

PYC 2005 Bown Race

Pultneyville Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. The race is designated a Category A event. The 720 Degree Turn Penalty will apply. Penalty turns will not exonerate in the event of a collision.

This year's Bown race falls on September 10th. An exception to the rules regarding flags will apply for this race in the spirit of 9/11, homeland security, and PYC advertising: Each boat is allowed to fly a up to 3 flags limited to club burgees, participation flags, officer flags, and the US colors (yacht ensign or US flag). Each flag cannot exceed 2ft by 3ft in size. Any flag flown will not closely resemble a protest flag in overall color and appearance from afar. Protest flags, when needed, should be flown from the backstay at a height of 4 to 8 feet above the deck and does not count for the 3 flag limit noted above.

2 ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by notifying the PYC Fleet Captain. There is no entry form. Each sailor must read the Notice Of Race and Sailing Instructions before competing. All PYC member yachts are eligible and may enter. In order to be scored for a race yacht/owner shall:

- Be owned by a PYC member
- Have a valid and current PHRF certificate
- Have the current Racing Rules of Sailing book on board while racing
- Have an easily launched red protest flag on board while racing
- Have a VHF radio capable of receiving channel 9 on board

A GPS radio with tracking capability is recommended but not required. Latitude and Longitude coordinates may be used for virtual race marks and therefore a GPS radio is needed. Fellow racers are encouraged to watch for rounding compliance of other boats. Every effort to borrow and use a GPS radio if you don't have one should be taken. Rounding times at the marks will need to be recorded by each boat's crew. A discussion on these points will be conducted at the skipper's meeting.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors are announced at the skippers meeting on the water prior to the first warning signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be the AP flag with 2 horn blasts meaning "race is postponed" displayed from the flag staff located on the Race Committee Boat. If a postponement is

signaled ashore, the starting sequence warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after AP is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE

The race will be held on the date and time stated in the Bown Notice Of Race. Skippers should check-in on the water between five and fifteen minutes before the warning signal for the starting sequence.

6 CLASS FLAGS

This race will have a single start whether the permanent course of the traditional course is used. The race committee may elect to use a staggered start based on boat handicaps with the objective of having all boats try to finish together.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will cover all Lake Ontario waters within a 15NM radius of Pultneyville Yacht Club. The PYC permanent race course (see figure 1) may be used depending on weather conditions, forecasts, and time constraints.

8 COURSE and MARKS

The course is traditionally a race to Sodus Bay channel and back. This year's race may include a 3rd mark to make it a triangular course. The exact course to be used will be determined by the race committee on the day of the race. The PYC permanent race course may be used instead depending on weather conditions. The course will be announced on VHF channel 9 and posted on the committee boat approximately 5 minutes prior to the Warning signal for the starting sequence of the race -OR- stated in advance at the skipper's meeting depending on the final race area and format chosen by the committee. Communication between racing boats and the committee boat to verify course information is allowed up to the Preparatory signal for the first fleet start. Permanent race marks are four (4) orange colored 9 inch PVC pipes and one (1) "official" orange & white racing buoy. The race committee may also set an orange triangular or a yellow barrel float as a mark or as the pin end of the start or finish line. Figure 1 shows the course legs, designations, and permanent marks. Actual marks employed, order used, and the rounding direction of each mark is announced for before the race. This race is planned as a long distance event and will not use the permanent race course unless necessary. Permanent race marks will be used for the start and finish lines in conjunction with temporary marks if needed.

9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting line will be the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. Alternately, a permanent race mark and a temporary, orange race mark may be set for the race. This will be announced at the skipper's meeting and is dependent on the race format chosen: offshore vs. permanent course use. The starting sequence will be conducted according to Rule 26 and the Round-An-End Rule 30.1 will apply for individual recalls. The Racing Rules Of Sailing Rule 26 Starting Sequence (without starting penalties) will be:


WARNING
PREPARATORY
1 MINUTE
START


-5 mins Class Flag Goes Up With Gun/Horn

-4 mins P Flag Goes Up With Horn

-1 mins P Flag Goes Down With Horn

-0 mins Class Flag Goes Down With Gun

Individual recalls will be signaled with the "X" Flag  in accordance with racing rule 29.2. The Race Committee will also attempt to hail by voice and VHF but it is the responsibility of the racing yachts to verify a good start. When a general recall has been signaled (Rule 29.3), the start for the succeeding class will be postponed.

The visual shorten course signal with the "S" Flag  will indicate a change of course. New course instructions will be communicated by radio (channel 9) 1 minute after the signal and repeated 1 minute later.

The finish line will be between the race committee boat (orange flag) and the finish mark or finish marks as directed at the skipper's meeting.

10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for this race will be announced at the skipper's meeting should a decision by the race committee to use one apply. The race will be canceled should the lead boat not finish by the specified time. This time will be influenced by the race format and weather conditions.

11 PROTESTS

Protests must be submitted in writing to any Race Committee member no later than 1 hour after the last boat to finish has docked. The list of protests received will be posted on the notice board in the club house. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing in the PYC clubhouse. Racers are encouraged to settle protests with arbitration by the Protest Chairman or his/her committee delegate.

12 SCORING

Scoring will be based on the PRHF handicap system and will use the Low Point System provided in Appendix A of the current racing rules. All boats participating must declare the class (FS or NFS) prior to the starting sequence warning flag. Racers will be asked to commit to a class at the skipper's meeting.

13 PRIZES

Flags are awarded in the PYC Club House or Pavilion following the race for first, second, and third places in each fleet. This year there will be two names put on the trophy to cover both Genoa and Spinnaker Fleet winners. Awards will be presented to season series winners at the PYC Annual Banquet.