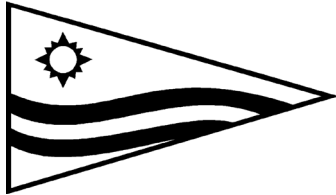


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Greetings, and welcome to the 71st year of sailboat racing on Portage Lake.

The Board of Governors appointed the following Race Committee for 2024:

Marc Gleichert, Chair
Brook Smith, Vice Chair
Clark Chapin, Secretary
Rick Lyons, Quartermaster

Bill Foster
Bill O'Donnel
Tom Ehman
Steve Wiseman

Jack White
Brian Hawkins
Ann Taylor

In an effort to put fewer race management assignments on crews, the race committee reviewed the participation in our series and determined that the present Gold series (weekend) racing was generating a lot of RM assignments but had low race participation. For this season we are going to concentrate on the Silver Series and suspend the Gold Series. This year's program will only offer racing on Thursday nights. As with last year, the Silver Series is consolidated with all fleets racing on Thursday evenings.

For those racers who would like to compete on the weekends, we are working on organizing unofficial weekend racing (with self-management) when there is sufficient interest. There will be more information on that as we get closer to summer.

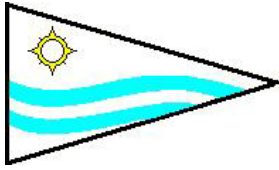
Last year our multi-handed fleets (Flying Scots and Interlakes) competed with spinnakers when all participants agreed to it. We plan to do the same thing this year. If you have input on this subject, please send your thoughts to me at marc.gleichert@noirlaser.com.

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 2024 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 from March 28, through April 25. 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 this coming Thursday 4/4/24 starts at 7:30 PM. The Zoom link is ([HERE](#)).

(Zoom Meeting ID: 898 5617 8050 Password: 855 699)



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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.

Marc Gleichert
PYC Race Committee Chair