



Portage Yacht Club, Pinckney, MI
2017 Gold and Silver Series
May – September, 2017
Notice of Race



Portage Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. Portage Yacht Club invites participation in each of three, season long club series regattas. The "Gold Series" is held on the weekends. The "Silver Series" are held on weeknights ("Small Boat Silver Series" held on Tuesday nights and "Large Boat Silver Series" on Thursday nights). Each of these three club series regattas is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Racing rule 41 is changed to allow additional outside assistance. Racing rule 61.1(a)(2) will be changed to require boats with hull length of more than 17 feet must display a protest flag. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may change other racing rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Registration is open to all boats owned or chartered for an entire series. Each skipper must be a member of US Sailing, their Class Association, and Portage Yacht Club. PYC membership is waived for the first year for skippers that are new to the program.
- 2.2. A minimum of three boats of a kind registered to race by the first race, or a minimum of three boats of a kind registered to race at the conclusion of the previous season shall guarantee being scored as a fleet. All boats not qualifying for fleet status shall compete against each other on a boat-to-boat basis and scored in the "Others" fleet.
- 2.3. Eligible boats must enter by completing the attached form and sending it with the required fee to Portage Yacht Club. Late fee for renewal after April 1.

3. FEES

The required fees are a Basic Registration Fee of \$200 per registered household plus senior or junior fees for each series as shown on the entry form attached. Late entries will be accepted for entrants who pay a late fee of \$20. Late registrants will not be scored for races conducted before the required fees are paid.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The schedule is shown in Attachment 1.

- 4.2. On each Gold Series race date with the exception of May 12, 19, 26, and September 3, two races are scheduled. On September 3, three races are scheduled, each of these races will be scored separately.
- 4.3. The Principal Race Officer shall attempt to run back-to-back races for the Thursday Series races held in June and the first three Thursdays Series Races in July and for all Tuesday Series races. The four Thursday dates in June may not use spinnakers. In the event of multiple races, a boat's score for that evening will be the ranking of that boat's average score for all races of the evening.
- 4.4. Five races are scheduled on Make-up Days for the Gold Series' Red, White, and Blue Series and shall be allocated to replace Abandoned races in the Red, White and Blue Series in rotating order until all make-up races have been assigned.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be emailed to all registrants before the first race of the season.

6. VENUE AND COURSES

The races will be sailed on Portage Lake near Pinckney, Michigan using windward-leeward and triangular courses and drop marks.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Race Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9. Entry Form is found at:

<http://ms-pyc.com/race-registration/>.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Portage Yacht Club, 8930 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Pinckney, MI 48169-2154 (734) 426-4155 or sail@chartermi.net.