Blue Point Race
Saturday, June 19, 2010
PHYC/SYC Special Series Race 1
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The series races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *2009-2012 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 may apply.
1.4 No single-handed racing is allowed in the PHYC/SYC racing program.
1.5 Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws shall apply to yachts required to have a 2010 valid rating.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at SYC Race Committee Building (Race Shack). Signals may also be displayed at the PHYC flagstaff.
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with '90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 0955.

6 CLASS PENNANTS

6.1 Class Pennants for Series Races will be posted on the offical notice boards by May 7th, 2010. Unofficial information may be posted on Port Huron Yacht Club website at www.phyc.org.
6.2 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 must display the class pennant from a staff at the stern.

7 CLASS SPLITS

7.1 Final splits will be posted on the official notice boards 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.
7.2 Registered yachts can not change classes after 72 hours prior to the first race of the Special Series.
7.3 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 boards upon the addition of a new yacht.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The couse may be shortened before the start of a race by displaying Code Flag S. (Modifies RRS 32)
8.2 The course will not be shortened after the start. (Changes RRS 32)
8.3 Blue Point Course

1st leg – 3.7 nautical miles, 342T to the red #12 channel buoy, rounded to starboard.
2nd leg - 10.2 nautical miles, 091T to Blue Point mark, rounded to starboard.
3rd leg – 11.0 nautical miles, 245T to "X" mark, rounded to starboard.
4th leg – 0.5 nautical miles, 270T to finish line.
The approximate course length will be 25.3 NM.

8.4 Short Course

1st leg – 3.7 nautical miles, 342T to the red #12 channel buoy, rounded to starboard.
2nd leg - 6.0 nautical miles, 101T to Blue Point mark, rounded to starboard.
3rd leg – 6.8 nautical miles, 236T to "X" mark, rounded to starboard.
4th leg – 0.5 nautical miles, 270T to finish line.
The approximate course length will be 17.0 NM.

9 MARKS

9.1 Mark F and Mark X are a 4' diameter yellow balls marked with a black letter. R-2 & R-12 are red channel navigation buoys.

9.2 The Blue Point mark is a inflatable orange pyramid buoy located at 43 05.250N, 82 10.770W.

9.3 The Short Course mark is a inflatable orange pyramid buoy located at 43 04.203N, 82 16.537W.

9.4 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 Prior to starting a yacht's first race of the day, it is required to check in with Race Committee by sailing past the Race Committee boat and announcing boat name and sail number prior to the first race warning gun. Skippers are reminded to avoid the starting area of other classes.

10.2 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).

10.3 The starting line will be between the F mark to Port and the orange flag on the Race Committee boat to Starboard.

10.4 The starting order will be posted with splits, see 7.1.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area extending 250' behind the starting line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

10.6 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)

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing 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 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, especially at #2 Buoy when finishing a race.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 There will be no time limit.

12.2 Race Committee will be on station until 1800. Finish times must be reported to RC after this time.

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 Race Chairmen, 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 The protest hearing will be held as soon as a protest committee can be convened.

14 SCORING

14.1 Unless modified by class rules, the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

14.2 This is the first of 5 in the Special Race Series.

14.3 3 of 5 races are required to be completed to constitute Special Series.

14.4 A boat's series score will be the total of her 3 best race scores.

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.

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.

17.2 RC failure to hail sailnumbers will not be grounds for redress.

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

18 PRIZES

18.1 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.

18.2 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.