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Portage Yacht Club

Sailboat Racing since 1953

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Greetings, and welcome to the 70th year of sailboat racing on Portage Lake.

The Board of Governors appointed the following Race Committee for 2023:

Jack White, Chair	Bill Foster	Brook Smith
Marc Gleichert, Vice Chair	Bill O'Donnel	Brian Hawkins
Clark Chapin, Secretary	Tom Ehman	Ann Taylor
Rick Lyons, Quartermaster	Steve Wiseman	

This year's program offers weeknight and weekend racing. We are consolidating the Silver Series with **all fleets racing on Thursday evenings**. This will significantly reduce the race management burden on participants.

Last year our multi-handed fleets (Flying Scots and Interlakes) competed with main and jib (JAM) only. Spinnakers were disallowed. This year we are trying to determine whether to permit spinnakers to play a role in our club racing. We would like to ask those who register to let us know whether you feel it would be best for our program to continue the JAM only policy or to allow spinnakers, in classes where they are legal, in some or all of our races. Please send your thoughts to me at jack.white@charter.net.

We will be repeating the Fun-First Laser Invitational Racing Series (6 race nights), as part of the Silver Series. If you know of racers who would like to come to Portage Lake and be a part of this, please let them know. NORs and Entry Forms are available on the PYC web site.

The 2023 Sailing Instructions along with the Race Management Team assignments will be distributed in early May to those who register to race this coming season.

We invite you to join the PYC Racing Rules Book Club, on Thursdays through April 27. In an interactive, discussion format, Clark Chapin leads the book club through a number of very instructive rules scenarios. [For those interested, the next session is this Thursday 7-Apr at 7:30 PM. The Zoom link is \(HERE\).](#) (Zoom Meeting ID: 853 2823 0240 Password: 161 519)

A potential **Crew List** is maintained by the PYC Office and is available to whoever needs a temporary or permanent crew. The **Crew List** indicates one's racing experience, race days of availability, spinnaker experience, and usually their body weight. Rick Lyons also puts a Crew List application on Craig's List.

A Notice of Race and two versions of the Registration Form accompany this letter and are also available on the PYC Website. You may fill out the Excel version of the registration form and send it electronically or you may print the pdf version, fill it out by hand, and mail it to the Club Office (8930 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Pinckney, MI 48169-9430).

The REGISTRATION and **FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 1st** to avoid the addition of a \$20.00 LATE FEE.

Jack White
PYC Race Committee Chair

Racing Classes include, but are not limited to (bring your own boat):

Flying Scot *Fleet 20* Interlake *Fleet 22* Laser *Fleet 330* MC Scow *Fleet 87* Sunfish *Fleet 254*