



2021 Thursday Night Series

May 20 through September 30, 2021

Portland Yacht Club

40 Old Powerhouse Road

Falmouth, Maine

www.portlandyachtclub.com/racing



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. For the joint Centerboard/Portland Yacht Club Series, the PYC Thursday Night Sailing Instructions shall apply on the Thursday race and the CYC Wednesday Night Sailing Instructions will apply on the Wednesday race. Boats shall race in the appropriate class for each night event according to the host club's class descriptions. Races shall be scored according to the host club's scoring system that night. Competitors shall be scored for their club's season according to the corrected placing in each night's race and will count for the season championship for their respective club. A separate tabulation of the two-night series races will determine the overall placing in each class for special awards to be distributed at the end of season awards ceremony.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day it goes into effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the southwest corner of the PYC clubhouse and on Regattaman.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with the competitors on VHF radio channel **69**.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that isn't available to all boats.
- 3.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the soonest reasonable opportunity.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Portland Yacht Club.
- 5.2. When flag AP (Postponement) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP..

6. SCHEDULE







- 6.1. This schedule replaces the NoR #6
- 6.2. Races are every Thursday evening starting May 20 and ending September 30, 2021. **There will be no race on July 1, 2021.**
- 6.3. 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 participation.
- 6.4. **Thursday, July 8th**, boats from Centerboard will join us.
- 6.5. **Wednesday, June 30st** the PYC joins the boats from Centerboard..
- 6.6. Racing will start in the vicinity of mark B, the Brothers, for these two special nights.
- 6.7. Racing will begin at 6:00 PM in May, June, July & August (except Monhegan Thursday)
- 6.8. Racing will begin at 5:30 PM in September & Monhegan Thursday.
- 6.9. 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 2200 hours.
- 6.10. 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.

7. CHECKING IN

- 7.1. A boat wishing to race shall check in by sailing close by the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hailing her name and class before the first warning signal for the first class.

8. CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

8.1. Class flags shall be as follows:

<u>Class</u>					
Racing A	Racing B	Cruising	TBD	J24	Etchells
					

Class A – All boats sailing with a spinnaker with a PHRF rating between 0 and 99

Class B – All boats sailing with a spinnaker with a PHRF rating 100 or higher

Class C – All boats sailing without a spinnaker

- 8.2. One Design Class – Any One Design Class entering 6 or more boats may petition for a start. The position for a one design class start within the other class starts will be at the discretion of the race committee; please monitor the VHF channel (see 3.2) for information pertaining to the start. Unless otherwise noted, the class flag for a one design class shall be its class logo flag or a flag displaying the letter “D”.
- 8.3. 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.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Portland Yacht Club, The Brothers, Long Island, and Basket Island in Casco Bay. On the joint CYC/PYC race nights, this area may be extended into Portland Harbor.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The Race Committee will set a course for each class so that, based on the current conditions, each class should race about 45 - 90 minutes.
- 10.2. The 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List will be utilized for this Series. [See Addendum A](#)
- 10.3. Pre designated courses are listed on [Addendum B](#).

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

A number will indicate a course from the course list in **Addendum B** (see columns “A” and B” below).

A sequence of letters will designate a set of race 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.

Class Designation	A	B	C
Course	8	15	B
			N
			X

11. MARKS

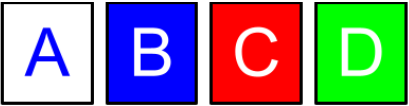
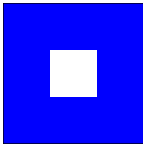
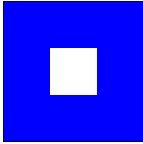
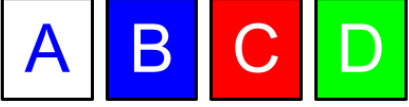
- 11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
- 11.1.1.1. Government Navigational Aids “N12”, “N14”, and R”18” near Clapboard Island must be passed on the safe side (the westerly side) at all times. These areas are highlighted on the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List Chart. These aids are considered marks of the course for purposes of shortening courses.
- 11.2. **All marks shall be left to port unless followed by a green shape on the course board.**
- 11.3. If “X” is an intermediate mark in the course, pass between the Race Management Vessel and the starting mark.
- 11.4. A drop mark designated by the Race Committee via VHF before the race may be used as per the PYC/CYC 2020 Mark List.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. 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.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. If any part of a boat’s hull, **excluding any sprits or extensions**, is on the course side of the committee starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified,

the race will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the VHF channel (3.2). Failure to make this broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 6

