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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Under RRS 87, rule C.5.1(b)(3) of the Etchells class rules is changed to allow electronic navigation devices.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day it goes into effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF radio.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the southwest corner of the PYC clubhouse and on Regattaman.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with the competitors on VHF radio channel **69**.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that isn't available to all boats.
- 3.4. Course shortening may be announced via VHF.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast of the PYC.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

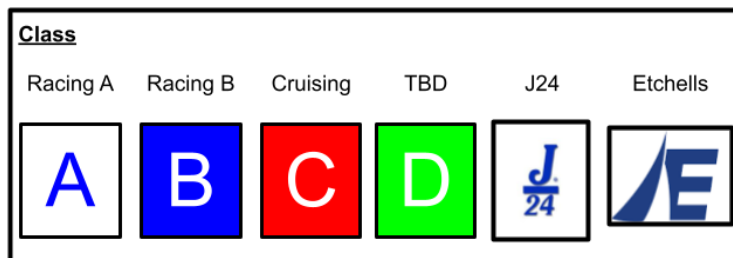
6.1.

Saturday	PHRF	Sunday	
1100	Skippers Meeting		
1300	First Warning Signal	1200	First Warning Signal
1500	No warning signal after this time.	1500	No warning signal after this time.

- 6.2. Scratch sheets will be available at PYC after the Skippers Meeting.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 1 minute before a warning signal is made
- 6.4. There will be as many races as is practical for all classes at the Race Committee's discretion.

CLASS FLAGS

6.5. Class flags will be:



7. RACING AREAS & COURSES

<u>Division</u>	<u>Racing Area</u>	<u>Courses</u>
A&B - PHRF Racing C - PHRF Cruising One Design	Outside Clapboard	Marks from the 2020 CYC/PYC Mark List - see Addendum B

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The courses for all Divisions for Saturday July 13:

- 8.1.1. The Race Committee will choose from the government and drop marks as described on the 2020 CYC/PYC Mark List as shown in SI Amendment B.
- 8.1.2. The "A" division course for the Saturday Race is as follows (approx 15NM):
- Start in the vicinity of Mark P to a gate between marks OC and OD
 - Round RN2 (North East of outer Green Island) to starboard.
 - Round OG to Starboard
 - Enter the Portland Shipping Channel between CV and CU
 - Round CK to Starboard
 - Round G to starboard
 - Finish at B
- 8.1.3. The "B" div. course for the Saturday Race is as follows (approx 12NM):
- Start in the vicinity of Mark P to a gate between marks OC and OD
 - Round OD to Starboard
 - Round OG to Starboard
 - Enter the Portland Shipping Channel between CV and CU
 - Round CK to Starboard
 - Round G to starboard
 - Finish at B
- 8.1.4. The "C" div. Course for the Saturday Race is as follows (approx 10 NM)
- Start in the vicinity of Mark P to a gate between marks OC and OD
 - Round OD to Starboard
 - Enter the Portland Shipping Channel between CV and CU
 - Round CK to Starboard
 - Round G to starboard
 - Finish at B

- 8.2 The courses for all divisions on Sunday will be similar to the Wednesday and Thursday night races held at PYC and CYC. The courses will reference the [CYC/PYC RACE COMMITTEE INSHORE CHART](#).
- 8.2.1 The starting area will be at the discretion of the race committee. In accordance with the CYC / PYC inshore chart, the start for the races will likely be in the vicinity of areas 1 through 5

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Inflatable marks will be orange & green Tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The starting mark & finish mark may be a yellow inflatable or a government mark.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
Government Navigation Aids "N12", "N14", and "R18" must be passed on the safe side (the westerly side) at all times. These areas are highlighted on the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List Chart.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and either a yellow inflatable mark or a government mark.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. If any part of a boat's hull, **excluding any sprits or extensions**, is on the course side of the committee starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the VHF channel. Failure to make this broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.6. **The Start/Finish line is CLOSED to any boat not starting or finishing a race.**

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. On Saturday the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and a government mark of the course.
- 12.2. On Sunday the finishing line may be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and either YELLOW finishing mark or a government mark. This illustration below is valid for Sunday only.



- 12.3. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12.4. On Saturday, the finish may be shortened to CV-CU or any mark of the course there after.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1. There is no time limit for the Saturday race. Please see 14.2

14.2. The Race Time Limit (See RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below. This applies to Sunday racing only.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
Division A & B - Racing	N/A	30 minutes
Division C - Cruising	N/A	60 Minutes

14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for the boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the points scored by the last boat that finishes within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14.4. Failure to make the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1. Competitors contemplating filing a protest shall remember that they are expected to follow and enforce the rules. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire. (Sportsmanship and the Rules).

15.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat has docked. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.3. Hearing request forms are available at the PYC Notice Board

15.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in an area designated as the protest room, if not the Trophy Room, beginning as posted.

15.5. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

16. SCORING

16.1. The scoring system is as follows: RRS Appendix A.

16.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3. A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. Boats shall check in prior to the first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat, on starboard tack, and hailing the boat name, sail number, and number of persons onboard.

17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the soonest reasonable opportunity.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

18.1. Overboard disposal of trash is prohibited. Per Rule 47, offenders may be subject to disqualification. Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

19. PRIZES

19.1. First place trophies shall be awarded for all classes. For classes with 5 or more boats a second place trophy will be awarded. For classes with 7 or more boats a third place trophy will be awarded.

19.2. Results will be posted at the PYC as well as on Regattaman as soon as possible after racing is completed.

20. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees or acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.