

Mentor Harbor Yachting Club WBCR (Wednesday Beer Can Race) Series

WHERE: The Mentor Harbor Yachting Club Race Course (See reverse side).

WHEN: The racing begins at 7:00 pm every Wednesday from June 2, 2010 through September 22, 2010. When the weather is unfavorable (rain or too much/too little wind) we will have a Wii competition in the clubhouse. The same prize awarded for a WBCR win applies. Additional post-season races may be held if weather and participation allows.

ELIGIBILITY: All participants must be able and willing to have a good time, enjoy the company of others and have enough time to stick around afterwards for the real reason we are here each Wednesday, the camaraderie.

RULES: WBCR is JAM racing; no spinnakers are used. Boats must comply with all United States Coast Guard (USCG) regulations.

Races are governed by the 2009-2012 U.S. Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing. Skippers are responsible for knowing the general rules of the road for being on the water. For WBCR just remember some of the biggies, port tack boats shall avoid starboard ones; windward boats shall avoid leeward ones; and outside boats shall give room at the mark. Like most things, it boils down to common sense.

Newbie's are encouraged to invite a "seasoned" racer to crew with them the first time or two. If you need crew, contact the club office at 440-257-7214 for Race Chairman contact info or visit www.mhyc.us/clubRacing.

All crews are required (ok, encouraged) to attend the awards ceremony each evening following the race. Come enjoy some good times with your fellow racers. Prizes awarded after each race.

COMMUNICATIONS: Boats must be equipped with a VHF radio capable of broadcasting and receiving **VHF Channel 72**. For all race instructions/course changes or for weather concerns please monitor **VHF Channel 72** before departing as well as on the racecourse. **NO boat** is to leave the racecourse after starting without communicating to the Race Committee, either visually or by radio.

PROTESTS: The series is designed for fun and fellowship. Tossing a red flag is the height of bad taste in something as relatively inconsequential as a beer canner. Friendly discussions at the bar following the race are encouraged however.

COURSES: Course number and first mark (see course card on reverse side) will be displayed on the mast of the west channel wall at approximately 6:30pm. A flag will indicate the direction of mark rounding. A RED Flag indicates marks should be rounded to port; a GREEN Flag indicates marks should be rounded to starboard. The Race Committee will let you know if there needs to be a course change by **VHF Channel 72** when you get out there. If no land race start/finisher is available the race chairman on the water will act as race committee.

THE START: Start/Finish is an imaginary line between S Mark and the mast on the end of the west channel wall. All racers are responsible for starting on time using GPS.

THE FINISH: The official MHYC finish location for the Daily Awards shall be the bar of Mentor Harbor Yachting Club. On your way please also pass between S mark and the west channel wall. **All racers are responsible for taking their own finish time using GPS and turning in a finish card** to be eligible for awards. All boats shall notify the Race Committee if you have other intentions. (We don't want to worry the bar staff if you are late or don't show up).

TIME LIMIT: All boats should be finished before **9:00pm** allowing everyone time to eat a little something and enjoy some time with your fellow competitors before returning to the real world.

PRIZES/AWARDS: Prizes will be awarded at the completion of each night's race. Recipients must be present to receive an award. We remind everyone that "awards" are to be consumed in the Clubhouse! Season awards will be presented at the year-end party to be held in November with brag flags awarded to the overall winners.

ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD AND DRINKS: For all WBCR participants there will be discounted drink specials in the bar after each race (or Wii Competition). There will be extended hour food specials to accommodate Beer Can Racers.

MORE: For additional information, finish forms etc. please visit www.mhyc.us/clubRacing

**WBCR are intended to be fun for all participants. Relax and have a good time, but please do so safely.
Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water.**