invites you to participate in the 2007 Tonini Series. The series will consist of:

Wednesday night series (I & II)

- Wednesday night series I (May 21st to July 9th)
- Wednesday night series II (July 16th to September 3rd)

Weekend series:

- Pilot Race (June 21st and 22nd)
- Maine State PHRF Championships (July 12th and 13th)
- Double Handed Regatta (August 2nd)
- MS Regatta (August 16th)
- Downeast Regatta (September 6th and 7th)

Eligibility:

This competition is open to all J/24 Class yachts as defined by the IJCA. Helmsmen must be members of the IJCA. All competing boats are strongly encouraged to have a valid Measurement Certificate and Optional Equipment List.

Only Members of Fleet 43 who have paid their Fleet Dues and Wednesday night series Registration fees will be scored. However, the Race Committee welcomes the participation of all J/24s. Further, the Race Committee reserves the right to prohibit from racing, for any reason, any unregistered boat.

Rules:

This series will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), and this Notice of Race, except that any of these that may be altered by the Sailing Instructions for the Wednesday night series or the Notice of Race and/ or Sailing Instructions for each weekend event.

Schedule:

The warning gun for Wednesday night series races will be at 1800 hours, except for August 20th, 27th and September 3rd when the warning gun will be at 1730 hours. Dinner is served on the PYC porch after racing.

Participants should refer to the NORs governing each weekend event for scheduling and other information.

Racing:

Wednesday racing will take place in the area between Long Island and Clapboard Island, or SSW of Clapboard Island. Courses will be windward/leeward. Course and length will be based on sailing conditions. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Fleet 43 website.

Refer to the NOR and Sailing Instructions for each weekend event.

Series Scoring:

- For any race to be scored as part of a series, there must be a **QUORUM** of 5 Fleet 43 boats that **START** the race.
- Boats must be registered participants in the Downeast Regatta and possess a **current valid measurement certificate to be eligible for the George Tonini Trophy.**
- Each series will be scored as provided in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 ("RRS") Appendix A using the Low Point System.
- Specific attention to RRS Appendix A9 "Race Scores In A Series Longer Than A Regatta".
- In a race involving unregistered boats, registered boats will be scored as though the unregistered boats were not competing. (E.g. A registered boat finishing second, behind an unregistered boat, will be scored as finishing first.)
- **NREG** = Number of boats registered at the time of that race.
- **NSTART** = Number of boats that *came to the starting area* for that race.
- A boat starting incorrectly (over early) and not restarting (see sailing instructions) is scored **OCS** for that race.
- A boat disqualified for reasons other than OCS is scored **DSQ** for that race.
- A boat finishing and thereafter retiring is scored **RAF** for that race.
- A boat starting but not finishing is scored **DNF** for that race.
- A boat that comes to the starting area but does not start is scored **DNS** for that race.
- A boat that did not come to the starting area is scored **DNC** for that race.
- Boats that do not start in a series race because their skippers are participating in race committee work shall be scored **RC** for that race.

Summary:

OCS, DNS, DSQ, RAF, DNF	NSTART + 1
DNC	NREG + 1
RC	Average PTS

- A boat registering after the series has begun is scored DNC for all earlier races using the DNC value for the first race that it was registered.
- When calculating the value of NSTART and NREG for a race, only boats registered at the time of that race will be counted.
- A boats score for the series will equal total points for all races counted.
- The number of races counted will equal 66% of the total number of races. The number of races representing 66% will be rounded off to the nearest whole number.
- The 66 % will include all results of **RC** plus the boat's best finishes. All races beyond 66% will be disregarded.
- A boats score for **RC** will equal average points for all races counted.
- A failure to carry out assigned RC duties is scored **DNC**.
- Ties will be resolved in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

Prizes:

Fleet 43 will award the following prizes:

Individual Wednesday Nights	First
Wednesday Night Series I & II	First, Second, Third
Weekend Series	First, Second, Third
Double Handed Regatta	First, Second, Third
Down East Regatta	First, Second, Third
George Tonini Trophy	First

Prizes for weekend regattas are governed by each individual regatta.

Race Management:

Each Fleet member and his / her crew are expected to serve as Race Committee ("RC") for a Wednesday night race or weekend regatta. The Fleet Race Officer is in charge of scheduling RC assignments and members are encouraged to work with the Race Officer if they have date preferences or conflicts with assigned dates. Fleet members are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the procedures required to serve as RC.

Parking:

Parking at PYC is limited to members only. Vehicles parked at PYC without the proper sticker are subject to being towed. Non-members may find parking at Handy Boat (for a fee) or at the church across from Town Landing Market.

Fleet Dues and Wednesday Night Registration Fees:

Fleet membership dues are \$50. For any boat that wishes to employ a helmsman other than the registered fleet member, there is an additional assessment of \$25.

Wednesday night series registration fee is \$200. This entitles the crew members of the registered boat to partake of post-Wednesday race dining for the entire 14-week series.

Entry:

Send entry, waiver forms and dues/fees to our fleet Treasurer: **Shelly Paules; 81 Carlyle Road; Portland, ME 04103.**

Questions should be addressed to the Fleet Captain.