

2016 PHYC/SYC Spring, Summer, & Fall WL Regatta SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Updated 5/5/16



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1 RULES

- 1.1 The series races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 The minimum number of crew per boat is two (2).
- 1.4 The Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws will apply and each boat shall have a current Lake Huron PHRF rating certificate.
- 1.5 The class rules as adopted by the local Cal 25 and Cruising Class will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Yacht Scoring website for this event is the official notice board (www.yachtscoring.com).
- 2.2 PHYC and SYC club notice boards, as well as online at www.phyc.org and www.SarniaYachtClub.CA will be used to post reference information for skippers.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SYC RC Building (Race Shack) and the PHYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Race dates are provided on the 2016 PHYC/SYC Race Schedule.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055.
- 5.3 Race start sequence will not be started after 1600 on any race day.
- 5.4 RC will attempt to run as many races as possible each day.
- 5.5 Regatta Weekend awards at PHYC no sooner than 2 hours after the last finisher on the last day of each event.
- 5.6 Series Overall Prizes will be given at the Awards Banquet as listed on the 2015 PHYC/SYC Race Schedule.

6 CLASS PENNANTS

- 6.1 Class Pennants for Series Races will be:

PHRF A	2nd Substitute
PHRF B	H Code Flag
PHRF C	Number 0
PHRF D	3rd Substitute / D Code Flag

- 6.2 Pennants shall be not less than 9" X 18" in size and shall be flown from the aftermost backstay approximately 6' above the deck when racing. Boats without a backstay must display the class pennant from a staff at the stern.

7 CLASS SPLITS

- 7.1 Final class splits will be posted two weeks prior to the first race of each W/L Regatta.

8 RACE DAY CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

- 8.1 No earlier than 0001 (12:01 A.M.) and no later than the first warning signal on a given day, all participating yachts shall check in with RC by one of the following methods:
 - TEXT: Text your boat name, sail number and class to (810) 294-0473.
 - PHYSICALLY: Sail past the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their boat name, sail number and class. They shall continue to do so until they are

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- verbally acknowledged by the race committee.
 - No check-in after the first warning will be accepted
- 8.2 Any participant retiring from or revising their racing status shall notify RC with their PN as soon as practicable but not later than one (1) hour after so doing by one of the following methods:
- TEXT: Text your boat name, sail number and class with the notation "retiring" to: (810) 294-0473
 - Contact the SYC race shack at (519) 332-6779 ext. 6.
 - Contact RC on VHF 72

8.3 Failure to comply with 8.1 and/or 8.2 will result in a 30% scoring penalty for the day. This modifies RRS.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The W/L Course Windward Mark (#1) and Leeward Mark (#2) will be orange inflated pyramids.
- 9.2 Start and Finish Marks will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 9.3 A green inflatable pyramid may be used as a limit mark for the race committee boat. This mark will be considered an extension of the race committee boat.

10 COURSE

- 10.1 All racing will be located near R5 channel navigation buoy in lower Lake Huron. Racing can occur on either the US or Canadian side of the channel.
- 10.2 The designated course length to the Windward Mark (#1) will be approximately 1.0 mile, but will vary dependent upon wind strength. The distance for each race will be approximately 4.0 miles.
- 10.3 The Leeward Mark (#2) will be located approximately 50 Yards on the course side starting line.
- 10.4 All Rounding Marks shall be left to Port.
- 10.5 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the RC boat to the Windward Mark (#1). Changes to the position of the Windward Mark (#1) will be displayed from the Race Committee Boat in accordance with the RRS 33.
- 10.6 All classes will complete the Course, Start -1-2-1-Finish.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The race committee will display the corresponding number flag for each start. This modifies RRS 26.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the start/finish mark at the port end.
- 11.4 The starting order for each race will be:

Start 1	PHRF D
Start 2	PHRF C
Start 3	PHRF B
Start 4	PHRF A

- 11.5 After the starting sequence has initiated, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid:
 - The starting area extending 300' behind the starting line.
 - The area extending from both ends of the starting line to the first mark forming a triangle.
 Boats in violation of this instruction may be protested by the Race Committee under RRS 24.1.
- 11.6 Additional start sequences will begin no sooner than 5 minutes after the last finisher, or 5 minutes after time expires, whichever is sooner.
- 11.7 When a general recall for a class has been signalled, the start for the recalled class will be moved to the end of the starting order, and the starting order for the other classes will remain the same. This modifies RRS 29.



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12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the port end and the start/finish mark at the starboard end as approaching the finish.
- 12.2 After finishing, boats shall clear the finish area as quickly as possible so as to not obscure the race committee's view of the finish line and shall not re-cross the finish line with sails up.
- 12.3 Boats shall record their finish times, the boat immediately ahead and astern, and report the information to the race committee if requested.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit is 75 minutes after the class starting signal.
- 13.2 If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This modifies RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available online at YachtScoring.com, at the SYC Race Shack and the PHYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Chairman or their designate within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3 Notices of protests filed will be posted on the PHYC website (www.phyc.org) by 1800 the day after the race. Parties will be notified by the Race Chairman as to the time and location of the protest hearings.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Each boat racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements as applicable.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible per these SIs section 8.3.

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The Race Committee may be broadcasting on VHF 69 to supply information to competitors. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 17.2 Other than a vessel in distress, the use of VHF 69 is strictly reserved for active RC race management.
- 17.3 VHF 72 will be monitored by RC to accept communication from retiring yachts.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 Class rules that modify these SIs section 17.1 are the responsibility of the class to administrate.
- 18.3 There will be no throw outs in each regatta weekend scoring (Modifies RRS Appendix A)
- 18.4 One race may constitute a series.
- 18.5 A total of all a boat's scores from each W/L Regatta will be used to determine the Overall series awards with the following throw-outs;
 - After 9 races completed 1 throw-outs will apply.
 - After 12 races completed 2 throw-outs will apply.
 - After 15 races completed 3 throw-outs will apply.

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19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Flags will be given to the top three finishers in each class for each W/L Regatta.
- 19.2 Flags will be given to the top three finishers in each class for overall finishers.
- 19.3 Perpetual Trophies will be given to the top overall finishers in each class.



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