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2024 SEASON NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The following NoR applies to the PYC Thursday Night Series, Pilot Laser Regatta, Pilot Regatta, Schooner Trophy, Lightship Race, and the Fall Series

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. PYC will follow the CDC recommended COVID 19 guidelines for Cumberland County.
- 1.3. RRS 32 and 33 **are** modified for the Thursday Night races to allow the RC to shorten the race after the start or change the next leg of the course by broadcasting on the VHF Channel assigned in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to hear or comply with course changes shall not constitute grounds for a protest by any competitor.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available approximately one week before each event on Regattaman.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at the Event Page on www.regattaman.com
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72. Lasers are exempt from carrying a VHF radio.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. As noted in 1.3, the RRS 32 and 33 will be modified for the Thursday Night races to allow the RC to shorten the race after the start or change the next leg of the course by broadcasting on the VHF Channel assigned in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to hear or comply with course changes shall not constitute grounds for a protest by any competitor.
- 3.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats with a PHRF rating. (This does not apply to racing dinghies.)
 - 4.1.1. Boats that register 5 or more of the same type at least one week before the event may have a one-design fleet.
- 4.2. Boats competing in the GMORA Series must have a current, valid PHRF-NE rating certificate which may be obtained by joining the Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association at gmora.org or their local PHRF-NE Fleet. One design fleets are exempt from providing ratings.
- 4.3. A copy of the boat's rating certificate must accompany the entry for each event.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing registration together with the required fees online at www.Regattaman.com before **0800 the day before the event**.

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4.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the RC Event Chair.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees are listed for each event on www.Regattaman.com.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Detail schedules are listed for each event on Regattaman.

6.1.1.

Event	Fleets expected	Date	First Gun Time
Thursday Night Series	Racing & Cruising	5/16/24 to 9/26/24	1800 (Sept - 1730)
Pilot Laser Regatta	Lasers only	6/1/24	1200ish
Pilot Regatta	Racing, Cruising, One Designs	7/13-14/24	1300
The Schooner Trophy	Cruising only	7/4/24	1300
The Lightship Race	Racing & Cruising	9/21/24	1000
The Fall Series	Racing & Cruising	9/28, 10/5 & 10/12/24	1300

6.2. There may be multiple races each day of each event at the Race Committee's discretion.

7. VENUE

7.1. Most races take place in the vicinity of Clapboard Island. The Lightship Race shall take place in southern Casco Bay. Specific races may range farther afield and that information will be on www.Regattaman.com.

7.2. The race area can be seen on NOAA chart 13290.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The courses for PHRF boats will use government and drop marks as described on the 2020 CYC-PYC Mark List available on the PYC Website.

8.2. The courses for One Designs may also include drop mark windward-leeward courses to be described in the sailing instructions.

8.3. The courses for Lasers will use drop marks. Courses will be distributed at the rigging and launching area at the Portland Yacht Club.

8.4. The Thursday Night Series will include a list of preset courses available for the RC to choose from. These will be available on Regattaman and the PYC website..

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

9.2. RRS 44.1, the One and Two-Turn Penalty will be in effect and is encouraged.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The scoring system for the weekend races is as follows: RRS Appendix A (Low Point Scoring.)
- 10.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4. Boats entered in the Pilot regatta will also be scored in the Casco Bay Club Challenge.
 - 10.4.1. Boats will be scored using the GMORA CHIPS points for results in the Centerboard Regatta, HYC Pursuit Race and PYC Pilot Regatta.
 - 10.4.2. Boats being scored must be a member of CYC, PYC or HYC.
 - 10.4.3. The boat with the highest points will be awarded the Casco Bay Club Challenge Trophy.
- 10.5. The scoring system for the Thursday Night Series will be based on Low Point Scoring. The best **2/3** of races run will count towards the season trophies. (18 races sailed then the best **12** races will count, 15 races sailed then **10** will count, etc.)

11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1. 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.**

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating keelboat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. **A copy of this insurance will be emailed to the PYC Race Officer before registration is accepted.**
- 12.2. The requirement for liability insurance is waived for dinghies but participants will be required to sign a Disclaimer of Liability at event Registration.

13. PRIZES

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

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1. All of these rules are subject to change based on changing circumstances, participant numbers or other causes. Changes to these rules will be updated on Regattaman. Competitors are encouraged to refer back to Regattaman for latest updates.
- 14.2. For further information please contact:
PYC Race Officer at PYCRace@gmail.com