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Section 1

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – APPLICABLE TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY AND SPECIAL RULES UNDER THE MORC RATING SYSTEM

1.10 SAFETY

Each yacht racing shall comply with the requirements of the Canadian or United States Coast Guard, depending on the country of registration.

1.11 RULES

- a) All races will be run under International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 - 2008, unless modified by this program.
- b) The decision to race or continue to race must be made by the skipper of each individual yacht regardless of the action of other yachts or race committee.
- c) The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply.

1.12 MORC RATING RULE

- a) Station 26 will race under the rating rule as per BOG ruling at the MORC International Annual General Meeting held November 2003.

1.13 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

- a) A MORC Station 26 membership is required to register a boat for the MORC Station 26 Race Program.
- b) Only one boat may be registered per membership.
- c) All memberships must be purchased through Station 26.
- d) MORC International memberships will be established as "Family Memberships".
- e) It is mandatory that skippers who are not **SYC** or **PHYC** members become associate members of **SYC** to race on Wednesday nights.
- f) In 2008 both MORC & respective Yacht Club race fees must be paid before times are taken. **This will be strictly enforced.**
- g) Registered boats do not require a MORC member on board for local Station 26 race events.

1.14 MORC & PHRF RATINGS

- a) A rating will be considered valid when certified by the Station 26 Chief Measurer (Scott Munro) and accepted by the MORC Station 26 Board. Race finishes recorded prior to new or updated certification will remain unchanged. **A minimum of 72 hours notice of a rating change is required prior to a race start so that entering of data into the race computer can be accomplished in time for the race.**
- b) There shall be a six (6) second rating credit for roller furling jibs and genoas but only upon compliance with the following:
 - i. Furling drums must be mounted above deck and used at all times.
 - ii. All jibs and genoas on the yacht must be capable of being furled.
 - iii. There is no restriction on material used in these sails.
 - iv. If the drum is removed and the system is used as a standard headfoil, the rating credit for roller furling no longer applies.
- c) Contact the Station 26 Chief Measurer (Scott Munro) to receive rating credits.

1.15 CREW LIMITATIONS

- a) The MORC national rule on maximum crew members is waived.
- b) There shall be a minimum of **two** persons aboard during a race.

1.16 HIKING

a) Hiking is prohibited, and at least one fixed lifeline on a boat is required to race in this program, except for boats designed for hiking and without lifelines may compete on Wednesday nights only, providing that all crew shall wear approved PFDs or lifejackets while racing. This changes RRS 49.2 for exempt boats only.

b) Hiking is defined as any crew member having any part of the torso outside of a plane perpendicular to the water and passing through the intersection of the topsides and the deck, except momentarily as may be required for normal handling of sails & mobility. (MORC International Rules, Section 8-C)

1.17 CODE FLAGS

a) During series, special and Wednesday night races all MORC boats shall fly the appropriate fleet flags off the backstay. These flags are as follows:

- i) MORC A: Code flag 6, black over white
- ii) MORC B: Code flag 8, white with red cross
- iii) MORC C: Code flag 9, red, white, black and yellow
- iv) MORC JOG: Code flag 7, red and yellow
- v) CRUISING Code flag 5, blue and yellow
- vi) OPEN CLASS A: Code flag Q, yellow
- vii) OPEN CLASS B Code flag Q, yellow with a blue streamer

1.18 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located outside the washrooms at the SYC Clubhouse and inside the PHYC Clubhouse.

1.19 2008 DOUBLE HANDED RACE

The Double Handed Race will be held on July 26.

Section 2

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Spirit of Wednesday Night Racing

Wednesday night racing historically is a fun event, encouraging family participation, While inevitably mixing novice sailors with seasoned competitors as boats pass and cross each other. While acknowledging that the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) are always in effect, we have encouraged "on the water learning" by suggesting tolerance in competitive actions, and by friendly discussions after the race, rather than immediately protesting.

Unfortunately, in recent years, our Wednesday night sailing has become more competitive for several reasons, and the number of incidents of un-protested aggressive behavior is on the rise.

MORC members are reminded of the Basic Principle of the RRS: "Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that **they** are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire" For 2008, while we still encourage friendly discussions between racers, we remind all skippers that it is their obligation to protest any perceived infraction against them by another boat, as per the RRS.

