



The Mainsheet

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Off the Starting Line!

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Photo of the Month



Chuck White starts the racing season off with a bang by port tacking the Tuesday Night Laser Fleet. (Brian Hawkins photo)

Race Management Training

Brian Hawkins and Clark Chapin conducted a hands-on session on how to run races on Portage Lake on Thursday May 19, two days before the start of the racing season. A total of 20 people attended, including several folks new to the PYC racing program.



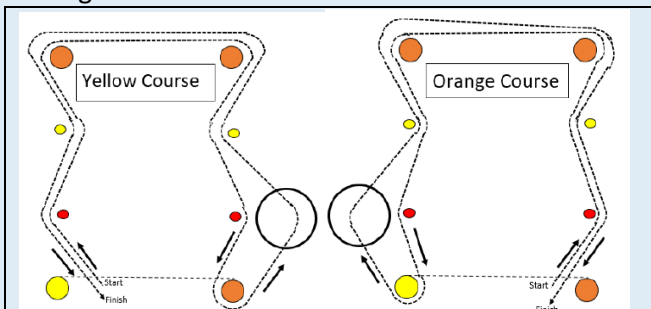
Ron Frisbie tries his hand at raising Code Shape "P" while his wife Sharon videos the sequence for study later. (Sarah Walsh photo)

On the Signal Boat, Clark Chapin reviewed the shapes that are displayed to start and finish the race as well as the operation of the Pro Start timing

system. He showed how to signal the course with the course board and how to drop an anchor for a mark and secure the mark to the anchor line reel. On the Service Boat, Brian Hawkins reviewed more of the basics and finer points of mark setting as well as racing safety and what to do in an emergency. Both Clark and Brian emphasized that although it all seems pretty complicated, newcomers would be paired with more experienced people for their duties. In addition, both also emphasized that the goal remains to have fun on the water and not pursue race management perfection.

Slalom Race Returns June 12

The Third Annual Slalom Race will be held on Sunday 12-Jun. This is a series of short (3-4 minute) races between two boats at a time that is a test of boat handling and steering rather than speed and racing tactics.



In a slalom race, only two boats are on the course at a time. They are only near each other at the top of the course. After the first race, the two boats swap sides and repeat. The lowest total time for the two races wins.

Although the entrants in the first two years have been exclusively Lasers, other boats (especially multi-handed boats) may enter as well. This year, the course has been modified slightly to help the competitors remember which way to go around each mark (after the starting mark). The rule is: "Outside Orange, Inside Yellow". If 7 or fewer boats enter, there will be a round robin phase – every boat will race every other boat. After the round robin phase, the top two boats will race for first and second place while the next two boats will race for third and fourth place overall. Outside assistance is allowed, so spectators are encouraged to offer any verbal cheers or suggestions that may occur.

Invitational Series Offer "A Taste of PYC Racing"



The Race Committee has approved two Invitational series that allow sailors who are curious about

sailing and racing on Portage Lake to enter and race with us for a minimum of investment of time or money. One series is for Laser sailors while the other targets owners of larger, multi-handed boats.

ILCA (Laser) Invitational Series

Who: All Laser (ILCA) sailors with Full Rig or Radial and rigs may be interchanged as the sailor wishes.

When: Tuesdays May 24 & 31 and June 7-28.

6:30 PM Warning Signal for several short races.

How Much: Free for registered PYC racers, \$65 for visiting racers.

Boat Storage: Boats may tow in or storage is available during the series across the street if the boat is tied down on its trailer or beach dolly.

Further Details (NoR): [HERE](#) or at <https://www.MS-PYC.com>

Fun First Multi-handed Invitational Series

Who: All large boat (FS, Interlake, Buccaneer, Wayfarer...sailors. We don't care...show up and sail!

When: Thursdays June 16, 23, & 30

How Much: Free for registered PYC racers, \$65 for visiting racers.

Boat Storage: Boats may trailer in each evening or storage is available during the series across the street if the boat is tied down on its trailer.

Further Details (NoR): [HERE](#) or at <https://www.MS-PYC.com>

Don't Have Crew? We can fix that. PYC has a list of willing sailors with various levels of experience who can fill out your crew.

Interlake Nationals Approaching



The Interlake Nationals will be held July 20-23 at Mohican Sailing Club near Mansfield, OH, northeast of Columbus. Registration is now open at:

<https://www.interlakenationals2022.com/> .

Prior to the Nationals, there are two more regattas that are part of the ISCA Traveler Series. The Interlake Sailing Class Association recognizes a

series of regattas and presents trophies for the top performers each year. One hears that one or more PYC boats may sail in the Cattail Regatta in Toledo.

