

Sailing Instructions 2017 Thursday Night Series Portland Yacht Club May 25 through September 14, 2017



The Portland Yacht Club welcomes you to the Thursday Night Race Series! Our mission is to provide an opportunity for all sailors to participate in fun racing with friendly competition. Thursday night races will start at 6 pm beginning May 25 and run through September 14, 2017. Scoring towards the overall summer series will run from June 1 through September 14, 2017.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Portland Yacht Club welcomes all members and nonmembers to participate in its Thursday Night Race activities both on the water and after racing. In order for nonmembers to participate in the after race activities PYC will offer a temporary mooring (if available) and/or launch service to and from a visiting boat or Handy/Town Landing docks for participating visitors. This can be arranged by hailing our waterfront staff on channel 68.

All visitors need to remember that parking at the club is reserved for members only. Satellite parking is available behind Holy Martyrs church.

Also, prior to racing the club requests that racers attempt to meet their crews at the dock to alleviate multiple launch deliveries of crew to the same boat.

Those wishing to be scored shall register online at www.portlandyachtclub.com. There is NO COST for registration. The purpose of registration is simply to share or be assigned a PHRF rating. **Those wishing to be scored do not need to have a valid PHRF-NE certificate. As needed, PYC will assign an appropriate rating based on similar boats.**

Registration is now open. Registrations must be received by 3:00 PM on the date the boat first wishes to be scored. Unregistered boats are welcome to join Class A or B, their finish time will be noted, but they will not be scored in the final results for any race until they are registered. Unregistered vessels should notify the Race Committee on channel 72 regarding their intention to race.

POST RACE FESTIVITIES

The Portland Yacht Club welcomes all racers to join with other racers after Thursday night races. All participating boats are welcome to raft up to the PYC docks until the end of launch service. Launch service will run until 10 pm.

POST RACE FESTIVITIES (continued)

Dinner is available for purchase for all racers—PYC member or not—after the race at PYC. “Racer Special” dinners may be purchased using credit cards. PYC is unable to take cash. PYC is a bottle club. All racers are encouraged to bring their own beverages. PYC will gladly provide mixers and soft drinks as requested at no charge.

SAFETY

Every skipper has three obligations for which he or she is fully responsible:

- 1) To decide whether or not to race
- 2) To have all the necessary safety equipment
- 3) To know and observe the U.S. Sailing Rules.

The Portland Yacht Club, its officers, employees, and members of the Race Committee assume no liability for any damage or injury to anyone or any boat, no matter how it is caused. By entering and continuing to race, each skipper and crew member waives any claim to liability on the part of the Portland Yacht Club, its officers, employees, and members of the Race Committee.

HAILING FREQUENCY

The PYC committee boat, Lindsay Lord, may be contacted on VHF Channel 72.

RULES / PENALTIES

This Series will be governed by the racing rules of sailing, 2017-2020. A boat that violates a right-of-way rule shall do a 360 degree turn consisting of one tack and one gybe.

A boat that touches a mark of the course shall do a 360 degree turn consisting of one tack and one gybe. The turns must be done as soon after the infraction as possible without interfering with other boats.

PROTESTS

No protests shall be heard by the race committee unless damage or injury resulting from a collision between two boats occurs during the race.

CLASSES

Class A – All boats sailing with a spinnaker with a PHRF Rating of 98 or lower

Class B- All boats sailing with a spinnaker with a PHRF Rating of 99 or higher

Class C – All boats sailing without a spinnaker

A boat registered for one scored class may race in a different scored class if permission is granted by the Race Committee. Such permission may be requested and may be granted up to the class warning signal. Unregistered boats are welcome to sail in Classes A, B or C. Their finish time will be noted although they will not be scored until they register.

RACE COMMITTEE

All race competitors are expected to volunteer for Race Committee duties; not all race participants will be needed every year. Boat crews that volunteer for Race Committee will receive a first place finish towards the overall series score for that race. This may result in two first place finishes being recorded for some race dates for the same class.

PYC dock staff will prepare the Lindsay Lord prior to arrival of the volunteer race committee. All necessary materials will be on board.

PYC will provide a staff member to assist the volunteer race committee. This staff member is responsible for electronic recording of all finishes and computing corrected finishes. Volunteer Race Committees are expected to be staffed by at least two participants in addition to the PYC staff member.

CHECKING IN

A boat wishing to be scored shall check either by 1) sailing close by the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hailing her name and class; or 2) through radio contact with and recognition by the race committee using channel 72. All check-ins must be finished by the warning signal for the first class. Boats not checking in may be scored did not compete for that race.





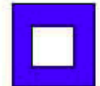

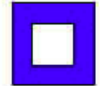





TIME LIMIT

Boats that have not finished by 30 minutes after the first finisher in each class will be scored "DNF", which will result in boats being scored one pint more than the number of finishers within the limit. PROs for the evening's races are encouraged to take this into consideration in designating the courses to be sailed for each class.

STARTING SEQUENCE

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, which was adopted in, and has been in use since 2001. This is not a “rolling” starting sequence: that is, the starting signal for a given class is NOT the warning signal for the next start. Each class will have its own starting sequence.

The time between the START for one class and the WARNING for the next class is at the discretion of the Race Committee. The time table below is a guide to assist the Race Committee but may not represent the actual time of the signals in the sequence. Boats that start prematurely must return to cross the starting line properly. The Race Committee will try to notify boats that have started over early, but failure to notify does not remove the boat's responsibility for a correct start.