2.10 RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- a) Entrants in the Station 26 Wednesday night series may be assigned Race Committee responsibilities. Race Committee assignments are made to those entrants who have not been assigned other volunteer duties during the series.
- b) Failure to honour volunteer commitments may result in penalties up to and including forfeiture of results for that series, at the discretion of the protest committee.
- c) A boat performing race committee duty shall receive **2** points for that start if the race is a valid race for its fleet e.g. one boat in that fleet must finish within the time limit.
- d) There will be **two 2nd place finishes** for that race.
- e) Race Committee points will not be awarded if the responsible boat chooses to race.
- f) This is only allowed once per year / boat.

2.11 WEATHER

- a) Wednesday races may be cancelled if a "severe weather warning" or "thunderstorm warning" has been issued by the coast guard radio by **17:30**. The race committee may not go out in these conditions, at the discretion of the skipper.
- b) The race committee shall at **17:30** broadcast by **VHF** radio on channel **69** that the race is cancelled. A race cancellation flag (**N over A**) shall be flown from the Race Committee building.
- c) In the absence of a severe weather warning but the presence of other conditions which may threaten the safety of the fleet but which appear to be passing, the race committee may postpone the race for **Thirty** minutes. The race committee shall at **17:30** broadcast by **VHF** radio on channel **69** that the race is postponed for thirty minutes and may fly the postponement flag from the SYC flag pole at the committee building and make 2 sound signals. At **18:00** the race committee shall decide if the race is on or off and broadcast its decision on channel **69**. In the event of a decision to race the postponement flag will be lowered with one sound signal immediately after the broadcast; and the warning signal (section 2.15) will be made no sooner than **18:45**. In the event of a cancellation, the postponement flag will be lowered with one sound signal immediately after the broadcast, and one minute later, the race committee will raise the race cancellation flags (**N over A**) from the flag pole at the race committee building with 3 sound signals. The cancellation flags will fly for a minimum of 15 minutes, after which they will be lowered (no sound signal).

2.12 SCHEDULE

- a) The following table indicates the 2008 MORC Racing Schedule.

Series Race Number Date

Tune-Up (Skipper's meeting and a demonstration of how to do race committee on the water will be held after racing) May 21

Spring 1 May 28
Spring 2 June 4
Spring 3 June 11
Spring 4 June 18
Spring 5 June 25

Summer 1 July 2
Summer 2 July 9
Summer 3 July 16
Summer 4 July 23
Summer 5 July 30

Fall 1 August 6
Fall 2 August 13
Fall 3 August 20
Fall 4 August 27
Fall 5 September 3

Frost Bite 1 September 10
Frost Bite 2 September 17
Frost Bite 3 September 24
Frost Bite 4 October 1

Summer BBQ Series

Race 1 - Saturday June 21
Race 2 - Saturday July 19
Race 3 - Saturday August 23
Race 4 - Saturday Sept. 20

MORC DOUBLEHANDED

Saturday July 26, 2008

2.13 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Regular Series

Fleet	Course	Distance	Short Course	Distance
MORC A, B, C Open A and Open B, Cruising (ASYM)	F-CC*-E*-F-X*-FINISH	5.63nm	F-CC*-X*-FINISH	4.67nm
JOG and Cruising (Main and Jib)	F-CC*-E*-X*-FINISH	5.24nm	F-CC*-X*-FINISH	4.67nm

Frost Bite Series

Fleet	Course	Distance	Short Course	Distance
All	X-E-F-X*- Finish	5.36nm	X-F*-X*-Finish	3.83nm

NOTES:

a) All marks rounded to PORT except those with *.

b) The Race Committee will call the short course with CODE FLAG 'S' before the preparatory flag.

2.14 FLEET SPLITS

a) Local certificates will be accepted for all local races.

b) The MORC Station 26 executive, based on the number of boats registered will decide fleet splits by May 1, 2008. Fleets will be posted at SYC, PHYC Race Boards, and the MORC Station 26 and PHYC web sites.

c) Fleet splits will be based primarily on rating to try to develop level racing within fleets.

d) Boats in the SYC/PHYC Spring and Fall weekend Series may be in different fleets on Wednesdays due to different numbers of boats registered.

e) Jog fleet is intended primarily for new racers.

f) Cruising Class is Main & Jib and Main, Jib and Asymmetrical Spinnaker.

