



The Mainsheet

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Slalom Race Challenges Laser Sailors

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Photo of the Month



Laser and multihull sailor Bob Harvey has completed the US Sailing Club Judge Seminar and passed the on-line test. He is now a “Judge-in-Training”. Clark Chapin presented him with his own yellow flag, used by judges to signal infringements of Rule 42 Propulsion at some events. (Brian Hawkins photo).

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Slalom Race Challenges Lasers

Rick Lyons overcame blustery conditions and four challengers to win the Second Annual PYC Slalom Championship for Lasers on Sunday 13-Jun. Two sailors at a time raced on parallel courses upwind and down in short, 4-minute races. After two races, the winner of the match had the shortest total time for the two races. Conditions began with moderate winds, but built as the day went on to puffs in the high teens, giving the sailors a real workout. Each sailor sailed a 2-race “match” against all of the other sailors, making ten matches or twenty races in all. Each match took a little less than 20-minutes to complete. For all but Steve Wiseman, this was their first slalom race, but they were enthusiastic about this format

and were eager for the event to be repeated, possibly later in the summer.



Start of a slalom race. One boat starts near the orange buoy and the other near the yellow.

Clark Chapin was assisted on the Signal Boat by former PYC members Dick and Jan Weaver. Brian Hawkins and Bob Harvey manned the Service Boat. Brook Smith, Bill O'Donnel, and Sarah Walsh also set the marks in "BFD", Brook's Sea Ray powerboat.



Slalom Race competitors Matt Heywood, Paul Offer, Rick Lyons, Elliott Lyons, and Steve Wiseman. (Brian Hawkins photo)

2021 PYC Slalom Championship Final Standings

Sail No.	Competitor	W-L Record
145449	Rick Lyons	4-0
158712	Steve Wiseman	3-1
137086	Matt Heywood	2-2
150937	Paul Offer	1-3
159777	Elliott Lyons	0-4

Upcoming Regattas

There are several regattas coming up for the classes that sail on Portage Lake. Sailing at another venue helps grow skills as well as make new friends and

contacts. It's also the best way to see how others rig and sail their boats.

Class	Regatta	Location	Start	End	Link
(FS=Flying Scot, IL=Interlake, SF=Sunfish, MC=MC Scow)					
Flying Scot	North American Championship	Cedar Point YC, Westport, CT	10-Jul	15-Jul	LINK
Interlake	Indian Lake Regatta	Indian Lake YC, Russell's Point, OH	10-Jul	10-Jul	LINK
Interlake	Lorain 1 Design Regatta	Lorain, OH	10-Jul	10-Jul	LINK
Interlake	Interlake Nationals	Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH	14-Jul	17-Jul	LINK
Laser (ILCA)	Great Lakes Championships	Chicago Corinthian YC, Chicago, IL	17-Jul	18-Jul	TBD

The 2020 Olympics are Coming!

The Summer Olympics, delayed a year due to the pandemic, are starting later this month. They will be televised in the US by NBC and its various channels and streaming services. The sailing events will take place from July 25 through August 4 at Enoshima, a resort island just south of Tokyo in Sagami Bay. A total of ten medals will be up for grabs:

Event	Class	USA Entrant
Women's Sailboard	RS X	Farrah Hall
Men's Sailboard	RS X	Pedro Pascual
Women's Singlehanded Dinghy	Laser Radial	Paige Railey
Men's Singlehanded Dinghy	Laser	Charlie Buckingham
Men's Singlehanded Dinghy (Heavy)	Finn	Luke Muller
Women's Doublehanded Dinghy	470	Lara Dallman-Weiss Nikki Barnes
Men's Doublehanded Dinghy	470	David Hughes Stu McNay
Men's Skiff	49er	(None) 😞
Women's Skiff	49er FX	Maggie Shea Stephanie Roble
Mixed Multihull	NACRA 17	Riley Gibbs Anna Weiss

The US failed to qualify in the 49er Class, but may still send a team if another nation decides not to attend.



Sailing has been part of the Olympics since the second Olympiad in 1900. This will be the last Olympics for the

Finn Class, which has been in the Olympic regatta since 1952. The classes will get juggled for the 2024 games with the 470 becoming a single mixed event (one male and one female crew) and men's and women's kiteboarding added

Veteran TV journalist and America's Cup winner Gary Jobson will be doing the commentating for NBC from a studio in Connecticut.

How to watch: The NBC web link is [HERE](#).

