



2021 Thursday Night Series

May 20 through September 30, 2021

Portland Yacht Club

40 Old Powerhouse Road

Falmouth, Maine

www.portlandyachtclub.com/racing



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All PYC boats shall be required to volunteer for a Race Committee slot. Instructions will be provided upon registration.
- 1.3. PYC will be continuously updating its list of guidelines for operation of the clubhouse and waterfront corresponding to COVID-19 recommendations provided by the State of Maine. Sailors are advised to refer to these guidelines available on the PYC website to remain current on these policies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on the Thursday before the first race on the official notice board located at the southwest corner of the PYC clubhouse and on Regattaman.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.portlandyachtclub.com/racing/thursday-night-racing>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All sailboats 20 feet in length and over are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the Thursday Night Series. Those wishing to be scored shall register online at <https://www.portlandyachtclub.com/racing/thursday-night-racing>
- 4.2. Those wishing to be scored do not need to have a valid PHRF-NE certificate. As needed, PYC RC will assign an appropriate rating based on similar boats. All decisions by the PYC RC are final - if a competitor feels that their rating is incorrect they may apply for a PHRF-NE certificate at www.gmora.org

- 4.3. Registrations must be received by **12pm on the day of the race** that the boat first wishes to be scored. Unregistered boats are welcome to join Class A, B, or C. The vessel finish time will be noted, but the vessel will not be scored in the final results for any race until the vessel is registered. Unregistered vessels shall notify the Race Committee regarding their intention to race prior to the first warning signal.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee is **\$50 for the series**.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Races are every Thursday evening starting May 20 and ending September 30, 2021. **There will be no race on July 1, 2021.**
- 6.2. Two weeks will not follow the usual schedule as we are excited to collaborate with the Centerboard Yacht Club to sponsor two evenings of joint racing.
- 6.2.1.1. **Thursday, July 8th**, the Centerboard fleet will join the PYC fleet.
- 6.2.1.2. **Wednesday, June 30st** the PYC fleet joins the Centerboard fleet..
- Racing will start in the vicinity of mark B, the Brothers, for these two special nights.*
- 6.2.1.3. Racing will begin at 6:00 PM in May, June, July & August (except Monhegan Thursday)
- 6.2.1.4. Racing will begin at 5:30 PM in September & Monhegan Thursday.
- 6.3. The Portland Yacht Club welcomes all racers to gather socially 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 2200 hours until the end of August when times may change.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. Throughout the summer, about once a month, there will be scheduled dock parties when competitors are encouraged to raft up on the PYC docks. These dates will be emailed to the fleet in advance.
- 6.6. Currently 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 are TBC due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Competitors will be emailed an update before racing commences.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The start will be in the vicinity of Clapboard Island in start areas **1, 2, or 3**.
- 7.2. Racing will start in the vicinity of mark B, the Brothers, on 6/30 & 7/8

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will be “around the buoys” and run around 1-2 hours. There will be one race per night.
- 8.2. The courses will use government and drop marks as described on the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List available at www.portlandyachtclub.com/racing

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.
- 9.2. RRS 44.1, the One and Two-Turn Penalty will be in effect and is encouraged.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The scoring system is as follows: RRS Appendix A (Low Point Scoring.)
- 10.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. The series shall be scored as following - Overall (score the boats best 10 finishes), Spring (before 6/21), Summer (between 6/21 & Labor Day) and Fall (after Labor Day)

11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees or acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the **risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. **A copy of this insurance will be emailed to the PYC Race Officer before registration is accepted.**

13. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1. Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, everything may change.
- 13.2. For further information please contact:
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