

The Skaneateles Sandbagger Sailboat Race Series Announces its 2015 Race Schedule

Wanted: Skippers, Crew, Race Committee Members

The Sandbagger Series provides relaxed but competitive sailboat racing for sailors on Skaneateles Lake. All classes and types of sailboats are welcome to participate and enhance their boat handling and racing skills in a supportive environment. The Sandbagger Series is comprised of a number of races throughout the sailing season with the top 50% of results of individual races compiled to determine the winner for the season. Races will be scored using the Portsmouth handicap system ratings which allows all different types of boats to compete on an even playing field. After adjusting for handicaps, the winning boat for each race will be scored at 100%. Other finishers will be scored as a percentage of sailing time compared to the winning boat.

Sailors are expected to sail fairly within the current racing rules of sailing, which are self-enforced among the competitors. To enhance the racing experience, a series of clinics are being planned. These clinics include; (1) Racing Rules, (2) Race Committee Training, (3) Centerboard boat handling, tuning and sail trim, (4) Keel boat handling, tuning and sail trim. The Sandbagger Series Committee is hoping to attract any interested skippers and crews participate in these clinics and races. Non-racers interested in serving on the Race Committee Boats are also encouraged to attend. Dates, locations and details for the clinics will be posted on the Skaneateles Sailing Club website: <http://www.skansailclub.com/> . If you would like your name added to the e-mail list for notice of events and race results please send an e-mail to:"skaneateles.sandbagger@gmail.com.

This year 19 races have been scheduled beginning May 31 running through September 13. An awards ceremony will be held at Skaneateles Sailing Club immediately afterward the September 13 race. Additional opportunities for socializing with other racers are also planned. Races may be cancelled due to inclement weather. With the exception of the Columbia Cup, races that are cancelled will not be rescheduled. Registration for the Sandbagger Series is only \$20 used to pay for awards and refreshments at social events. The registration form is available on the Skaneateles Sailing Club website. The Sandbagger Committee is "loosely" organized by Sandbagger Racing participants to encourage and run the racing series and is not a commercial venture.

Race Schedule

May 31
June 14
June 28
July 4- Columbia Cup (Saturday)
July 19
August 2
August 16 – Distance Race (does not count toward scoring)
August 30
September 5 All Lake Regatta (Saturday)
September 13