2.15 THE START

Starting signals will be made at five-minute intervals. Each signal will be removed one minute before the next is raised. Warning: Yellow Flag, One Sound. Preparatory: Blue Flag, One Sound. Start: Red Flag, One Sound. This changes RRS 26. Times will be taken from the visual signals; absence of a sound signal will be disregarded

2.16 STARTING TIMES

Spring/Summer/Fall Regular Times

#	Time	Class
1	18:30	JOG / MORC C
2	18:35	CRUISING (MAIN & JIB), (ASYMM)
3	18:40	MORC B
4	18:45	MORC A
5	18:50	OPEN CLASS B
6	18:55	OPEN CLASS A

Frostbite Regular Times

#	Time	Class
1	18:00	TBD
2	18:05	TBD
3	18:10	TBD

2.17 THE FINISH

- a) The finish line is a line between the SYC race shack located on the west side of the entrance to SYC and the port channel navigation buoy (Red #2) located approximately (insert distance) north of the Race Committee building.
- b) Every boat that finishes should write down her own finish time, and the names of the boats that finish before and after her.
- c) If you are finishing after sunset, call the Race Committee on VHF channel 69, as you pass the entrance of SYC.
- d) The Race Committee may flash a light signal immediately after each boat crosses the finish line for the benefit of the racers.

2.18 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

- a) Boats undertaking a penalty for a Part 2 rules infraction will follow all other provisions of Rule 44.1, except that they shall only take a One-Turn penalty. (one tack and one gybe). This changes RRS 44.1.

2.19 TIME LIMIT

- a) The time limit for all races in the Spring and Summer series is 21:15 hrs.
- b) The time limit for the Fall series is 21:00 hrs.
- c) The time limit for the Frost Bite series is 20:30 hrs.
- d) At least one boat in each fleet must finish by the time for the race to count for that fleet.
- e) In (d) the time limit will be extended by 15 minutes only for that fleet.
- f) Boats that do not finish within the 15 minutes extension are considered DNF.

2.20 PROTESTS

- a) All protests must be turned in to a Fleet Captain or the MORC Race Chairman (Rear Commodore) before 10:00 PM the night of the race. CYA protest forms are available from the Finish Line committee.
- b) The individual receiving the protest will record the time received, initial the form, and pass it to the SYC Club Judge the same evening.
- c) Protests will be heard by the SYC Protest Committee at 7pm the following evening (Thursday) at SYC.

2.21 SCORING

- a) All races will be scored using the Low Point System, except that first place will be awarded 0.75 points. This changes RRS A4.1.
- b) Boats that did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF) retired after finishing (RAF) or did not come to the starting area (DNC) will be scored as per RRS A.9. Boats that are disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored two points more than the number of boats entered in the series. This changes RRS A.9.

- c) Series ties will be broken in two stages as per RRS A.8.
- d) **Spring, Summer and Fall** series will be scored on the **best three results out of five** races. This changes RRS A.2.
- e) **Frostbite series** will be scored on the **best two of four** races. This changes RRS A.2.

2.22 RESULTS AND AWARDS

- a) Results are posted on the notice board at SYC and on the SYC & PHYC web sites as soon as possible after the race. (www.sarniyachtclub.on.ca & www.phyc.org)
- b) There will be awards for first, second and third in each fleet, for each of the following:

