



Portage Yacht Club

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Member

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Greetings. Welcome to the 73rd year of sailboat racing on Portage Lake. The Board of Governors appointed the following Race Committee for 2026:

Bill O'Donnell, Chair	Bill Foster	Greg Marion
Ann Taylor, Vice Chair	Steve Wiseman	Brook Smith
Clark Chapin, Secretary	Brian Hawkins	Paul Ehman
Rick Lyons, Quartermaster		

This year's program will again offer a summer-long club regatta through our Silver Series. Thursday nights will feature all our fleets racing which puts more boats on the water and significantly reduces race management assignments. A prominent feature of the evening races is back-to-back, short races to keep the action tight.

For new, recreational, and serious sailors who would like to enjoy boating on the weekends, we are committed to several weekend sailing/racing events per month. These events will have a focus on learning and improving individual skills in a fun, friendly format. Our Laser Fleet will be repeating the Fun-First Laser Invitational Racing Series (6 race nights in May and June), 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.

Our Interlake, Flying Scot and ILCA/Laser fleets have one day regattas on the schedule where we invite off-lake sailors to enjoy our lake, club amenities and competitive racing.

The 2026 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Race Management Team assignments along with many articles and videos related to sailing will be available on the PYC website in early May.

Additionally, in an interactive, instructive, scenario-based Zoom format, Clark will reprise his popular "PYC Racing Rules Book Club". These sessions will take place on March 26, April 9, 16 & 23 starting at 7:30 PM. Note that there is no session on April 2. Lastly, Clark will instruct in-person Race Management training at 7:00 PM on May 7 at the Club.

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 and availability. Just give the Club a call.

A Notice of Race and Registration Form accompany this letter and are also available on the PYC Website. You may fill out 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 April 25 to avoid the addition of a \$20.00 LATE FEE. If you have questions or input on our plan for summer fun, please send your thoughts to me at williamodonnell@comcast.net

Bill O'Donnell

PYC Race Committee Chair