

Lexington Race
Sat/Sun, Aug 18/19, 2007
PHYC/SYC Special Series Race 4
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 Chairmen will apply.
- 1.4 No single-handed racing is allowed in the PHYC/SYC racing program.
- 1.5 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 registered with the PHYC/SYC Race Chairmen and individual classes, and by special invitation of the Race Chairmen.

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 Chairmen.

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) or at the Lexington breakwall. 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' for Saturday and 'not less than 10 minutes' for Sunday in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1025.

7 CLASS PENNANTS

- 7.1 Class Pennants for Special Series Races will be posted on the official notice boards by May 11th, 2007. Unofficial information may be posted on Port Huron Yacht Club website at www.phyc.org.
- 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 CLASS SPLITS

- 8.1 Final splits will be posted on the official notice board 72 hours prior to the first race of the Special Series. Unofficial information may be posted on Port Huron Yacht Club website at www.phyc.org.
- 8.2 Registered yachts can not change classes after 72 hours prior to the first race of the Special Series.
- 8.3 New yachts can be added to the series 72 hours prior to the next race in the series. New splits will be posted on the notice board upon the addition of a new yacht.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 There is no short course. The course will not be shortened after the start. (Changes RRS 32)
- 9.3 The approximate course length will be 15 NM Sarnia to Lexington, 15.7 NM Lexington to Sarnia, and 30.7 NM total.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark F and X are a 4' diameter yellow ball marked with a black letter. R-2 is a red navigation buoy. The Lexington mark is a six-foot orange inflatable pyramid about 500 feet east of the breakwall entrance.
- 10.2 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.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. Start number flag to be used for warning (Modifies 26).
- 11.2 The starting line Saturday will be the F mark to port and the Orange Flag displayed on the Race Committee boat to starboard.
- 11.3 The starting line Sunday will be the Lexington mark on the east end, and the Orange Flag or the RC Flag in the absence of the Orange Flag on the breakwall on the west end.
- 11.4 The starting order for each class will be posted on the official notice board 72 hours prior to the first race of the Special Series. Unofficial information may be posted on Port Huron Yacht Club website at www.phyc.org.
- 11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area extending 500' behind the starting line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 11.6 When a general recall for a class has been signalled, the start for the recalled class will be moved to the bottom of the starting order. This will retain the starting order for the other classes. (Changes RRS 29.2)

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line on Saturday will be the Lexington mark on the east end, and the RC flag on the break wall on the west end.
- 12.2 The finish line on Sunday will be the R-2 navigation buoy to starboard and the red stripe on the SYC race shack to port.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 Boats shall record their finish times, and the boat immediately ahead and astern. Times should be reported to the Race Committee if requested.
- 12.5 The US Coast Guard has advised PHYC and SYC 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.

13 TIME LIMITS

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

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 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 Chairmen, or the Principal Race Officer within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the finish time of the protesting yacht.
- 14.3 Protest hearing will be held as soon as a committee can be convened.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Unless modified by class rules, the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 This is the fourth of 5 in the Special Race Series.
- 15.3 3 of 5 races are required to be completed to constitute Special Series.
- 15.4 A boat's series score will be the total of her 3 best race scores.
- 15.5 Total finish score of both days will be used to determine race finish. The tie breaker will be combined overall corrected time, unless modified by Class Rules.
- 15.6 Boats that dock at Lexington Harbor and fail to register with the Harbormaster's Office may not be scored.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Each yacht racing, depending on country of registration, shall comply with US or Canadian Coast Guard requirements.
- 16.2 Every effort **MUST** be made to avoid interference with Great Lakes Shipping.
- 16.3 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 810-359-6500 (Lexington Harbormaster) on Saturday or 519-332-6779 ext #6 (RC Shack) on Sunday.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 It is strongly recommended that all yachts monitor communications on VHF 16 & 69 while racing.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The Lexington Cannon will be awarded to the boat with Best Corrected Overall Time.
- 19.2 A King Trophy for each club (PHYC/SYC) will be awarded to the best finishing boat with the best performance that completes all five Special Series races.
- 19.3 Flags will be given as follows:
 - a. To the top three finishers in each class for this race.
 - b. To the top three overall finishers for the Special Series.

Appendix 1

Saturday Course

North approximately 15.0 nautical miles, to Lexington breakwater.



Sunday Course

South approximately 15.7 nautical miles, to "X" mark, rounded to starboard, then 0.5 nautical miles, 270 T to the finish line.

