



NOTICE OF RACE

Bristol Yacht Club 2023-24 Frostbite Series

Organizing Authority: The Bristol Yacht Club (BYC) is the organizational authority of the Bristol Frostbite Series.

Classes: The series will be open to Laser and RS Aero class boats, with separate class starts when three or more boats of the same class are on the line.

Eligibility & Entry: The series is open to BYC Members and non-members. BYC welcomes all sailors, however it is the expectation that competitors will exercise good judgment and awareness of their sailing abilities as it pertains to winter racing conditions. In addition, **all participants agree to follow the BYC House Rules.**

Schedule:

Weekly racing Saturday October 21st, 2023, through Saturday, March 30th, 2024. The 9-race Fall Series will run 10/21 through 12/16; the 12-race Winter Series will run 1/6 through 3/23. Trophies will be awarded after an unofficial race Saturday March 30, 2024. **Boats must be removed from BYC Property by Sunday Apr 7th, 2024**

First Signal: 1:00 pm each Saturday. No race will start after 3:30 pm.

Rules: All races will be governed "The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024" (RRS) as modified by the SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023-24 Bristol Yacht Club Frostbite Series (SIs).

Series Format & Scoring:

The 2023-24 season will be scored as two separate series; daily results are scored each Saturday, with series prizes for each qualifying fleet.

- Daily and series results will be scored using the Low Point scoring system, with a minimum participation requirement of 65% to be considered in final series results. See SIs for details.
- Un-registered boats will be scored as DNC.
- Lasers: Full, Radial & 4.7 class lasers will start and finish together.
- RS Aeros: 5, 7 & 9 class Aeros will start and finish together.
- There will be no scoring adjustment for sail size which is at the discretion of the sailor.

Results, Notifications & Cancellations: Results & updates will be emailed weekly and archived on-line: bit.ly/byc-fbs-results. If weather conditions are such that cancellation can be predicted, a fleet captain will inform the fleet by 9:00 am Saturday. If there is no cancellation notice, racing is considered "on".

**** Races may be cancelled at any time on site should conditions deteriorate.*

Race Committee: A regular race committee and safety boat w/driver will be provided; RC, however, must be staffed sufficiently to support each day's fleet size and weather conditions. To cover for race committee absences or conditions that may require additional committee personnel, all competitors are expected to be prepared to volunteer as back up race committee should the need arise. Fleet will be informed of the need for additional committee as soon as possible. RC Requirements are at the discretion of the PRO and Fleet captains. If adequate RC support cannot be established prior to starting, the PRO and Fleet captains have the authority to cancel racing. Junior sailors are exempt from race committee responsibilities.



Safety & Responsibility:

- USCG approved Life jackets are mandatory (inflatable PDFs not allowed).
- 20/20 Guidelines: Races will generally be conducted in wind speed under 20 knots or air temperature above 20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Proper attire: Competitors are required to wear adequate protective gear appropriate for winter sailing conditions (wetsuits or drysuits, neoprene gloves, and hats recommended).
- Liability Waiver Form: All participants are required to complete, sign and submit (via email preferred, paper acceptable) BYC Frostbite Waiver of Liability form.
- Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate entirely at their own risk and agree to abide by the Bristol Yacht Club 2023-24 Frostbite Series Waiver Form including rules of the RSS (see rule 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to or after the regatta.
- **Any racer or guest not following BYC House Rules (including bar and restrooms) will, without exception, be asked to leave Club Grounds.**

Fees:

- Full Series: Fees cover racing and on-site storage for both Fall & Winter series.
 - BYC Members: \$95
 - BYC Guests: \$115
 - High School Sailors: FREE
- Day Rate: A day-rate will be available for the season. If, after 3 days of sailing by day rate, a competitor wishes to continue, they will receive full credit toward the Series Rate.
- The Day Rates are as follows:
 - BYC members: \$15/day up to 3 days.
 - BYC Guests: \$25/day up to 3 days.

Registration Options:

- Register and pay on-line [HERE](#). **ONLY** if you are **not able** to register/pay on-line, print then bring a filled-in Registration form on Race Day along with your signed Waiver of Liability.
- You may register online or download the registration forms in PDF format at the BYC Frostbite page here: <https://www.bristolyc.com/frostbiting>.

Waver of Liability Form:

- Download, print and fill out a Waver of Liability Form (available [HERE](#)) and email to dave.quinther@yahoo.com.
- **ATTENTION: NO MATTER HOW YOU REGISTER, YOU MUST PRINT AND THEN EMAIL (dave.quinther@yahoo.com) OR DELIVER ON-SITE your BYC Waiver of Liability form to a Fleet Captain or RC PRO prior to racing.**

No sailor (day rate or full series) shall participate without submitting a signed BYC Waiver of Liability, available on-line above or from a fleet captain or RC PRO on race days at BYC.