

# Northport Bay Yacht Club Spring 2024

## Commodore Notes



### **SPRING HAS ARRIVED**

Days are getting longer and warmer, many are returning to Northport from their winter residences, boats will be feverishly prepared for launching and I presume all are looking forward to this summer.

### **Club Social June 29, 2024**

Thanks to Doug Kilgren who's donating a pig to roast for our social.

I've reserved the pavilion.

It is suggested that we invite boaters from the marina to join us in effort to bring the marina closer together and possibly pick up new members.

We should plan to BYOB, tableware and a dish to pass.

Helpers for this event are very much needed, please let me know if you can help.

### **Racers Notes**

Race Committee Chairperson Bill Allen has prepared the following resulting from the February race committee meeting:

NORTHPORT BAY YACHT CLUB SUMMER RACING

RACING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2024 APPLEBEE SERIES

We intend to race each Saturday with the first race on June 22nd and each following Saturday through

August 31 st (total of 11 scheduled races).

SCORING

POINTS FOR PLACING AND PARTICIPATION

Same as last year with 5 points for 1st (+1 Race/Event Participation Point), 4 points for 2nd (+1 Race/Event

Participation Point), etc. through 5th place. All other finish positions will be awarded “1 Race/Event Participation Point”.

#### HANDICAPS:

At this time, it has been determined that we will start the season with the historical rolling golf average like last year.

Max +/- 3 points handicap per race adjustment depending on adjusted (by current handicap) finish.

Argument is to maintain this due to at least somewhat successful results of the system.

#### CONSIDERED:

INDIVIDUAL CASE: Handicaps could be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. This could be considered as crews have now become more talented and new sails and other possible performance.

enhancing improvements may have been made.

BASE RATING: Discussion on the idea of a switch to non-spin handicap for our base ratings. Is this possible? It would appear that generally speaking, in published handicaps, there is a delta of 15 points between a spin and a non-spin handicap. If that is consistent, then it may be a non-issue as we believe it wouldn't affect outcomes as we continue our rolling handicaps all stays relative to our group of boats.

HISTORICAL VS. PUBLISHED RATINGS: The general thought is to maintain our current system as we have developed performance history in our fleet. However, the challenge arises if and when we add new boats to the fleet which don't have an in-club handicap based on actual performance. In the event we begin adding boats to the fleet, it will likely distort the viability of our in-house handicap system. So far, this has been a rare occurrence, but it has happened. If we begin adding boats, we may need to review our methods.

FOR FUTURE REVIEW: Starting handicaps (basis) for the fleet based on proper boat model

#### STARTS

#### TO BE CONTINUED THIS SEASON:

ADJUSTING BUOYS to reduce advantage of “Pin” end vs. theoretical “Race Committee” end of the starting line.

STAGGERED STARTS - Pursuit Race format will again be utilized in at least 50% of Applebee race events

START TIMES; May vary based on predicted conditions and/or overlapping events (Rolling Thunder, Fly In, etc.). Typical start time would be 1:00pm base point with assigned times for pursuit races.

#### INCREASE PARTICIPATION

POSTING RACE INFORMATION: Flyers promoting our club racing to be posted at or near the Bath House entry points. Perhaps at the Harbor Master facility as well?

#### OTHER

VARYING THE RACECOURSES: This practice will continue, and courses will vary based on conditions, etc.

May include windward/leeward courses and/or hybrid triangle with windward/leeward legs added

NEW TEMPORARY MARK: We have acquired large inflatable course markers which we may incorporate into a specific racecourse.

COLLINS SERIES: PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SUBJECT AREA BELOW FOR THE TENTATIVE PROPOSED CONCEPT FOR THIS SERIES

#### TUESDAY SUTTON SERIES:

Scoring and PHRF ratings will continue as last season (same as the Applebee series).

We intend to race each Tuesday with the first race on June 18<sup>th</sup> and each following Tuesday through August 27<sup>th</sup> (total of 11 scheduled races).

ADJUSTING BUOYS to reduce advantage of “Pin” end vs. theoretical “Race Committee” end of the starting line.

## **Proposed “Collins Series”**

Series within the Series

Coincides with the Applebee Series. Does not interfere with the scoring nor the traditional way in which we have run the Applebee Series.

Collins Series would consist of parallel scoring 5 of the Applebee races of the participants’ choice.

Scoring for the series will use the same points as achieved in the Applebee Series race in which you declared that race to be scored for the Collins Series.

The skipper or, designated representative, must declare prior to a given race, that they choose to score that race in the Collins Series. This may be done by text, email, radio, phone, or simply hailing, a race committee member.

This notification must be at least 10 minutes prior to the designated start time for the fleet, or in the case of a Pursuit style race, the individual boat's start time. This may be rescinded in a similar manor by any of those methods mentioned prior to 5 minutes before said designated start time.

There will be no "throw outs" for this series.

Tie breakers will be:

1. Number of highest finishes in the races they declared for the Collins series.
2. Who scored highest in their last declared race for the Collins Series.
3. Who scored highest in their second to last declared race for the Collins Series.
4. (Same as 3 for the remaining 3 race results).

Note that these ideas/rules are subject to change based on feedback from the club participants.

The purpose of this proposed series is to add to the overall enjoyment of race participants. It also allows those who may not be able to make 11 (or, 9 if we use up our "throw outs") races and yet have a another series in which you could stay competitive and remain in the "hunt".

**TO DO: Are you in favor of this series within a series? Please voice your opinion!**

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*Its always a great day in Northport on the Bay*

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# Northport Bay Yacht Club

## SUTTON SERIES

JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

If you'd like to be a crew member on a boat or enter your sailboat into the races, we welcome your interest.

### Contact

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## APPLEBEE SERIES

JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>  
AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> Finton Cup



## **Annual Dues:**

Dues remain the same,

\$25 for renewal

\$50 for new membership (this includes a club burgee).

The race dues have increased to \$125 as the cost of flags are much more than last year.

Mail your dues to:

Glenn VanOtteren

1600 Beard Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546



**I'm Looking forward to seeing you all this summer.**

Mike Finazzo, Commodore 2024