



**2024**  
**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.

1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing modifications:

- 1.1.1 Rules 52 is modified to allow use of powered equipment on movable hull appendages for single handed racers only.

### **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 or announced on VHF channel 9 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 : 5/9/2024***

<b>SPRING</b>	Date	Spinnaker	Genoa Only
Spring 1	5/16	Racing	Racing
Spring 2	5/23	Racing	Racing
Spring 3	5/30	Racing	Racing
Spring 4	6/6	Racing	Racing
Spring 5	6/13	Racing	Racing
Spring 6	6/20	Racing	Racing
Spring 7	6/27	Racing	Racing

#### **SUMMER**

Summer 1	7/11	Racing	Racing
Summer 2	7/18	Racing	Racing
Summer 3*	7/25	Racing	Racing
Summer 4	8/1	Racing	Racing
Summer 5	8/8	Racing	Racing
Summer 6	8/15	Racing	Racing
Summer 7	8/22	Racing	Racing
Summer 8	8/29	Racing	Racing
Summer 9	9/5	Racing	Racing
Summer 10	9/12	Racing	Racing

\* - FC may have of Johanna Cup feeder race in lieu of Thursday night race. A minimum of 5 days notice will be provided via email.

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

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

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be:

Spinnaker – Fleet #2 flag

Genoa – Fleet #1 flag

## **7 RACING AREAS**

Attachment C.1 shows the location of racing areas.

## **8 THE COURSES (with committee boat)**

8.1 The diagram in Attachment C.2 shows the PYC permanent race course, including the approximate bearings between marks. There is always the possibility that other marks may be used with the permanent race marks. The fleet captain or designated race starter will announce the course on VHF radio channel 9 within 15 minutes of the warning signal.

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## **8A THE COURSES (without committee boat)**

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

8.2 The fleet captain or designated race starter will announce the course on VHF radio channel 9 within 15 minutes of the warning signal.

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

8.3.1 Dropping a buoy to serve as one end of the start line (with one of the PYC fixed buoys serving as the other).

8.3.2 Calling down the start time for each fleet at 5 min, 1 min and start (interim time callouts are optional).

## **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 minimum 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 (with committee boat)**

11.1 The starting line will be between the race committee boat and a designated pin.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **11A THE START (without committee boat)**

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 and record the GPS time of the start. At a minimum, time will be announced at:

- 5 Min - 1 Min - Start

11.3 The spinnaker fleet will start 10 minutes after the genoa-only fleet start.

## **12 THE FINISH (with committee boat)**

The finishing line will utilize the permanent race marks or other mark and the regular staffed Race Committee boat.

## **12A THE FINISH (without committee boat)**

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

12.2 Each boat shall record its own time at the finish using GPS time in MM-SS format.

12.2A Each boat shall record the approximate time of the boat directly behind them to be used in case of a timing discrepancy.

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.

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

13.1 The race will conclude 30 minutes after the first monohull crosses the finish line for each fleet. Any yachts still on the course will be scored as the "number of boats finishing within the time limit + 1". This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13.3 For any courses announced as "two laps", a shortened course provision will be "one lap" by FC discretion.

13.4 A shortened course will occur when the first monohull has not completed one lap by 7:45PM.

13.5 If no boats in a fleet cross the finish line by 8:45PM, the race will be cancelled for that fleet.

## **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 45 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 club pavilion.

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 One (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 her race scores.

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

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

*16.4A Self timed races only – The yacht's finish time must be sent electronically to the scorer by noon the day following the race. Failure to do so will result in a DNF for that race.*

## **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.

17.3 The Fleet Captain and/or designated race officer may cancel or postpone racing if conditions, in their sole opinion, are unsafe.

## **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. The Thursday Course Series Champion will be awarded to the lowest scoring boat in the Spinnaker Fleet.

## **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.