

SOUTHWEST HARBOR FLEET NOTICE OF RACE – 2024 SEASON

One Design Class Races

Conducted by the Southwest Harbor Fleet

RC Management by MDI Community Sailing Center

1. Rules

The race series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 Any one-design class of three or more boats may enter a Series or Special Race.

2.2 All entries shall have aboard a current Regular or Family Member of the SWH Fleet either as helm or crew.

2.3 Membership applications are available on line at <https://swhfleet.org/>.

2.4 All participants shall wear a personal floatation device.

3. Schedule

3.1 The Season's Race Schedule shall consist of two Series Races. All races will be sailed on Fridays, no rain dates, as follows:

a. July Series - July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

b. August Series - August 2nd, 9th, 16th and 24th.

3.4 Junior and Senior competitors will race together as a single class within each class.

3.5 The race format will be two (2) to three (3) short course races each race day.

3.6 The first start time will be 1330 (1:30pm) and no races will be started after 1510 (3:10pm)

4. Sailing Instruction

The Sailing Instructions and race area chart are available at <https://swhfleet.org/>. All participants are strongly encouraged to download and print their own copies.

5. Racing Area

Racing will be conducted in Area "A", North of Greening Island, in the waters of the Great Harbor of MDI and Somes Sound.

6. Courses

Courses shall be announced over VHF Channel 65 (or 68 as alternative) or posted as permitted by the Sailing Instructions.

7. Boats

7.1 All races shall be conducted as **non-spinnaker**.

7.2 Each entry shall have a device easily accessible to retrieve a person overboard.

7.3 Functional VHF radios with US channels are required by the Sailing Instructions.

8. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the race series entirely at their own risk. See USSA Rule 4, Decision to Race.

9. Scoring

9.1 US Sailing Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.

9.2 Series scoring will be broken out for three (3) separate awards: Senior, Junior and Combined Series winners.

9.3 A boat that did not start, retired after finishing, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. This changes RRS A4.2

9.4 A boat that started but did not finish and is not being protested shall be scored points equal to the number of boats that finished plus one. This modifies RRS A9.

9.5 Series Race score drops will be one (1) after six races and two (2) after 9 races.

10 Trophies

Southwest Harbor Fleet trophies will be awarded to:

- a. The Senior, Junior and Combined Series winners of the July Series
- b. The Senior, Junior and Combined Series winners of the August Series

11 Additional Information

11.1 As available, regatta information, news and racing results will be published on the Southwest Harbor Fleet website at <https://swhfleet.org/>

11.2 Questions about this Notice of Race, Series schedule and Sailing Instructions may be forwarded to the Southwest Harbor Fleet by email to: sbhomer2@gmail.com