



# PYC 2007 Jim Ely Moon Race

Pulneyville 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. ***In memory and honor of James Soper Ely Jr., in whose name we race, each boat is encouraged to fly the PYC Burgee and/or the US Flag/Ensign during this race.***

### 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. To be scored each 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

### 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 Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race 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

The Genoa Class flag, G flag , will be used in the starting sequence. This is a combined Spinnaker and Genoa race. A single start will apply to all boats.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will cover all Lake Ontario waters within a 50-mile radius of Pultneyville Yacht Club. The PYC permanent race course may be used depending on weather conditions, forecasts, and time constraints. The race is planned to use a course to the NOAA NDB Weather Buoy Station 45012 located approximately 22 NM north of Rochester as illustrated below. An alternate course may be chosen by the race committee.

## 8 COURSE and MARKS

The course will be announced at the Skipper's meeting and will depend on prevailing weather conditions, forecasts, and other factors.

If the permanent race course is used it will be announced on VHF channel 9 prior to the starting gun. 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. *This race is planned as an offshore 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 as needed.

## 9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The PYC Permanent Race Course Zero Mark will be used for the start and finish line. The starting line will be the race committee boat (orange flag or automatic committee boat) at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. 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**

-5 mins



Class Flag Goes Up With Gun/Horn

**PREPARATORY**

-4 mins



P Flag Goes Up With Horn

**1 MINUTE**

-1 mins



P Flag Goes Down With Horn


**START**


-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 NOT BE USED to indicate a change of course. New course instructions will be communicated by radio (channel 9) by the race committee.

The finish line will be between the committee boat and the finish mark.

## 10 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be either 5 hours from the official start or as otherwise directed at the Skipper's meeting prior to the race. The race will be canceled if the lead boat does not finish by the specified time. This time may be altered depending on the race format and weather conditions. The race committee can cancel the race if prevailing conditions change dramatically including little or no wind, rough seas, too much wind, etc.

## 11 PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to any Race Committee member within 15 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race in the PYC clubhouse. Racers are encouraged to settle protests with arbitration by the Protest Chairman or his/her committee delegate. Protests must be submitted in writing with 1 hour of the race finish for formal resolution.

## 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. Spinnaker and Genoa fleets will be scored independently.

## 13 PRIZES

Flags are awarded in the PYC Club House or Pavilion following the race for first, second, and third places in each fleet. Awards will be presented at the PYC Annual Banquet.