



2020
Thursday Night Racing Series
Pultneyville Yacht Club
Pultneyville, NY

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at The Pultneyville Yacht Club clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1730 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at PYC yardarms and or RC boat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

NON SCORED TUNE UP RACE : 6/25/2019

<i>Race 1</i>	<i>7/2/2020</i>
<i>Race 2</i>	<i>7/9/2020</i>
<i>Race 3</i>	<i>7/16/2020</i>
<i>Race 4</i>	<i>7/23/2020</i>
<i>Race 5</i>	<i>7/30/2020</i>
<i>Race 6</i>	<i>8/6/2020</i>
<i>Race 7</i>	<i>8/13/2020</i>
<i>Race 8</i>	<i>8/20/2020</i>
<i>Race 9</i>	<i>8/27/2020</i>
<i>Race 10</i>	<i>9/3/2020</i>

5.2 One or more races per day may be sailed in the series.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1830.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 There will be two fleets, regardless of sail configuration (FS/NFS)

Fleet 1: PHRF <= 180

Fleet 2: PHRF > 180

6.2 One start. As there will only be one start, class flags will not be flown.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Attachment C.1 shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment C.2 shows the PYC permanent race course, including the approximate bearings between marks.

8.2 Race Committee responsibility will be rotated and assigned to one boat for each race. Responsibilities include executing or making arrangements for:

8.2.1 Dropping a buoy to serve as one end of the start line (with one of the PYC fixed buoys serving as the other). Still Comic's Man Overboard Pole is available for this purpose if desired.

8.2.2 Choosing the course for the night and announcing over channel 16 prior to the start.

8.2.3 Calling down the start time at 5 min, 1 min and start (interim time callouts are optional).

8.2.4 Shortening or abandoning the race based on changes in weather conditions.

8.3 For courses announced as "two laps", yachts must cross through the start line on each lap in case a shortened course is needed

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange cylinder 9 inches in diameter. The Zero mark is a white & orange cylinder 9 inches in diameter.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The area in and around the channel marks.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between the "Zero" Center Buoy and a designated pin.

11.2 A boat will be designated to announce the starting sequence. At a minimum, time will be announced at:

- 5 Min
- 1 Min
- Start

11.3 There will only be one start for all fleets

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the "Zero" Center Buoy and a designated pin.

12.2 Each boat shall record it's own time at the finish using GPS time.

12.3 For races of "Two laps", the time through the line on each lap will be recorded.

12.4 The last boat to finish must retrieve the temporary designated start line pin.

12.5 In cases of a shortened course at some mark other than "0", the finish line will be along the line between #4 and #1 or #2 and #3, within 3 boat lengths of the assigned finish mark.

13 TIME LIMITS AND SHORTENED COURSE PROVISIONS

13.1 The time limit for each fleet will be for the first monohull of each fleet to finish by 8:00PM.

13.2 For any courses announced as "two laps", a shortened course provision will be "one lap" or a mark assigned by the race committee for the night.

13.3 Each fleet may have it's own shortened course provision and the two fleets may have different race lengths.

13.4 A shortened course will occur when the first monohull of the fleet has not completed one lap by 7:15PM. In these situations, the first monohull of each fleet must complete the shortened course by 8:00 PM.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the club house, located at racing bulletin board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the club house.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

16.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 (a) When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

(b) When from 7 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its two worst scores.

16.4 The "PYC Racing COVID-19 Questionnaire", including the yacht's finish time, must be sent electronically to the scorer (Nick Harkola) by noon of the day following the race. Failure to do so will result in a DNF for that race.

16.5 Yachts are required to retain a hardcopy of the completed questionnaire for each race should followup be required.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-Out and Check-In: Boats will check in with the race committee either in person on the water or via VHF channel 9 10 minutes before the warning signal.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones & portable internet devices.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Fleet Captain. Series winners will be awarded at the Pultneyville Yacht Club year end Cups & Flags.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.