12.5. Example starting sequence:

	Time until Start	Sound Signal	Flag	Action
Warning	5 Minutes	Short Horn (or gun)	Class Flag (one only) 	⇧ Hoist
Preparatory	4 Minutes	Short Horn (or gun)	"P" Flag 	⇧ Hoist
1 Minute	1 Minute	Long Horn	"P" Flag 	⇩ Drop
Start	0	Short Horn (or gun)	Class Flag (one only) 	⇩ Drop

13. CHANGING OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. The Race Committee may change the course at a mark of the course by flying Code Flag "C" and making multiple sound signals while holding up a sign that designates a new mark.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. The Race Committee may also shorten the course at government navigation aids "N12", "N14" or "R18" as these aids are considered marks of the course and must be passed on the safe side.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark. It must be crossed from the direction of the last mark of the course

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. Competitors wishing to file a protest shall:

- 15.1.1.1. immediately inform the boat they intend to protest and fly a red flag in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 15.1.1.2. notify the race committee within ten minutes of crossing the finish line.
- 15.1.1.3. contact the boat they are protesting informing them of their intent.
- 15.2. For Thursday Night Races, the Portland Yacht Club expedited protest process shall use the following process:
 - 15.2.1.1. The protest committee will consist of three members of the PYC or PYC staff.
 - 15.2.1.2. Within ten minutes of the Race Committee docking (unless extensive damage to the protesting boat precludes this timing), the protest shall begin.
 - 15.2.1.3. The boat initiating the protest will have three minutes to verbally explain the circumstances of their protest.
 - 15.2.1.4. The boat being protested will then have three minutes to verbally explain their interpretation of the same incident.
 - 15.2.1.5. The Protest Committee will have five minutes to ask clarifying questions of either competitor.
 - 15.2.1.6. The Protest Committee will have five minutes to render a judgement. This judgement can include disqualification or a time penalty. The Protest Committee will then explain their judgement to all involved and take the opportunity to explain their decision to the competitors.
- 15.3. Note: There are no requirements to file or present a written protest form.

16. SCORING & AWARDS

- 16.1. The scoring system is as follows: RRS Appendix A.
- 16.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. Boats not recorded in the starting area will be scored points equal to the number of starters in that race plus 1. This modifies RRS A9.
- 16.5. The racing will be divided into three series
 - 16.5.1.1. Spring (before June 21)
 - 16.5.1.2. Summer (June 21 to Labor Day)
 - 16.5.1.3. Fall (Labor Day to end of racing)
- 16.6. First place trophies shall be awarded for all classes. For classes with 5 or more boats a second place trophy will be awarded. For classes with 7 or more boats a third place trophy will be awarded.
- 16.7. The overall trophy for the Season Series will be based on the best 10 finishes of each boat over the course of the scored races. If fewer than ten races are run, the Season Series trophies will be based on those races run. There will be three overall awards—one for Class A, one for Class B, and one for Class C.
- 16.8. The names of the winners of both Classes A and B will be engraved on the perpetual trophy designated for the Racing Division Thursday night series while the winner of Class C will be

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

- 16.9. 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 **first three boats** in Classes A, B and C. This may be adjusted weekly due to COVID protocols at the club.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. 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.**

18. RACE COMMITTEE

- 18.1. All PYC 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.
- 18.2. PYC shall provide written advice for those volunteering for Race Committee duties prior to their designated week. The advice will include handling of the Lindsay Lord as well as a guide to running a Thursday Night race. Volunteers will be running the race and should be prepared accordingly.
- 18.3. PYC dock staff will prepare the Lindsay Lord prior to arrival of the volunteer race committee. All necessary race materials will be on board. RC volunteers should be on the Lindsay Lord and prepared to leave no later than one hour before the first gun.
- 18.4. 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.