

Northport Youth Sailing School
Wednesday Night Racing for Pico and Laser Sailors

Dear Parents/Guardians of NYSS sailors,

The NYSS will host a Wednesday evening series of races during each week of our season at 4 PM for the enrolled students and alumni of the NYSS. The races are open to all sailors registered in the Pico and Laser classes. Alumni must have a racing consent form signed by a parent. Forms can be found on our website northportsailing.org, under the Classes tab, or can be obtained prior to racing at the boathouse.

The purpose is to introduce the students to sailboat racing and have fun on the water. We will have two fleets - Picos and Lasers. Each fleet will have a safety boat with them at all times. In the event that we have more sailors than boats, priority will be given to current students over alumni.

Picos and Lasers will start off the end of the south Marina wall. In case of rain, too much wind, or no wind, the races will be called.

Please see the fact sheet below for more details.

Sincerely,
NORTHPORT YOUTH SAILING SCHOOL

Fact Sheet
NYSS Wednesday Race Night

We are going to run two separate Race fleets:

Racer's preparation:

1. Instructors will cover basic racing rules for all Laser and Pico sailors before race time each Wednesday
2. Instructors will provide copies of the attached Racing Rules Deck to each racer
3. Racers must commit at end of class on Tuesday if they want to race Wednesday.

Volunteer Safety Boat and on water committee boat staff are required to wear life jackets at all times while on the water.

Race fleets:

1. Laser
 - a. Long course of 2 to 3.5 miles, depending on conditions
 - i. Start at Marina (NBYC) start buoy
 - ii. Long Course Marina to Nun 6 buoy to NYSS buoy (set by safety boat) to Marina finish
 - iii. Short Course Marina to NYSS buoy (set by safety boat) to Marina finish
 - b. Race Start at 4:30 – 3 minute modified starting sequence
 - i. Warning – NYSS Flag - 1 short horn blast – 3 minutes prior
 - ii. Preparatory – Course Flag (Course Flag (Red Flag - long course or Blue Flag - short course) – 2 short horn blasts – 1 minute prior
 - iii. Starting – Remove Flag – 1 long horn blast
 - iv. Finish – short horn blast for each boat finishing
 - c. One safety boat to accompany fleet around course –NYSS trained Counselor and an adult volunteer
2. Pico
 - a. Short course of 1 to 1.5 miles, depending on conditions
 - i. Start at Marina (NBYC) start buoy
 - ii. Short Course Marina to School buoy to Marina finish
 - b. Race Start at 4:40 – 3 minute modified starting sequence
 - i. Warning – NYSS Flag -1 short horn blast – 3 minutes prior
 - ii. Preparatory – Red Flag – 2 short horn blasts – 1 minute prior
 - iii. Starting – Remove Flag – 1 long horn blast
 - iv. Finish – short horn blast for each boat finishing
 - c. One safety boat to accompany fleet around course –NYSS trained Counselor and an adult volunteer
3. Site clean-up
 - a. Racers will take down their rigs and return sail, centerboard and rudder to the Boat House.
 - b. NYSS counselors to store all sail boats and inflatables prior to leaving.