

Cochrane / Millholland / Beebe Race
Sun, Aug 13th, 2006
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) national authority will apply.
- 1.3 Individual class rules on file in writing for the current race year with the Race Chairman will apply.
- 1.4 No single-handed racing is allowed in the PHYC/SYC racing program.
- 1.5 Handicap yachts are not eligible for overall race awards using their Handicap Rating.
- 1.6 Boats in Open Class are not eligible for trophies.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to all sail yachts owned by members of the Port Huron Yacht Club and Sarnia Yacht Club who have properly register with the PHYC/SYC Race Chairman and individual classes, and have competed and qualified in the PHYC/SYC Spring Series.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at PHYC and SYC after approval of the Race Chairman.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at SYC Race Committee Building (Race Shack). Signals may also be displayed at the PHYC flagstaff.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1225.

7 CLASS PENNANTS

- 7.1 Class Pennants for Series Races will be:

Class	Flag Pennant	Class	Flag Pennant
6 Meter	2	30 Square	3
Cruising 1A	5	Handicap	1 st Substitute
Cruising 1B	J Code Flag	PHRF A	2 nd Substitute
Cruising 1C	White Field	PHRF B	1
Cruising 2A	Yellow Field (Q)	Level 126	0 (Zero)
Cruising 2B	4	PHRF C	3 rd Substitute
Cal 25	D Code Flag	PHRF D	H Code Flag
OPEN	NONE		

- 7.2 Pennants shall be not less than 9" X 18" in size and shall be flown from the aftermost backstay at 6' above the deck when racing. Boats without a backstay should display the class pennant from a staff at the stern.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The approximate course length will be 12.84 NM for Course #1 and 9.84 NM for Course #2.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 All lettered marks are a 4' diameter yellow ball marked with a black letter. CC mark is a 4' diameter white ball marked with a black letter. R-2 is a red navigation bouy.

- 9.2 Marks that are damaged but still visible are still to be considered proper marks. Marks that are missing or substantially off-station may be replaced by marks that meet one of the following conditions (Modifies RRS 34):
- (a) 4' diameter white or yellow ball with no letter identification.
 - (b) A buoy or stake-boat displaying an M Code Flag.
 - (c) An inflatable orange (or other color) pyramid buoy.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line Saturday will be the CC mark to port and the Orange Flag displayed on the Race Committee boat to starboard.
- 10.3 **There will be one start for ALL boats.**

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be the R-2 navigation buoy to starboard and the red stripe on the SYC race shack to port.
- 11.2 After finishing, boats shall not obscure the Race Committee's vision of the finish line and stay clear of boats still racing. Boats should not re-cross the finish line with sails up after finishing.
- 11.3 Boats shall record their finish times, and the boat immediately ahead and astern. Times should be reported to the Race Committee if requested.
- 11.4 The US Coast Guard has advised PHYC that some commercial traffic may be under escort through the St. Clair River and the Lake Huron shipping channel out to #11 & #12 buoys. Skippers are reminded that all larger commercial vessels have the right-of-way in these areas and must use caution when approaching or crossing the channel when a freighter is present.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 There will be no time limit.
- 12.2 Boats that finish after 1600 will take their own finish time. Upon docking, the finish time shall be reported to the Race Committee.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the SYC Race Committee Race building or PHYC Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the Judge's Committee, the Race Chairman, or the Principal Race Officer within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the finish time of the protesting yacht.
- 13.3 On race days where SYC has protest duty, the hearings will be held on the first Monday evening following the race or as soon as a committee can be convened.
- 13.4 On race days where PHYC has protest duty, the hearings will be held on the first Tuesday evening following the race or as soon as a committee can be convened.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Each yacht racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 15.2 Every effort **MUST** be made to avoid interference with Great Lakes Shipping.
- 15.3 Yachts retiring from a race must identify themselves to the Race Committee as soon as possible using VHF 69, failing that, immediately after arriving ashore by calling 519-332-6779 ext #6 (RC Shack).

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The Race Committee may monitor and use VHF 69 to hail sail numbers of infringing yachts. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 17.2 It is strongly recommended that all yachts monitor communications on VHF 16 & 69 while racing.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Awards will be given at the awards banquet in the Fall. The following awards will be given:
- Millholland Trophy to the first SYC skipper
 - Beebe Trophy to the first PHYC skipper
 - Cochrane Trophy to the first overall skipper

Appendix 1

Course #1

Mark #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	FINISH
Code Flag "A"	A	H	D*	E*	A	CC*	X	Finish
Code Flag "B"	B	A	E*	F*	B	CC	X	Finish
Code Flag "C"	C	B	F*	G*	C	CC	X	Finish
Code Flag "D"	D	C	G*	H*	D	CC	X	Finish
Code Flag "E"	E	D	H*	A*	E	CC	X	Finish
Code Flag "F"	F	E	A*	B*	F	CC*	X	Finish
Code Flag "G"	G	F	B*	C*	G	CC*	X	Finish
Code Flag "H"	H	G	C*	D*	H	CC*	X	Finish

Marks will be rounded to port except when noted by an * in the above table.
The X mark will always be rounded to starboard.

Course #2 – Short Course

MARK #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	FINISH
Code Flag "A"	A	H	D*	E*	GATE	A	CC
Code Flag "B"	B	A	E*	F*	GATE	B	CC
Code Flag "C"	C	B	F*	G*	GATE	C	CC
Code Flag "D"	D	C	G*	H*	GATE	D	CC
Code Flag "E"	E	D	H*	A*	GATE	E	CC
Code Flag "F"	F	E	A*	B*	GATE	F	CC
Code Flag "G"	G	F	B*	C*	GATE	G	CC
Code Flag "H"	H	G	C*	D*	GATE	H	CC

Marks will be rounded to port except when noted by * in the above table.