

PYC Thursday Night Racing Series

Pultneyville Yacht Club 2004 Racing Season



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. The race series is designated a Category A event. The 720 Degree Turn Penalty will apply. Penalty turns will not exonerate in the event of a collision.

2 ENTRIES

Competitors may enter by notifying the PYC Fleet Captain. There is no entry form. The racing fee is \$20.00 per series payable to the PYC Fleet Captain. Each sailor must read the Notice Of Race and Sailing Instructions before competing in the first race of the 2004 season. All PYC member yachts are eligible and may enter. "Drop-in" and non-member racers are encouraged to participate. In order to be scored for a race yacht/owner shall:

- Be owned by a PYC member or a reciprocal yacht club
- Have a valid and current PHRF certificate
- Have the current Racing Rules of Sailing book on board while racing
- Have an easily launched red protest flag on board while racing
- Have a VHF radio capable of receiving channel 9 on board

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors are announced at the skippers meeting on the water prior to the first warning signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be the AP flag with 2 horn blasts meaning "race is postponed" displayed from the flag staff located on the Race Committee Boat. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the starting sequence warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after AP is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE


Info Sessions/Practice Races: 5/6, 5/13 with 18:45 warning signal for the first race
Spring Series: 5/20 through 6/24 with 18:45 warning signal for the first race
Summer Series: 7/1 through 8/5 with 18:45 warning signal for the first race
Fall Series: 7/12 through 9/16 with 18:15 warning signal for the first race


Each series has 6 race dates. The last race date in each series is a weather date.

Skippers should check-in on the water between one half hour and fifteen minutes before the warning signal for the first start.

6 CLASS FLAGS

One race is scheduled each Thursday evening. Boats race in either the Genoa Fleet or the Spinnaker Fleet.

The Spinnaker Fleet class flag will be the "F" flag  (for Flying sails).

The Genoa Only Fleet will be signaled with the "G" flag  (for Genoa only).

A boat may compete in either fleet and will be scored using the appropriate PHRF handicap.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be within the region depicted on Figure 1 and detailed in Figure 2.

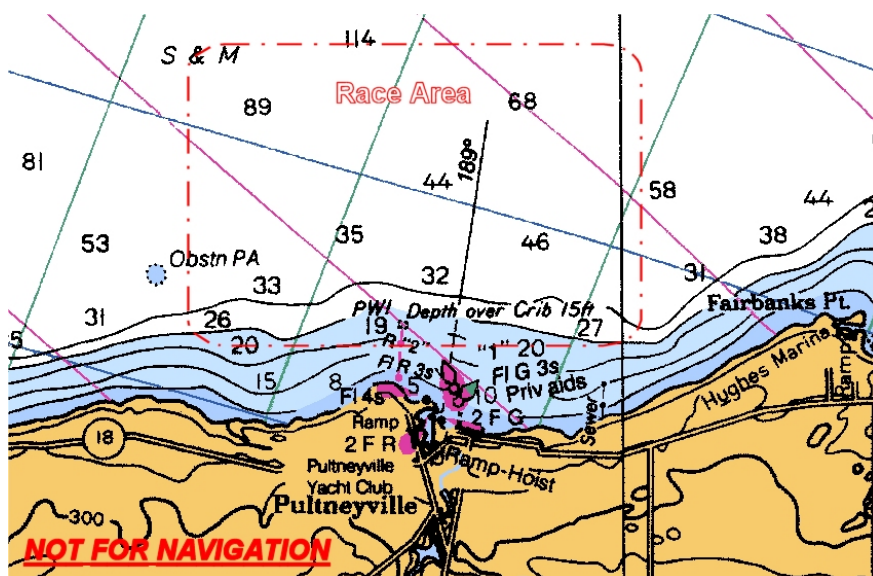


Figure 1. General Race Area
(part of Lake Ontario Chart 14804)

8 COURSE and MARKS

The course will be announced on VHF channel 9 and posted on the committee boat approximately 5 minutes prior to the Warning signal for the starting sequence of the race. It will be repeated 1 minute later. Communication between racing boats and the committee boat to verify course information is allowed up to the Preparatory signal for the first fleet start.







Permanent race marks are four (4) orange colored 9 inch 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. Figure 2, Race Area Detail, shows the course legs, designations, and permanent marks. Actual marks

employed, order used, and the rounding direction of each mark is announced for each race.

9 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES


The starting line will be the race committee boat (orange flag) at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.


The starting sequence will be conducted according to Rule 26 and the Round-An-End Rule 30.1 will apply for individual recalls. The fleet starting is as follows:

Series	First Start	Class Flag	Second Start	Class Flag
Spring	Genoa Fleet		Spinnaker Fleet	
Summer	Spinnaker Fleet		Genoa Fleet	
Fall	Genoa Fleet		Spinnaker Fleet	

The Racing Rules Of Sailing Rule 26 Starting Sequence (without starting penalties) using Spring Series Flags would be:

WARNING	-5 mins		Class Flag Goes Up With Gun
PREPARATORY	-4 mins		P Flag Goes Up With Horn
1 MINUTE	-1 mins		P Flag Goes Down With Horn
START plus	-0 mins		Class Flag Goes Down With Gun
WARNING	-5 mins		Class Flag Goes Up (same Gun)
PREPARATORY	-4 mins		P Flag Goes Up With Horn
1 MINUTE	-1 mins		P Flag Goes Down With Horn
START	-0 mins		Class Flag Goes Down With Gun

Individual recalls will be signaled with the "X" Flag  in accordance with racing rule 29.2. The Race Committee will also attempt to hail by voice and VHF but it is the responsibility of the racing yachts to verify a good start. When a general recall has been signaled (Rule 29.3), the start for the succeeding class will be postponed.

