



PORTLAND YACHT CLUB

PRESENTS

THE 2019 FALL SERIES

SEPTEMBER 14, 21, 28, OCTOBER
5, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 as adopted by US Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located by the front porch of the Portland Yacht Club and will be posted before one hour prior to the first warning gun of the day they shall take effect.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before one hour prior to the first warning gun of the day they shall take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast of the PYC.

5. Schedule of Races

Scheduled times:

Lightship Race	9/14/2019	First Warning @ 1000
Fall #2	9/21/2019	First Warning @ 1300
Fall #3	9/28/2019	First Warning @ 1300
Fall #4	10/05/2019	First Warning @ 1300

One race per day is scheduled but the Race Committee may run a second race for each day if conditions warrant except the Lightship Race.

6. Class Flags

Class flags will be:

Racing Class: White with Blue "A"

Cruising Class: Blue with White "B"

Class breaks, entrants and starting sequence will be decided the morning of 9/14/2019, delivered at the Skippers Meeting and posted on the Notice Board.

7. Courses

Fall Series races other than the Lightship Race will use marks designated on the PYC Mark List. Marks will be listed on the Course Board or a White Dry Erase board in the order of rounding. All marks will be rounded to port unless the mark letter is **RED**, or followed by a plus sign (+) in the case of a dry erase board where these marks will be rounded to starboard. The course will also be signaled prior to the class's warning signal on VHF channel 78.

The Lightship Race shall start at Mark "G".

The Cruising Class course will run from

- the start at Mark "G" to
- a gate between Marks "P" and "Q" to
- RW "P" Mo (A) Fl 2.5s Horn to port to
- a gate between Marks "P" and "Q" to finish at Mark "G"

The Racing Class course will run from

- the start at Mark "G" to
- a gate between Marks "P" and "Q" to
- RW "P" Mo (A) Fl 2.5s Horn left to port to
- a gate between Marks "P" and "Q" to
- finish at Mark "G"

The following paragraph supersedes Rule 32.2:

If conditions warrant, this race may be shortened at the gate between Marks "P" and "Q", or Mark "N". The Race Committee will broadcast shortened course signal on Channel 78 if this is to occur as well as display flag "S" with two sound signals. Shortening of the course will not be displayed at the mark previous to the finish. If the gate between Marks "P" and "Q" is used as a finish line, the race committee boat may be on station either in the middle of the line or off the end of the line. If the race committee boat is located in the middle of the gate, boats may finish on either side of the race committee boat within the parameters of the gate. If the committee boat is located outside of the gate, the finish line shall be between Mark "P" and Mark "Q".

8. Marks

Marks used will be listed on the PYC Mark List and Chart plus the RW”P” Mo(A). Starting mark will be an orange drop mark for all races except the Lightship race which will use Mark “G”. Finishing mark will be an orange drop mark or one of the PYC designated marks.

9. The Start

Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard end and the port end starting mark. If any part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her start the race Committee will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF channel 78. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finishing mark, except in the case of a shortened course as described above in SI 7.

11. Penalty System

Rule 44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply to races in this series.

12. Time Limits

Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protest forms are available on the PYC Bulletin Board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within one hour of the Race Committee boat landing on the dock. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform the competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Trophy Room of the PYC as posted.

14. Scoring

The CHIPS 3 scoring system will apply. Competitors may throw out one race results if there are four race days. One race can constitute a regatta. Ties will be broken in strict accordance to RRS appendix A8.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the end of racing 9/14 (for the Lightship Race) and 10/5 for the Fall Series. Chili/chowder and refreshments will be provided starting at 1700 hrs. or after contestants arrive.

16. Communication

The Race Committee will endeavor to monitor VHF Channel 78. Contestants are recommended to monitor this channel for updates as the day progresses. Contestants are required to monitor and respond to Race Committee information on Channel 78 on the hour and half hour from 1600 hrs on each race day until their finish. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Fall Series Races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

18. No Smoking

PYC does not permit smoking anywhere on Club Property. (The inside of a car is not Club property.) We ask all members and guests to respect that policy and, out of respect for our neighbors, not to smoke on their property as well.

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