Medal Race: For each class, the last race in the regatta will be the Medal Race. Only the top ten boats will participate, the points will count double, and the score from that race cannot be discarded. It's an attempt to decrease the likelihood that the medals will be decided with one or more races to go.

Dear Rick

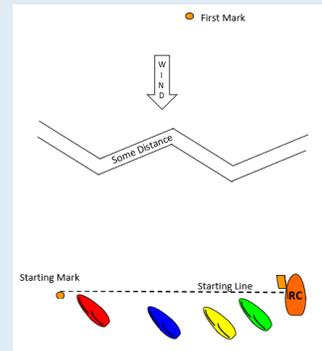


*Rick,
Wow, thanks for your advice last month on starting. What else do I need to know about the starting line as a new sailor?
- Newbie*

Dear Newbie:

Typically, the starting line is within a few degrees square in axis to the first mark (wind shifting back and forth evenly), so anywhere along the starting line is a decent start as long as you are in what's called the first row, as shown in the diagram. The middle 2/3's of the SL tends to be the least crowded, so there can be more openings there, versus the more risky "best start" at the ends. To get a feel for the starting line and to be comfortable around other boats, always make several passes on a reach down the length of the line in both directions, each time a little closer, to get it a feel for momentum and a line sight or transit, as described [HERE](#). Also, practice a few final

approaches as well to get the rhythm needed at the start signal. Do not venture too far out past either end, because you could get caught in a lull, or the wind may shift in such a way that you might be late to the start, or end up in the second row.



Being in the second row comes with problems; The wind is not at full strength coming off the back of the front row sails, causing the second row to move slower, and instantly get farther behind, but only by a boat length

or two. There are tactical options of how to get out of this situation, or to hang in there with the least loss, but we'll leave that for another day.

There are many YouTube videos explaining the basics and finer points. Some are shown below and most do a better job than I can duplicate in writing. Practice makes perfect (or at least less imperfect), and the challenges you will encounter are what makes this sport interesting and fun, so dig in, and make some mistake, and learning from them. This will only make you better.

Starting box:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3Q7jJ9tBG0>

Where to start:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSI04F4Z454>

Manage risk at the start:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5_Ik0G6Kd4

Getting a line sight or transit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEvP0TyICmM>

Acceleration and clear air:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5V3gDu6qDis>

Rick Lyons

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Flying Scot Sportsmanship Award

While many of our Club's perpetual awards recognize racing enthusiasm and accomplishments, the Flying Scot Sportsmanship Award is given to an individual for the often-elusive ideal of sportsmanship. The trophy was created and donated by Flying Scot Fleet 20 in 1992. It is unique

in that the decision is made by all the fleet captains of the active fleets, not by the Board of Governors or the Race Committee

This trophy will be awarded to promote and improve the quality of racing by acknowledging on the water integrity as practiced by a competing PYC sailor.

The Fleet Captains of the active racing fleets comprises the Selection Committee. The selection process will be completed in the autumn so that the trophy may be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Although the PYC Sportsperson of the Year Trophy may be given annually, it need not be awarded in years where a suitable candidate is not available. It is also intended that the same individual not be honored in successive years, as this does not encourage competition for the award.



The following selection criteria are proposed as guidelines to the selection committee:

- To be a candidate for the award, the person should be a frequent and strong racing competitor.
- There should be universal agreement that the candidate is not only a good winner but a gracious loser.

- The candidate uses his/her racing skill to avoid racing situations with a high potential for conflict.
- Is known to display a strong sense of fair play and good manners on the water.
- Enhances the sport by encouraging less skilled sailors and by providing sailing tips and instructions in a thoughtful manner.

Previous winners appear below:

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
2020	<No Award>	2005	Dave Moody
2019	Brian Hawkins	2004	Brian Hawkins
2018	Fritz Wagner	2003	Gordon Reeve
2017	(Declined)	2002	Craig Kivi
2016	Craig Kivi	2001	Michael Ehnis
2015	Forest Rogers	2000	Forest Rogers
2014	Brian Hawkins	1999	Gordon Chapin
2013	Tyler Cathey	1998	Bill Wagner
2012	Greg Harrison	1997	Dick Barker
2011	Steve Wiseman	1996	Jim Meyer
2010	Tyler Cathey	1995	Sandy Kunkle
2009	Steve Wiseman	1994	Brook Smith
2008	Bill O'Donnel	1993	Gordon Chapin
2007	Jim Davis	1992	Don Thiel
2006	Bill O'Donnel		



(Steve Schewe Photo)