

P.V.Y.C.



2014 Sunday Sailing Series

Sundays Beginning June 22, 2014 ending October 4, 2014

July 4, (Friday) Regatta 2014, 2:00 p.m.
Labor Day Trophy Regatta, September 1, (Monday) 2014, 2:00 p.m.
Gene O'Neill Commodore's Cup Regatta, Saturday October 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS) The rules of the US SAILING Portsmouth Yardstick will apply for handicapping boats in the Portsmouth Class. The Race Committee at its discretion will use either the Portsmouth Wind Handicap Numbers (HC) (recommended by the Portsmouth Committee) or the Basic Portsmouth Number (D-PN) for determining corrected time.

All boats will be starting together at every race this year

The Portsmouth Class: All boats will be scored under the US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick. A series champion will be acknowledged.

Match Races: Match races will be unofficial. Before the start of a given race, the race committee may select two or more skippers/sailboats to compete against each other in a match under the Portsmouth handicap system. The match races will occur at the same time as the Portsmouth class race.

Pursuit Races: Any pursuit races will be unofficial.

The minimum number of boats in the starting area for a race will be three.

The July 4th race, Labor Day race and the Gene O'Neill Commodore's Cup Regatta will not count toward the series championship.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the sailing notice bulletin board located on the PVYC Clubhouse porch. There will be no skippers meetings. However, the course and any special sailing instructions for the day will be posted on the porch bulletin board noon on Sundays. Please take note of the course before going out to race.

3. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG(S)

The warning signal for the first race will be 1:00 p.m. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The race committee may postpone the start of the race at its discretion. When the race is postponed, the committee boat will put up the postponement signal flag and signal two horn sounds.

Postponement flag → 

The warning signal for the start of the race will be made one minute after the removal of the postponement flag. The removal will be accompanied with one sound.

The class flags are as follows: Portsmouth and PVYC River (All boats together) WHITE

4. COURSE and MARKS

The course and the rounding direction of the marks will be described on a chart posted on the porch bulletin board by noon, race day.

5. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

The Race Committee boat will be positioned to be part of the starting and finishing lines.
The races will be started under Rule 26, RRS.

Races will be started using the following signals. Times will be taken from the visual signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class Flag Displayed and 1 sound	5 minutes
Preparatory	Preparatory Flag displayed. 1 Sound  (International code flag for letter P)	4 minutes
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed. One sound.	1 minute
Start	Class flag removed. One sound.	0 minute

6. TIME LIMIT

There will be no time limits set for a race. However, the race committee will strive to set a course, and to lengthen or shorten a course during a race underway, as allowed by the RRS, to promote completion of the course by all boats within 40 to 90 minutes. The race committee may abandon any race at any time at its discretion for a number of reasons, including foul weather, insufficient wind, or any reason involving safety or fairness of the competition. The race committee will try to avoid abandoning a race once a competitor has completed the course. However, there may be circumstances where a race will be abandoned even after a competitor has completed the course as permitted by the RRS.

7. SCORING The Low Point Scoring System (RRS, Appendix A4) will apply for scoring the series races for the Portsmouth Class.

The series championship for both the Portsmouth Class and the PVYC River Class will be determined by dividing each competitor's total score in the class by the number of races/matches sailed. In order to qualify as 2013 series champion in the Portsmouth Class or the PVYC River Class, a competitor must participate in 50% of races for that group. For competitors who complete more than 50% of the races, (assume 50% of the races is 20 races) then only the best 20 races will be used to calculate the series score. This is done to encourage and reward participation, and means that a competitor cannot make his/her series score worse by participating in more races,

as participation above 50% can only change a score by improving it. (Note: scores for certain disqualifications as set out in the RRS cannot be excluded from a series score.)

8. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING:

- a. Competitors may seek help in the form of obtaining information from the Race Committee or other competitors regarding the course, the signals displayed or the RRS. The Race Committee will monitor marine band channel 69 during the races to answer questions. This modifies RRS Rule 41.
- b. Competitors may use motors to propel their boats to the starting area, even after the warning signal or after the race has started. If a competitor uses a motor to get to the starting area after the preparatory signal for the race has been given, or after the race has started, he /she must take a one turn penalty on the course, including one tack and one gybe as soon as possible and after getting well clear of other boats. This modifies RRS, Rule 42.
- c. Competitors whose boats become beached against the shoreline or whose masts get tangled in trees at the shoreline may use motors or other means to propel their boats away from the bank or trees. If a competitor uses a motor to get away from the bank or a tree, he /she must take a one turn penalty, including one tack and one gybe as soon as possible and after getting well clear of other boats. This modifies RRS, Rule 42. If you push your boat away from the shore without using a motor, no penalty is imposed.

9. EQUIPMENT ISSUES UNDER THE RRS AND THE PORTSMOUTH YARDSTICK

Please note the following RRS and Portsmouth Yardstick rules that the Race Committee will expect competitors to observe:

- a. (RRS 50.2) Wisker Poles when in use must be attached to the mast.
- b. Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping issues:
 - ◆ wisker poles should be limited in length to 150% of "J" ("J" is the base of the foretriangle measured along the deck from the headstay pin to the front of the mast.)
 - ◆ if a boat is a one design, it should conform to its class specifications and rules
 - ◆ competitors are to report any modifications to the original equipment or sail inventory of their boat to the Race Committee. The race committee may at its discretion impose a handicap modification factor (MF) determined by the rules of the US SAILING Portsmouth Yardstick system.
 - ◆ competitors are to report whether a headsail greater than 155% of J or a spinnaker is to be used. The race committee may at its discretion impose a handicap modification factor (MF) determined by the rules of the US SAILING Portsmouth Yardstick system.
 - ◆ boats with brackets around their numbers on the Portsmouth Tables have suspect handicaps, (brackets indicate limited data underlying the rating) The Race Committee may adjust the handicap for that boat according to the methods in the US SAILING Portsmouth Yardstick system.
 - ◆ boats without a current handicap may compete with the last published handicap available in the Portsmouth tables. The Race Committee may adjust the handicap for that boat according to the methods in the US SAILING Portsmouth Yardstick system.

9. PRIZES

Ribbons or (PVYC spirit wear, patches, mugs, etc.) will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place each week in the Portsmouth and PVYC River classes. First place winner of any match race will receive a ribbon.

Trophies or (PVYC spirit wear, patches, mugs, etc.) for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in the series championship will be awarded to the Portsmouth class champion.

PVYC spirit wear, patches, mugs, etc. will be awarded to every series participant finishing 50% of the races.

10. BE SAFE, HAVE FUN, AND INVITE BEGINNERS TO CREW!!

John Dalsey,
2014 Race Committee Chair