Regatta	Club	Start	End
Cattail	Jolly Roger SC Toledo, OH	4-Jun	
George Fisher Memorial	Hoover SC Columbus, OH	25-Jun	26-Jun

Flying Scot NAC Approaching, Too

The Flying Scot Sailing Association has several regattas scheduled for 2022 within an easy driving distance, including the 2022 North American Championship at North Cape Yacht Club north of Toledo. Some others:

Regatta	Club	Start	End
Bayview One Design	Crescent SYC Grosse Pointe, MI	June 4	Jun 5
Michigan/Ontario Districts	Crescent SYC Grosse Pointe, MI	June 11	June 12
North Americans	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	July 9	July 14

Tom Ehman Live

Portage Yacht Club's Tom Ehman, Jr. continues to host a twice-weekly video blog featuring news in the world of sailing and interviews with sailing notables. The shows are streamed live on both Facebook and YouTube. Even on Facebook, you do not have to be a Facebook member to view them. <https://www.facebook.com/SailingIllustratedBlog/videos/>

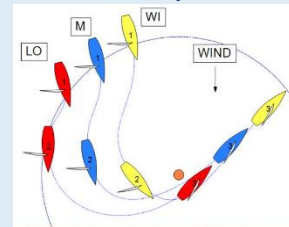


A recent show featured a segment about a new documentary about the infamous "Race to Alaska" that goes from Port Townsend, WA to Ketchikan, AK. The rules are simple: You can't have an engine on your boat and the first one to Ketchikan gets a cash prize of \$10k that is nailed to a piling on the pier.

Shows often feature news about the 37th America's Cup that will (ostensibly) be held in 2024 in Barcelona, Spain and other international events, such as the Star Sailors League Gold Cup that is similar to soccer's World Cup with 56 nations competing in identical 44-ft. boats

- #535 Race to Alaska with Director Zach Carver [HERE](#).
- #524 AC37 squabbles within the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron [HERE](#).
- #521 Dave Perry explains the new experimental mark-rounding rule [HERE](#).

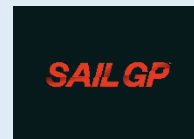
New, Simpler Rule 18 is Tested



Rule 18 Mark-Room is the longest rule in the book. It often frustrates new sailors and even confuses experienced ones.

World Sailing has authorized the testing of a new, simpler rule for boats to round marks in an easier to understand, easier to apply, and more orderly fashion. The Rule 18 Working Party is headed by world-renowned rules expert and match racer and features sailors from all over the world: The new rule has 140 fewer words. Along with changes in the definition of "mark-room", there are 21 fewer lines in the rule book. Clubs are being asked to test out this rule and provide feedback to the Working Party. Perhaps PYC will give this a whirl in the near future.

SailGP Comes to Chicago June 18-19



The second event in the 2022-3 SailGP racing calendar will be in Chicago off the Navy Pier on June 18-19. Nine boats are expected to be on the starting line while Team Japan awaits the construction of their boat (and hopefully a Japanese financial backer). Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#).

Oracle's Larry Ellison and Russell Coutts have designed this series to showcase the world's most sophisticated one-design boats sailed by the world's best sailors. Ellison has committed to funding the

series for the first five years after which it is expected to be self-sustaining.



The boats are identical 50-ft. foiling catamarans that are owned by SailGP and maintained in identical condition. They can reach speeds of 50 kts or better. Each event features five fleet races among the nine teams. Then, the top three boats based on the standings race in the final for the top three spots. Newcomer Canada shocked many observers in last

month's event in Bermuda by making it to the final race. The American team, helmed by Jimmy Spithill, had some successes in Bermuda, but only a few errors are all it takes to be out of the running for the final race.

After last month's event in Bermuda, the series standings are shown below:

Pos	Team	Driver	Pts
1	Australia	Tom Slingsby	10
2	Great Britain	Sir Ben Ainslie	9
3	Canada	Phil Robertson	8
4	Denmark	Nicolai Sehested	7
5	United States	Jimmy Spithill	6
6	New Zealand	Peter Burling	5
7	Spain	Jordi Xammar	4
8	France	Quentin Delapierre	3
9	Switzerland	Sebastien Schneider	2
10	Japan	Nathan Outteridge	0

The next stop on the worldwide tour is Chicago on June 18-19. Racing will occur off Navy Pier inside the breakwater.

Dear Rick



I'm new to sailing and looking for a tried and true tacking method that is repeatable and reliable on my Flying Scot that my crew and I can practice

and perfect.

-- Hopeful Tacker

Dear Hopeful Tacker: Whether daysailing or racing, the pursuit of emulating good boat handling skills that are used by some of the best racers in our sport, that are efficient and mechanically sound, and that can become second nature, is the best way to easily and maybe more quickly enjoy your sailboat in most wind conditions.

The video link below should help set you on your way with repeated views. (These techniques will also work on similar boats as well.) So, the best outcome could be to view the video several times to get the basics, make notes, practice, make notes, go back view again, and adjust/practice, view again/adjust/practice, until you and your crew's movements are coordinated and fluid with little need to over compensate for the boat being out of balance and requiring emergency efforts to keep control of the boat.

Good communication ahead of and during practice to make the most out of your practice time is a good starting point. Make notes, and maybe walk through the techniques with the boat stationary on the trailer or boat lift to make up for lost time if there is no wind, or trying a new maybe better way of doing something.

Video of Zeke Horowitz, current Flying Scot North American Champion, is [HERE](#).



One other item: Notice in the video Zeke's steering technique – an overhand grip of the tiller extension with the extension across his body. You should

practice this until it is absolutely second nature and you don't need to think about it. Also notice the sequence of how Zeke changes his tiller and mainsheet hands during the tacking maneuver.

Rick Lyons

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