Spring Series

Summer Series

Fall Series

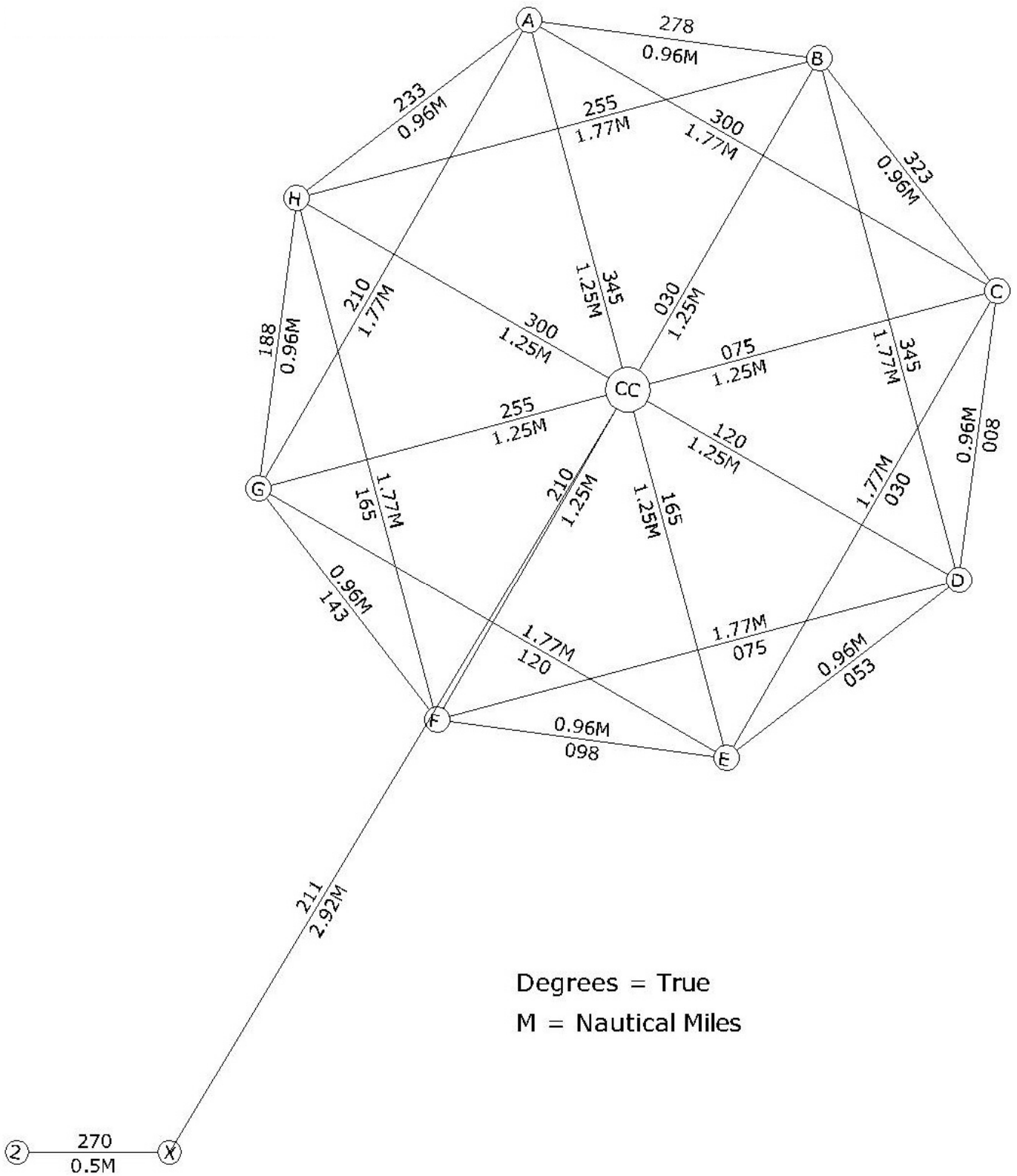
Spring/Summer/Fall Overall (determined by the sum of each boat's series scores)

Frostbite Series (determined by the "Pot Luck" method, based on 6 fleets, determined by participation)

2.23 PIZZA AND CLEAN UP ASSIGNMENTS

- a) Participants in the Station 26 Wednesday night series may be assigned Pizza Sales and Clean Up responsibilities. Pizza Sales and Clean Up assignments are made to those participants who have not been assigned other volunteer duties during the series.
- b) Participants assigned Pizza Sales and Clean Up shall be responsible for the sale of pizza in or about the SYC bar area. Duties also include the collection and disposal of all empty pizza boxes and associated napkins etc. It is also required that those assigned to Pizza and Clean Up **will remain to assist in the general clean up of the bar area and/or clubhouse after the bar is declared closed.**
- c) Failure to honour volunteer commitments will incur a \$30 penalty fee. Forfeiture of results for that series will be at the discretion of the MORC Station 26 Board and the SYC Protest Committee.

2.24 COURSE DIAGRAM



2.25 RACE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

a) Pick up the race shack keys at the Boston Sail Loft to obtain signal flags and number board (Alternate – with prior arrangements, flags and a number board can be obtained at PHYC). Plan to get out to "F" mark by 18:00. Bring at least 1 (preferably 2) pair of binoculars. You'll need at least 3 other people with you, and at least 1 easy-to-read-watch. At the Race Shack, pick up the air horn, a set of flags on poles, (yellow, blue and red on one end, one of which will have the "individual recall"; blue cross on a square white flag, on the other end and the short course flag; blue square on white). A clipboard, paper, or start sheets, and a pencil are needed. An anchor with chain and rode is also available if needed. Lock the doors behind you. Proceed to "F" mark.

b) When you reach "F" mark, turn at the mark and motor 305 degrees magnetic until you are about 300-400 feet away (1.5 to 2 minutes at 3 knots), stop and turn Northeast, and anchor. The mark should bear about 120 degrees magnetic from you. Check against a landmark to ensure that you are not drifting.

c) FROST BITE SERIES

Plan to leave the dock by 17:00 hrs.

