Member

Portage Yacht Club, Pinckney, MI

2019 Gold and Silver Series

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The following rules are changed:

Rule 28.1 Sailing the Course: is modified to include that the last yet-to-finish boat may elect to notify the Service Boat or the Signal Boat, within the Time Limit for finishing, of her intention to not complete the course. The Principal Race Officer shall then designate her as finished based on her position on the course **(PYC MERCY RULE)**.

Rule 32.2(a) Shortened Course is modified to state that if the race committee signals shortened course, the finishing line shall be between a nearby mark and the mast on the Signal Boat;

Rule 41 (c) Outside Help is modified to add, "or oral information from any source;"

Rule 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty is modified so that if the infringing boat has a spinnaker hoisted at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty turns and resets it and has it drawing, the penalty is one penalty turn instead of two.

Rule 47 Limitations on Equipment And Crew is modified to add: Rule 47.3: Except as set forth in Rule 47.2, there shall be no limitation on the number or identity of crew, except a Flying Scot when racing shall carry a minimum crew of two.

Rule 61.1(a)(2) Informing the Protestee is modified so boats with hull length of more than 17 feet must display the flag.

Rule 63.4 Conflict of Interest is modified so that if all parties agree, an interested party may participate in a hearing deciding a protest or serve as an Arbitrator. Further an interested party may participate as a Race Committee member in a Request for Redress hearing.

Rules 62 Redress and 64.2 Decisions on Redress are modified in that the Race Committee shall hear and decide Requests for Redress.

1.3 ***Swimming Rafts***. A boat shall be penalized by a DNE (Disqualification not Excludable) for either sailing inside areas bounded by swimming rafts before, during or after racing, or endangering users of Portage Lake while racing.

1.4 ***Sportsmanship***. You shall render all possible assistance to any vessel or person in peril when in a position to do so. A competitor needing assistance should wave an arm with palm open; if no help is needed the arm should be waved with fist closed. *WE SHARE THIS LAKE WITH OTHERS. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS!*

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted at the PYC Clubhouse and sent by mail or E-Mail to the registrant's designated address.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted and mailed or emailed at least four days prior to the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Signal Boat at its mooring. In addition to displaying the signal, the sound signal shall be made with the VHF radio tuned to channel 72 and transmitting the sounds along with a description of the signal.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal "AP".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of races will be as published in the Notice of Race.

5.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today."

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flag for the first and third fleets to start shall be a solid yellow shape.

6.2 The Class flag for the second fleet to start shall be a solid red shape

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The races will be sailed on Portage Lake near Pinckney, Michigan

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course is shown on the Signal Boat by icons read from left to right, which indicate the course legs and direction from the starting line to finish line. When the icon display is interrupted by a blank, this signals that Sunfish do not sail that part of the course shown to the right of the blank. The background of icons indicates how marks are to be left, red to port, green to starboard.

8.2 The minimum race shall consist of a three-legged windward/leeward course but not counting an off-set leg if used, or a four-legged triangular course.

9 MARKS

9.1 Starting and turning marks will be orange or yellow cylinders or tetrahedrons.

9.2 The finishing marks will be yellow cylinders or tetrahedrons.

10 THE START

10.1 Before the Start, a skipper requesting a boat substitution (See 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY in the NOR) must hail their class and number and substituted-for-number to record their intention to race.

10.2 An attention signal of short sound bursts precedes the Warning Signal by 20 seconds

10.3 Gold Series races and Silver Series Thursday races will be started by using rule 26.

10.4 Silver Series Tuesday races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

10.5 The second sentence of rule 26 is changed to read, “All times shall be taken from sound signals.”

10.6 Starting Order:

Gold Series	All fleets start together
Silver Series Thursdays	All fleets start together
Silver Series Tuesdays	Lasers , Open

10.7 The starting line shall be a line between the mast's course-side on a Signal Boat and the course-side of a nearby mark.

10.8 **Individual Recall**: Rule 29.1 is modified in that the PRO shall attempt to notify each boat that has started prematurely by hailing her sail number. Code flag “X” (Individual Recall) shall not be used but a sound signal shall be utilized.

10.9 **General Recall**: Rule 29.2 is modified in that following a General Recall for the Silver Thursday and Gold Series the next Starting Signal will be made 5 minutes from the previous starting signal and for the Silver Tuesday Series 3 minutes. The First Substitute signal will not be displayed, instead the recalled fleet’s class flag (warning signal) will be re-hoisted with two sounds.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 **Rule 33 Changing Next Leg of the Course** is modified in that a red shape will indicate the course direction has moved to port, and a green shape will indicate to starboard. If the leg length is changed, it will not be signaled.