The visual shorten course signal with the "S" Flag  will indicate a change of course. New course instructions will be communicated by radio (channel 9) 1 minute after the signal and repeated 1 minute later.

The finish line will be between the race committee boat (orange flag) and the finish mark.

10 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 20:30 hours.

11 PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to any Race Committee member within 15 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board in the club house. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each evening in the PYC clubhouse. Racers are encouraged to settle protests with arbitration by the Protest Chairman or his/her committee delegate. Protests must be submitted in writing by 21:30 hrs for formal resolution.

12 SCORING

(under revision)

The Low Point System of 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) exclusion 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, 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 Disqualified (DSQ) as well as those which Did Not Finish (DNF) shall receive points equal to the number of starting boats plus 1.

13 PRIZES

Flags are awarded in the PYC pavilion following each race for first, second, and third places in each fleet.

Awards will be presented to season series winners at the PYC Annual Banquet.

Drop-in and non-member racers receive courtesy starts and finish times.

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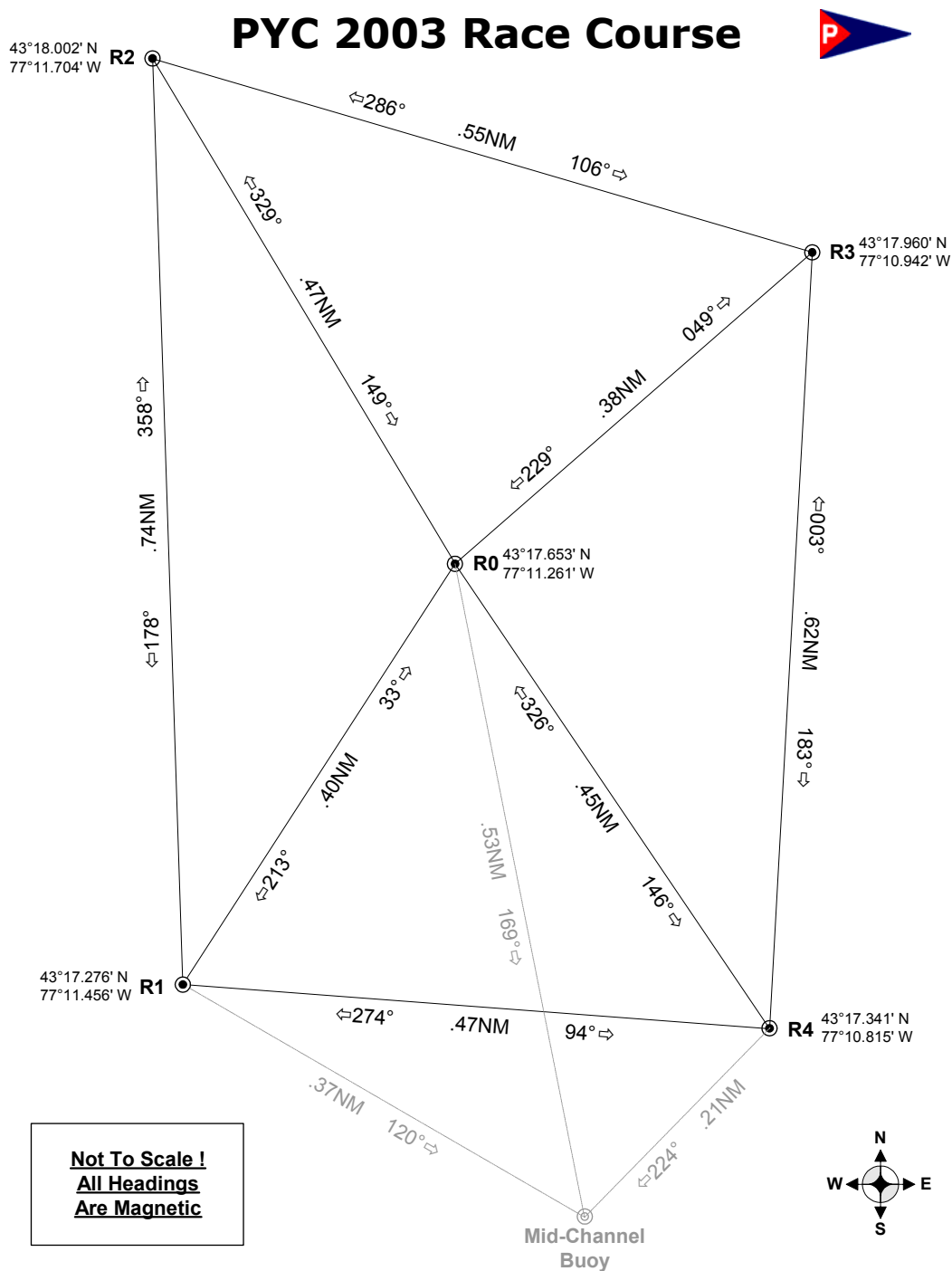


Figure 2. PYC Race Area Detail
(R0 through R4 denote permanent race marks)