When you reach "X" mark, turn at the mark and motor approximately 5 degrees magnetic until you are about 500 feet away (about 3 minutes at 3 knots). Stop and turn NE, and anchor. The mark should bear about 180 – 185 degrees from you.

Because of the hard rocky bottom you will need a large anchor and chain and let out lots of scope for best results. Check against a landmark to ensure you are not drifting.

d) Organize for the start. **CLOCK WATCH** keeps time and tells **FLAGS** and **HORNS** what to do. Raise and lower flags smartly on cue. **HORN** sounds air horn each time a flag is raised.

SPOTTER identifies boats and makes a list of all starters by class.

Everybody helps spot boats prior to the start of the time sequence but the **CLOCK WATCH** should always keep track of the time. **HORN** should change the number on the number board after a start, and also watch the starting line during a start (remember, the Starting Line is between the RC Flag and the mark). Check each boat off as it starts. If starts are delayed, record the new starting times.

e) **Time Signals** (CLOCK WATCH gives instruction 10 seconds ahead of each action and a "5,4,3,2,1 Fire" countdown in a quiet voice.)

Regular Series-

18:20 YELLOW FLAG UP (HORN)

18:24 YELLOW FLAG DOWN

18:25 BLUE FLAG UP (HORN)

18:29 BLUE FLAG DOWN

18:30 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (JOG/MORC C START)

18:34 RED FLAG DOWN

18:35 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (CRUISING MAIN & JIB, ASYMM START)

18:39 RED FLAG DOWN

18:40 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (MORC B START)

18:44 RED FLAG DOWN

18:45 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (MORC A START)

18:49 RED FLAG DOWN

18:50 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN B START)

18:54 RED FLAG DOWN

18:55 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN A START)

Frost Bite Series-

17:50 YELLOW FLAG UP (HORN)

17:54 YELLOW FLAG DOWN

17:55 BLUE FLAG UP (HORN)

17:59 BLUE FLAG DOWN

18:00 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET ONE START)

18:04 RED FLAG DOWN

18:05 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET TWO START)

18:09 RED FLAG DOWN

18:10 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET THREE START)

f) If there are one or more boats over the line prior to the start of their class, continue the starting procedure, (RED flag has just gone up, HORN has just sounded), also put up the individual recall flag (blue cross on white background) and blow the horn with one long blast only. Keep the flag up and do not drop it until one of the following happens: all boats over early return, and have been completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or it is one minute before the starting signal for the next fleet, or it is four minutes after the start of the last fleet of the evening.

g) **It is very important that the main starting sequences keeps going - don't lose track of time!**

h) Proceed to the race building after the last boat has started. There may be regular Race Officers in the Race Shack. If so, your job is to assist them until released.

i) If there are no regular Race Officers, complete the following. When the boats start coming in, **SPOTTER** identifies each boat as it rounds "X" mark. **SPOTTER** alerts **HORN** who has to keep track of the order of finish. "**FLAGS**" calls the finish line (between the tape and the red #2 buoy) by saying "**MARK**" when any part of the boat (or sails in their normal position) touches the line. **FLAGS** also places the finishing light out on the side deck, and operates it for one 5-second flash, just after he calls "**MARK**" as each boat crosses the finish line. **CLOCKWATCH** writes down the time in hours, minutes and seconds, on the master sheets. **HORN** should double check sail numbers with **CLOCKWATCH**.

i) Tidy up, lock up, and give the results to the fleet captains. Return the keys to Doyle Boston Loft. **WELL DONE!**

2.26 JOG FLEET REQUIREMENTS

a) All JOG skippers must be approved by MORC Station 26 Executive. Skipper with pervious racing experience may draw penalties. Contact your Fleet Captain.

b) Handicapping is based upon standard hull measurements of various yachts with penalties to be decided by Station 26. Performance for 2007 to be based upon 2006 series standings. **PENALTIES WILL BE CUMULATIVE** to a maximum of 15% of actual rating.

c) If any JOG boats have a valid MORC certificate, it will become the yacht's rated value, plus for 2007 the accumulated penalties will be as per Station 26 rules.

d) During regular scheduled races a mainsail, headsail, spinnaker, and staysails are allowed. If not used, a credit will be given for sail limitations.

e) Spinnaker or whisker poles are permitted for all races, subject to MORC rules.

f) Rig changes are permitted only between series or before special races provided two days notice is given, in either case.

g) Rating will be credited by the following if maximum size sail used is identified.

