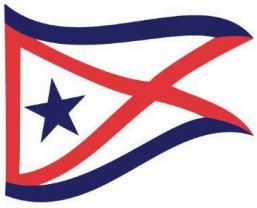


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2024 Thursday Night Race Series Sailing Instructions

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. 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**. All competitors shall monitor this channel while racing.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 6.2. Races are every Thursday evening starting May 23 and ending September 26, 2024. **There will be no race on July 4 or August 1.**
- 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.
 - 6.3.1.1. **Wednesday, July 3** the PYC fleet will join racing boats from Centerboard. There is no race on Thursday, July 4.
 - 6.3.1.2. **Thursday, July 11**, the CYC fleet will join racing boats from PYC.
- 6.4. Racing will start in the vicinity of Mark B, the Brothers, on Wednesday, July 3 and Thursday, July 11.
- 6.5. Racing will begin at 6:00 PM in May, June, July & August.
- 6.6. Racing will begin at 5:30 PM in September.
- 6.7. 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.
- 6.8. Dinner is available for purchase by 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 using the Regattaman Online Check In link that is emailed to them for the series. Online Check In is available 3 hours before the race starts.
- 7.2. The RC may allow boats to check in on the water before the start of the starting sequence by sailing close by the committee boat on starboard tack and hailing the boat name and which class they will sail in.

8. CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

8.1. Class flags shall be as follows

Class A – All boats sailing with a spinnaker signified by a blue letter “A” on a white background.

Class B - All boats sailing with or without a spinnaker, unrated and not timed, signified by a white letter “B” on a blue background.

Class C – All boats sailing without a spinnaker signified by a white letter “C” on a red background.

Portland Yacht Club reserves the right to split either of these classes into two separate classes depending upon registration for Thursday nights. If a split is made, all possible attempts will be made to retain this split for the entirety of the season. This change will be made as outlined in notices to competitors (3.1)

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 C**.

10.4. Course “18” - Round Clapboard Island - can be completed in any direction. Boats must keep R18 (ledge daymark), aquaculture barges on the south-east side of Clapboard Island, Mark N (RG N”Cl”), N12 & N14 between your boat and the island.

10.5. 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.

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Class Designation	A	B	C
Course	8	15	B
			N
			X

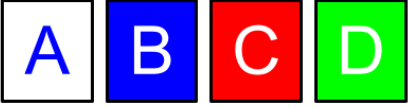
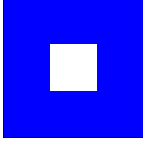
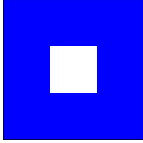
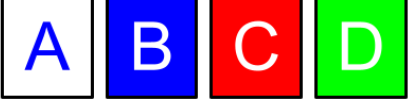
11. MARKS

- 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 passed to port unless followed by a green shape on the course board.
- 11.3. If “X” is an intermediate mark in the course, boats shall 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. 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. This modifies RRS 33.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. The Race Committee may shorten or change course by notifying the class affected on the VHF channel for the race.
 - 13.3.1.1. The communication shall occur before the first boat of the class reaches the rounding mark before the leg to be changed.
 - 13.3.1.2. The communication shall be repeated 3 times over the course of 5 minutes.
 - 13.3.1.3. The RC shall fly the appropriate flag on the RC boat and sound the appropriate signals.
 - 13.3.1.4. This modifies RRS 32 & 33.
 - 13.3.1.5. Failure of a boat to hear the broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

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14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line for a shortened course 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. Within ten minutes of the Race Committee docking (unless extensive damage to the protesting boat precludes this timing), the protest shall begin.
 - 15.2.2.1. The boat initiating the protest will have three minutes to verbally explain the circumstances of their protest.
 - 15.2.2.2. The boat being protested will then have three minutes to verbally explain their interpretation of the same incident.
 - 15.2.2.3. The Protest Committee will have five minutes to ask clarifying questions of either competitor.
 - 15.2.2.4. The Protest Committee will have five minutes to render a judgment. This judgment can include disqualification or a time penalty. The Protest Committee will then explain their judgment 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 for the series will use low point scoring.
- 16.2. Races shall be scored using TOT calculations.
- 16.3. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4. Boat crews that volunteer for Race Committee for a Thursday Night Race 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.

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.

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- 16.5. The overall trophy for the Thursday Night Season Series will be based on the best scores for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the races **run**. There will be two overall awards—one for Class A, and one for Class C.
- 16.6. The names of the winners of Class A 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. Ties will be broken in accordance to RRS appendix A8.
- 16.7. 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. Starting in June, awards will be presented on a weekly basis to the first three boats in Classes A and C. A member of that crew must be present to receive the daily award, otherwise it will go to someone else.

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 for a Thursday Night Race 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.