

Portage Yacht Club

Official Notice 17.01

2017 Race Management Instructions

As a returning registered racer you have an obligation to fulfill your assigned race management duty. It is also your responsibility to:

1. Review relevant rules and procedures before your assigned day. They are a part of this mailing and a copy is included in the Race Manager's Handbook which the Briefer will furnish you at the Signal Boat briefing. The Club attempts to keep the assignments current on the Google Calendar but if the Club is not privy to switches made by assignees, obviously the Calendar can't be current.. This, however is a courtesy, and is not to be viewed as an obligation on the part of the Race Committee.
2. Provide someone who is capable as your assistant. If your obligation is Service Boat duty, the individual you enlist must be capable of assisting in the rescue of capsized boats and/or its occupants. No other passengers are allowed on the Service Boat.
3. Appear one hour before the first race of the day for briefing. On a multi-race day, all Race Management teams must attend this one briefing. Consideration for the Briefer and other Race Management personnel mandates punctuality.
4. If a change of assignment becomes necessary, you SHOULD switch with some one from your fleet who is scheduled in the same column. In order for the Scorer to record your switched race manager duty, you are obligated to confirm the change with the Race Management Scheduling Master, currently David Moody, at davem@umich.edu before your switched race management duty begins. Absent that email, you may recorded DNE. Persons scheduled late in the season are at some disadvantage in arranging a replacement, so plan ahead.
5. Check website at <http://ms-pyc.com/management-schedule/> for any changes to Official Notices 17.02.
6. It is also your responsibility to serve on the Protest Committee if there are protests.

PLEASE SHOW UP ON TIME!!!

Fulfilling race management assignments are the obligation of everyone registered to race, and the Sailing Instructions provide severe scoring penalties for failure to provide the required assistant. Short-handed race management teams may not be able to properly respond to emergency situations that may occur during a race.

If a race manager reports without the required assistant, the assignee must secure a qualified volunteer assistant from bystanders or those assembled to race. If the volunteer assistant is registered to race, he/she shall be scored as Race Management for that race. If the assignee is unsuccessful in securing a qualified assistant, the assignee shall be scored "Disqualified not Exempt" (DNE), the same as if they were a "No Show."

Anyone scored a DNE for failure to properly discharge his/her assigned race management duty may be scored a DNE by the Race Committee after a hearing. For years, the Race Committee avoided Draconian methods as a means to encourage the discipline necessary to ensure a high quality sailboat-racing program. However, with problems continuing, the Race Committee has enacted measures designed to mete out more serious consequences to those who are derelict in their duty which included removal from the program. Regretfully, we may lose some participants, but to the benefit of the race program as a whole.

Race Management assignments are posted on the PYC web site at www.ms-pyc.com under racing-schedule/management