- i) #1 Genoa (155%) = 0.0% of the rating in sec/nm
- ii) #2 Genoa (135%) = 1.5% of the rating in sec/nm
- iii) #3 Genoa (110%) = 3.0% of the rating in sec/nm
- iv) Working Jib (100%) = 4.0% of the rating in sec/nm
- v) No Spinnaker = 8.0% of the rating in sec/nm
- h) Penalties are applied to the following season's races and will be cumulative.
 - i) 1st place in series = 2.5% of the rating in sec/nm
 - ii) 2nd place in series = 1.5% of the rating in sec/nm
 - iii) 3rd place in series = 1.0% of the rating in sec/nm
 - iv) Series are Wednesdays - Spring, Summer, & Fall.
 - v) Maximum of 5.0% applied in one year.
 - vi) JOG penalties only count in JOG events and not JOG boats competing in MORC A, B, or C events.

2.27 CRUISING FLEET REQUIREMENTS

- a) All sails must be PHRF legal.
- b) No headsail greater than 155% is allowed, without penalty.
- c) Main & Jib only.

2.28 ASYMMETRICAL CRUISING FLEET REQUIREMENTS

- a) All sails must be PHRF legal.
- b) No headsail greater than 155% is allowed, without penalty.
- c) Main, Jib and Asymmetrical Spinnaker.

2.29 OPEN FLEET REQUIREMENTS

- a) PHRF ratings shall be used for all Open Fleet boats.

Section 3

SUNDAY & SPECIAL RACE INFORMATION

3.10 STANDINGS FOR SUNDAY & SPECIAL RACES

- a) Fleet splits may be modified for special races.
- b) See SYC/PHYC Race Program for details.
- c) MORC Station 26 Cruising Class is not part of the Special Race Series.

3.11 DISTANCE SERIES FLEETS & MAKEUP

MORC (Best 3 of 6 races, 3 to qualify) for MORC LEGAL BOATS

The following races will count for the distance series

KETTLE POINT

JOHN BLUNT MEMORIAL

PORT HURON 100 (LHIR)

SARNIA/SANILAC/SARNIA

SARNIA LEXINGTON/SARNIA

MEMORIAL RACE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

NOTE: - Both legs of the Port Sanilac and Lexington races must be completed for them to count for the race.

All MORC registered boats will be eligible for the SYC Millholland Trophy for SYC Club Champion. 2008 is the first time that MORC boats have been eligible and participation would be appreciated.

3.12 MORC AWARDS FOR DISTANCE SERIES & SPECIAL RACES

The following awards are eligible to all participants that have registered for both Wednesday Night and Special Races.

BOSTON SAIL TROPHY Best MORC boat in the JOHN BLUNT MEMORIAL

COOPER TROPHY Best MORC corrected time in the KETTLE POINT RACE

ROSS BECHARD Best MORC A Fleet corrected time in the KETTLE POINT RACE

MEMORIAL TROPHY

ALLEN TROPHY Best MORC boat, corrected time, in the MEMORIAL RACE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

BURKE TROPHY Best corrected time for a Station 26 yacht in the PH 100 (LHIR)

LABATT TROPHY Best C/JOG boat in the C/JOG distance series

KATY TROPHY Awarded to the best MORC C boat for Spring / Fall and Overall Series

VOYAGEUR TROPHY Awarded to the best MORC A/B boat in the MORC distance series.

ROSS TROPHY Awarded to the best MORC "B" class boat for Spring / Fall and Overall Series

DOUBLE E TROPHY JOG boat of the Year- Best boat in Spring / Fall / Overall and Distance Series

KERN TROPHY Best MORC A boat for Spring / Fall and Overall in Regular Series

COMMODORE'S TROPHY Boat of the year - MORC Station 26

a) Required number of both spring and fall regattas - final position in each regatta to count.

b) Final best position in class or fleet in 3 out of:

John Blunt Memorial

Port Sanilac

Kettle Point

Lexington

PH 100 (LHIR)

Memorial Race Labour Day weekend

c) Low point count system to be used. The RRS Appendix A (Amended – first place scores 0.75 points) will be used to resolve any ties.