

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Pultneyville Yacht Club Thursday Night Race Series
5/08/2003 – 9/11/2003 Pultneyville, NY

RULES Races will be governed by the 2001-2004 International Yacht Racing Rules, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of PHRF LO (except as any of these may be altered by these sailing instructions). You will need a copy of the IYRR book. The series is designated a category A event as according to rule 79 and appendix G3 (minimal advertising).

ENTRIES All PYC member yachts are eligible and may enter through notification of the PYC Fleet Captain. "Drop-in" racers are encouraged to participate, but in order to be scored for the series eligible yachts shall: Be owned by a PYC member; Have a valid PHRF certificate; Have on board the IYRR rules book above; Have on deck an easily launched red protest flag; Have paid the \$50 expense fee to the Fleet Captain; and Have on board a VHF radio capable of receiving channel 9.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS and CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be posted on the club racing bulletin board in the club house. Changes will be posted by 1800 hours on the day of the given race.

RACE COMMITTEE. The Race Committee is responsible for starting and scoring the race. The Committee consists of Fleet Captain, Scorer, Committee Boat volunteer and members of the Protest Committee. An individual boat will not be scored when the (boat) owner/skipper or crew member serves in the position of Committee Boat volunteer.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE Displayed on Race Committee Boat.. Code Flag 'AP' (red and white vertical stripes) with two horn blasts (one blast when lowered) means 'The race is postponed'. The race start warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after 'AP' is lowered.

SCHEDULE OF RACES Practice races: 5/8, 5/15. Skippers Meeting 1745 hours. Spring Series: Thursdays 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19. Skippers Meeting on the water @ 1830 hours. Warning signal 1845; Summer Series: Thursdays 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/31. Skippers Meeting on the water @ 1830 hours. Warning signal 1845; Fall Series: Thursdays 8/7, 8/8, 8/14, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11. Skippers Meeting on the water @ 1800 hours. Warning signal 1815;

RACING AREA is shown on illustration A (attached).

CLASSES Spinnaker Fleet and Genoa Only Fleet. A boat may compete in either fleet and be scored using the appropriate PHRF handicap.

THE COURSE Permanent marks shown on illustration A (attached). Course layout communicated by radio (channel 9) 5 minutes before warning signal and repeated 1 minute later. Visual numbers and rounding direction displayed on Committee Boat. Communication between the racing boats and committee to verify course is allowed except within 3 minutes of the start(s).

MARKS Will be four (4) two white, yellow and orange colored 4" PVC pipes and one (1) "official" orange & white racing buoy. The race committee may also set an orange triangular or a yellow barrel float as a mark or as the pin end of the start or finish line.

THE START The starting line will be between the staff or line displaying the orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting square area leeward

of the start line (if we are using separate class starts). A yacht shall not start later than 30 minutes after her Fleet start signal. Rule 30.1 will be in effect for all starts ("Round -an- End Rule").

STARTING SEQUENCE A rolling five (5) minute starting sequence is used to allow separate starts for Genoa and Spinnaker boats. A Warning Signal (gun) is heard at five (5) before start of the Genoa class. This is followed by a White Flag raised and horn sounded on Committee boat at four (4) minutes before start. The White Flag is lowered and horn sounded on the Committee Boat one (1) minute before start. The Starting Signal (gun and red flag) for Genoa Class is the Warning Signal for Spinnaker class. Visual signals (flags), rather than sound, control the start. **RECALLS** Individual recalls will be signaled (white flag with blue cross) in accordance with racing rule 29.2. The Race Committee will also attempt to hail by voice and VHF but it is the racing yachts responsibility to verify a good start. When a general recall has been signaled (Rule 29.3), the start for the succeeding class will be postponed.

CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START The visual shorten course signal (white flag with blue square) will signal a change of course. New course layout will be communicated by radio (channel 9) 1 minute after the signal and repeated 1 minute later.

ABANDONMENT The visual race abandonment signal (blue and white checked flag) accompanied by three (3) horn blasts will signal abandonment.

THE FINISH LINE will be between the staff or line displaying the orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and the finish mark at the port end.

TIME LIMIT The time limit for the race will be 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes. The race will be canceled should the first boat not finish by 2030 hours.

PROTESTS The Race Committee must be notified immediately after the finish. Racers are encouraged to settle protests expediently via arbitration with the Protest Chairman as soon as the parties are on shore. Should arbitration prove unsuccessful, the protest must be submitted in writing by 2130. Forms can be obtained from the Protest Committee Chairman or the Fleet Captain. A committee will be formed and will hear the protest the same night if possible.

PENALTIES The 720 turn penalty will Apply. Penalty turn may not exonerate in the event of a collision.

SCORING The low-point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply with the exception that each series four (4) of the five (5) scheduled races will be counted with one (1) throw out. per series. A boat will be scored for all races whether they compete or not.

If three (3) or more yachts complete the course within the time limit they shall be scored their position, using normal TOT PHRF calculations; those failing to complete in time shall be scored the remaining positions using the split times recorded for the last leg completed. If only 1 or 2 yachts of a fleet complete the course within the time limit, all yachts will be scored using the split times recorded for the last leg completed by all using normal TOT PHRF calculations. Should calculations using split times result in adjusted time differences of less than 5 seconds between two yachts, they shall be scored tied.

Yachts that Did Not Start (DNS), or were Disqualified (DSQ) as well as those which Did Not Finish (DNF) receive points equal to the number of starting boats plus 1.