11.2 When changing the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line shall be between the Signal Boat mast's course-side and the course-side of a nearby mark

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 If a leading boat, regardless of class, does not pass the next mark of the course within 20 minutes, from the time the previous mark was passed or from the time the race was started, the race shall be abandoned for all classes.

13.2 If no boat in a class has finished within 90 minutes of its Starting Signal, the race shall be declared Abandoned for that class but it shall not be signaled.

13.3 A boat in a Gold Series race that does not finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes or a boat in a Silver Series race that does not finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her

class sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 **Informing the PRO**. In addition to the requirements of Rule 61, when reasonable opportunity occurs, a boat intending to protest shall inform the PRO immediately upon finishing the race and receive their acknowledgement.

14.2 **Forms**. Protest and Penalty Acceptance forms are available at the PYC Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Protest Committee within the appropriate time limit.

14.3 **Penalty Taken After a Race.** Appendix V Alternative Penalties rule V2 Penalty Taken After a Race applies.

14.4 **Protest Time Limit.** The protest time limit for each race is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat docks after the last race or the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Protest hearings will usually be held immediately following the final race of the day. If this is not possible, as determined by the Protest Committee, the Protest Committee will reschedule for as soon possible. It is the responsibility of all parties to the protest to be available as scheduled.

14.5 **Protest Committee.** For each race the Protest Committee consists of the scheduled PRO and Service Boat Operator or their replacements, and a representative from the Protest Committee Supplemental Pool chosen by the PRO

14.6 **Reconsider Request.** If a party to a protest hearing believes the Protest Committee's (PC) decision contains an error in the process or application of the rules, but not the finding of facts, that party (requestor) may request the Protest Hearing Review Committee (PHRC) reconsider the PC decision.

The requestor shall file the Request with the PHRC chair within 15 days of receipt of a written decision from the PC and shall state why the requestor believes the PC's decision or its procedures were incorrect.

Concurrently, the requestor shall provide the PHRC chair a copy of the PC's decision, a copy of the protest, a copy of any documents attached to the protest, any additional relevant documents, and the names and email or street addresses of all parties to the protest.

The PHRC shall then promptly meet and review the process and/or application of the rules.

A PHRC member may not participate if also a member of the PC whose action is being reviewed.

The decision of the PHRC, which shall incorporate the facts found by the PC, becomes the final decision of the PC. This changes Rules 65.1, 65.2 and 66.

The processes noted in Appendix F4, F5.1, F6, F7, and F8(a) and (b) shall also apply to this Request.

15 SCORING

The Appendix A Low Point System shall be used except first place shall score ¾ points. (This modifies Appendix A4.1.) Final standings for the Red, White, Blue, Gold, Gold Plus, Spring, Summer, or Silver Series are based on the total points accrued for races held in that Series.

15.1 **Post-Race Scoring Penalties.** The provisions of rule V2 will apply.

15.2 **Throw Outs**. A boat's worst race shall be discarded for every three races held in the series being scored except as noted in 15.4 below.

15.3 **Average Points for Race Management**. When a boat misses a race because its skipper(s) serves on the race management team pursuant to the published duty schedule, as amended, that boat shall be given a score equal to its average for all races that it sails in the series being scored.

15.4 **Failure to Discharge Race Management Duties.** If a person fails to discharge their assigned responsibility to manage a race, their boat may be scored a DNE (Disqualification not Excludable) by the Race Committee, after a hearing. The Race Committee may impose further penalties up to removal from the sailboat racing program.

15.5 **Gold Series.** The Gold Series Championship shall be based on one's results from the total races held for the Red, White, and Blue.

15.6 **Gold Series Plus**. The Gold Series Plus Championship shall be based on one's results from the total races held for the Red, White, Blue, and Gold Series Plus.

15.7 **Silver Series.** The Silver Series Championship shall be based on one's results from the total races held for the Spring and Summer Series.

16 AWARDS

16.1 For each Red, White, Blue, Spring, and Summer Series, awards are based on the average number of starting boats in each class. One trophy is awarded for each three starting boats.

16.2 Awards for the Gold and Silver Series are based on the number of boats registered in each class. One trophy is awarded for each three registered boats.

16.3 For each Series, all quotients shall be rounded up to the next number of places to be awarded.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Before each race, skippers should pass near the Signal Boat and hail their class and number to help record their intention to race.

17.2 Boats when racing must carry the safety and assistance equipment required for competing in their class-sanctioned events.

17.3 Competitors are encouraged to wear an approved personal flotation device while racing.

17.4 Competitors are strongly encouraged, if not required by class, to equip themselves with a whistle for attracting help, and to use four sharp blasts as the emergency signal.