	Time until Start	Sound Signal	Flag	Action
Warning	5 Minutes	Gun	 OR  OR 	 HOIST
Preparatory	4 Minutes	Gun		 HOIST
1 Minute	1 Minute	Long Horn		 DROP
Start	0 Minutes	Gun	 OR  OR 	 DROP

SCORING & AWARDS

Scoring will be in effect from June 1 to September 14, 2017.

There will be weekly awards and overall summer awards. Weekly awards will be for first place finishers in Classes A and B. Overall summer awards will recognize the top three finishers in Classes A and B.

The overall trophy for the summer series will be based on the best ten finishes of each boat over the course of the scored races between June 1 and September 14. There will be three overall awards for Class A, B and C. The winner of class A will

SCORING & AWARDS (continued)

receive the perpetual trophy designated for the Thursday night series. The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A2) will apply. Ties will be broken in accordance to RRS appendix A8.

Results for each week's race will be announced as soon as possible after the committee boat returns to the dock and will be posted at www.regattaman.com. Awards will be presented on a weekly basis to the winning boats in Classes A, B and C. In addition, a picture of each weekly winning boat will be displayed for the ensuing week at PYC.

POSTPONEMENT

Postponements will be indicated by the Code Flag "AP" and two sound signals.

The Race Committee may postpone at any time before the start of any class.

Classes that have already started before the signaling of a postponement are not affected. The Code Flag "AP" will be lowered with one sound signal one minute before the starting sequence resumes. The next signal will be the warning signal for the next class, not a start.

SHORTENING THE COURSE

The Race Committee may shorten the course at any mark of the course by displaying Code Flag "S" and making two sound signals. Boats will then finish between the mark and the Race Committee boat.

The Race Committee may also shorten the course at government navigation aids "N14", "N12", or "R18" as these aids are considered marks of the course and must be passed on the safe side.

RACE CANCELLATION OR ABANDONMENT

The Race Committee may cancel the race if conditions are unduly hazardous or due to lack of wind. The Committee will display Code Flags "AP" over "A" and make two sound signals to cancel the race. Once the race has started, the Committee may abandon the race if the wind drops to the point where further progress is unlikely. The Committee will display Code Flags "N" over "A" and make three sound signals to abandon a race. The Committee will also announce that the race has been abandoned over channel 72.

COURSES

The Race Officer will set a course for each class so that, based on the current conditions, each class will race about 45 - 60 minutes.

A board at the stern of the Race Committee Boat will have three columns, labeled A, B and C. The course for each class will be displayed under its class letter in one of two ways:

- A single number will indicate a course from the course list on the next page. (See Column "A" below)
- A single number followed by the letter R will indicate a course from the course list on the next page, to be sailed in reverse (see column "B" below).
- A sequence of letters will designate a set of marks in the order in which they are to be rounded (see column "C" below).

The last letter will be X for the finish line

Column/Class	A	B	C
Designation			
Course	8	8R	J
Designation			T
			M
			X

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS -- PYC THURSDAY NIGHT RACES

NOTES:

1. Government Navigation Aids "N14", "N12", and "R18" must be passed on the safe side (the westerly side) at all times, regardless of the course. These aids are considered marks of the course for purposes of shortening courses.
2. The lower case "p" or "s" following the course marks in the courses outlined below indicate which side the mark must be left to, "p" indicating "port" and "s" indicating "starboard".
3. If "X" is an intermediate mark in the course, pass between the Race Management Vessel and the starting mark.
4. When a mark designates a reciprocal course, it must be left to port.
5. The finish line is between the Race Management Vessel and the start/finish mark. It must be crossed from the direction of the last mark of the course

Course Number	Marks	Finishing Direction	Description
1	X-Jp-X	N	Brothers and Back
2	X-Jp-Tp-X	N	Brothers Triangle
3	X-Jp-Kp-X	N	Brothers/Great Diamond
4	X-Mp-Kp-X	N	Great Diamond Cut
5	X-As-Cs-Is-Ts-X	N	Great Circle
6	X-Tp-Ap-X	S	Around Clapboard
7	X-Jp-Ap-X	S	Brothers/Sturdivant
8	X-Cp-X	S	To Basket
9	X-Dp-Bp-X	S	Sou'easter
10	X-Jp-Gp-Ap-X	S	Northwest Triangle

A	GR ⁵	Sturdivant ledges	I	N ⁶	N of Cow Island	R	C ⁹	N of Long Island
B	White "Danger"	E of Sturdivant Island Ledges	J	C ¹¹	E of The Brothers	S	R ⁸ BELL	SW of Cliff Island
C	N ²	S of Basket Island	K	N ¹⁰	NW of Great Diamond Island	T	RG ¹⁰	W of Cow Island Ledge
D	R ¹⁴ FIR 8s	W of Indian Point, Chebeague Island	L	Leeward	Inflatable Drop Mark	U	R ² FIR 4s	Witch Rock
E	N ⁸	S of Channel Rocks	M	N ⁸	W of Great Diamond Island	V	R ² FIR 8s	SW of The Hussey
F	N ¹²	W of Channel Rocks	N	G ⁷ FIG 4s	E of Pumpkin Nob	W	Windward	Inflatable Drop Mark
G	G ¹¹ FIG 4s	E of Cow Island Ledge	O	R ⁶ QR	Soldier Lodge, Hussey Sound	X	Start/Finish	Inflatable Drop Mark
H	R ¹⁰ FIR 4s	NW of Ponos Landing, Long Island	P	G ³ FIG 4s	SE end of Hussey Sound	Y	G ¹ FI G 2.5s	E of Witch Rock
			Q	R ⁴ FIR 4s	SE end of Hussey Sound	Z	G ¹ FI G 4s	E of Fish Point

