



Member

Portage Yacht Club, Pinckney, MI

2023 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 Race:** 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 (PRO) 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 yellow mark and the staff on the Signal Boat displaying a blue shape. Rule 32.2 is also modified to add: (d) if the Windward-Leeward with Reaching Finish placard was displayed as part of the course posting **and the Signal Boat is still at the leeward (orange) mark**, to sail the course a boat must round the leeward mark before proceeding to the finish line.
 - Rule 41 (c) Outside Help** is modified to add, "or oral information from any source."
 - Rule 44.2 Two-Turns Penalty** is modified according to Appendix V1 of the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, reprinted below:

"V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT
The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
 - Rule 63.1 (a) and (b).** The US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 63.1 do not apply.
 - Rule 63.4 Conflict of Interest** is modified so that a person with a conflict of interest may

participate as a Race Committee member in a Request for Redress hearing.

Rules 62 Redress and 64.3 Decisions on Redress are modified in that the Incident Review Committee (See Section 14.6) 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 **Safety.** 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.
- 1.5 **Sportsmanship. 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 fleet 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 placards read from left to right, which indicate the course legs and direction from the starting line to finish line. The placards are sailed in order. The background of each placard indicates how rounding marks are to be left, red to port, green to starboard. In the Silver Series all marks will be rounded to port so the background will always be red.
- 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.
- 8.3 If the Windward-Leeward with Offset placard is displayed (see Appendix I), Lasers and Others need not round the offset mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Starting and rounding marks will be orange cylinders or tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The finishing mark will be a yellow cylinder, ball, or tetrahedron.

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 All races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.4 The second sentence of rule 26 is changed to read, "All times shall be taken from sound signals."

10.5 Starting Order:

Gold Series	All fleets start together
Silver Series	1. Lasers & Others 2. Interlakes & Flying Scots

- 10.6 The starting line shall be a line between the staff displaying an orange shape on a Signal Boat and the course-side of a nearby mark.
- 10.7 **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.
- 10.8 **General Recall:** Rule 29.2 is modified to provide for a "rolling" starting sequence such in that following a General Recall the next starting signal will be made 3 minutes from the previous starting signal. 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 staff displaying a blue shape on a signal boat and the course-side of a nearby yellow mark. This changes Race Signals.
- 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 the race was started, the race shall be abandoned for all classes.
 - 13.2 If no boat in a class has finished within 40 minutes of its Starting Signal, the race shall be declared Abandoned for that class, but it shall not be signaled.

13.3 A boat 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 **Incident Review Committee.** For each race the Incident Review Committee (IRC) will consist of all current members of the PYC Race Committee, excluding members who are parties to an incident being reviewed and any member of the PC whose action is being reviewed.
- 14.7 **Requests for Redress.** Any requests for Redress received by a PC will promptly be delivered the Race Committee Chair who will schedule the matter for hearing before the IRC.

14.8 **Request for Reconsideration.** 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, that party (requestor) may request the IRC reconsider the PC decision but not the finding of fact,

The requestor shall file the Request with the Race Committee 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 Race Committee 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 IRC shall promptly meet and review the process and/or application of the rules.

The decision of the IRC, 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 R4, R5.1, R6, and R7.2(b) also apply to this Request.

15 SCORING

The Appendix A Low Point System shall be used. Final standings for the Red, White, Blue, Spring-Summer, or School's-Out Series are based on the total points accrued for races/race days 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 a representative 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 **Silver Series.** The Silver Series Championship shall be based on one's results from the total races held for the Spring-Summer and School's-Out Series.

16 AWARDS

- 16.1 For each Red, White, Blue, Spring-Summer, and School's-Out 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.

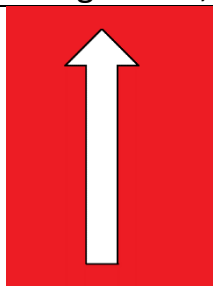
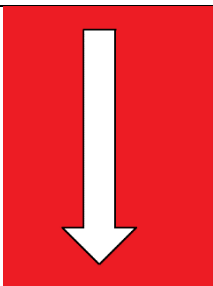

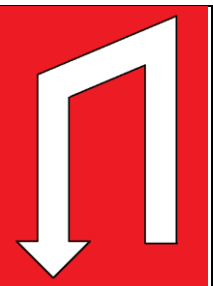
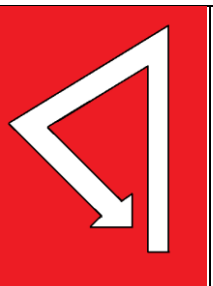

- 16.3 For each Series, all quotients shall be rounded up to the next number of places to be awarded.

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 rules, to equip themselves with a whistle for attracting help, and to use four sharp blasts as the emergency signal.

Appendix I Race Course Placards

Marks to Port Placards. Marks to Starboard Placards are similar, but with green backgrounds, as shown

					
Windward	Leeward	Windward – Leeward	Windward – Leeward with Offset	Triangle	Reaching Finish
