

Privateer Yacht Club

Standard Sailing Instructions for Club Races

April 2021

- 1. Safety:** The safety of personnel, soundness of equipment, and the decision to sail at any time is the direct responsibility of the specific skipper and/or owner of each boat entered in the race.
- 2. Notices:** Official notices will be posted on the bulletin board at the Yacht Club and it is the responsibility of each crew to check this board daily for information.
- 3. Rules:** The current racing rules of Sailing shall govern except as modified by individual class rules, these instructions, and verbally by the race officer of the day on the water.
- 4. Fleet designations:** "A" - boats with PYC rating <181 sec/mile, "B" - boats with PYC rating >180 sec/mile, "C" - cruising boats always using only main and jib sails
- 5. Courses:** The course will be displayed as noted below on the Committee Boat no later than the warning signals.

"O" Olympic (windward-reach-reach-windward-leeward-windward)

"T" Triangle (number of laps indicated as a number displayed after the "T") **"W"** Windward/Leeward (windward-leeward – number of laps indicated as a number displayed after the "W")

"M" Displayed with any of the above indicates a start finish line somewhere between the leeward and windward marks of the course.

(Finish is between a mark of the course and orange flag on R.C. boat displaying Blue flag, preferably last leg is to windward)

No race will be less than two legs unless verbally announced at skippers meeting.

OR

Designated navigational markers may be indicated on the stern of the committee boat in the order they are to be rounded.

Shorter Courses: A second race will be started, on a shorter course, when at least three boats have informed race committee of desire to have a second start. Boats that want a short course start **MUST** inform race committee of that intention. The course will most times start in the same direction as "A" fleet and may be shortened with inflatable marks. Subsequent legs may be different than "A" fleet course. Alternately, the number of laps could be fewer than the "A" fleet. Where possible courses should incorporate a reaching mark.

5. **Marks:** The marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons OR navigational buoys. Direction of rounding is indicated by color of the course placards on stern of R.C. boat. Red - Port rounding; Green – Starboard rounding

Designated navigational markers may be indicated on the stern of the committee boat in the order they are to be rounded. If the red background is displayed, they are to be left to port. If the green background is displayed, they are to be left to starboard. The navigational markers used for racing are as follows:

- PY – PYC (red nun)
- H – Harbor (white cylinder) at PYC)
- C – Castle (white cylinder) SE of Fairview
- SM – Steve’s Mark (white cylinder) at mouth of Fairview cove
- PS – Pumping Station (white cylinder)
- GP – Gold Point (red nun)
- FV – Fairview (red nun)
- BK – Blinker (fixed tri-posted mark between GP and CG)
- CG – Coast Guard (red nun)
- LS – Lake Shore (red nun)
- BR – Big Ridge (red nun)
- X - Temporary Inflatable Mark

6. **Starting and/or Finishing Lines:** A line between an orange flag on the R. C. Boat and the nearby mark. If the starting and/or finishing mark is not located in the vicinity of normal posted mark, it will need to be passed only in starting and finishing.

7. **Starting and Finishing:** When any part of the **hull** crosses the line.

8. **Starting Order:**

1. “A” fleet keelboats
2. ‘B-C” fleets keelboats If at least 3 boats have informed intention to start with second fleet on shortened course.
 - a. When possible, “C” fleet boats should fly a green flag or streamer from the back stay or end off boom.
3. One design dinghy – If there are at least 5 one design dinghies they MAY have a start for themselves. (order M14, MC scow, Flying Scot as needed) providing there are at least 3 boats remaining that will race using the Portsmouth Handicap rating system.
4. Portsmouth Handicap dinghies

Starting signals: RRS 26 will be used. Changes to the regularly scheduled starting time will be posted on the notice board, but in no case may be earlier than the regularly scheduled starting time. Signals will be as follows:

- 5 minutes – Class Flag UP with Sound
- 4 minutes – Preparatory Flag UP with Sound
- 1 minute – Preparatory Flag Dropped with Sound
- 0 minutes – Class Flag Dropped with Sound

9. **Early Starters:** The Race Committee will attempt to notify early starters at its earliest convenience by displaying the Code X flag and sounding 1 signal.
10. **Back-to-Back Races:** The Race Committee will verbally notify the racers as they finish if there is or is not to be another race following the completion of the current race.
11. **Minimum Speed:** Races should be abandoned when the average speed of first boat is less than 1 mph.
12. **Time Limit:** First boat must finish within 2 hours. Any boats not finished within 30 minutes of first boat will be scored one place behind last finisher, unless announced otherwise.
13. **Protests:** The 720 degree turns option shall apply. A competitor's intent to protest shall be reported to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race. Protests shall be made in writing on forms available on the Official Notice Board and filed with the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the time the Main Race Committee boat docks.
14. **Life Jackets:** Each yacht must carry one Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board.