

Monday Fleet Racing
Including "Women On The Helm"



Sportsmanship and the Rules

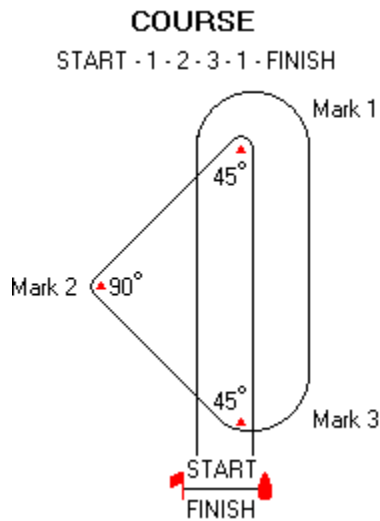
Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of *rules* that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a *rule* they will promptly take a penalty or retire.

- 1) **Organization:** Fleet Racing Events are organized by the Sailing Committee under the authority of the Port Credit Yacht Club.
- 2) **Rules:** Club racing is governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, which include the Registration Form.
- 3) **Eligibility and Entries:** Club racing events are open to monohull yachts as follows:
 - a) Must be entered by a member who is eligible for a mooring for that boat.
 - b) Must be Skippered and/or Helmed by a Junior, Intermediate, Associate or Senior Member (or their spouse), but these need not be the owner.
 - c) A Crew Member may Helm but not Skipper.
 - d) To be eligible to race in the Cruising Fleet, the helm cannot have helmed in Wednesday or Thursday club races in the past three years.
 - e) Eligible yachts may register by submitting a completed Fleet Racing Registration Form, and club waiver to the Race Committee (R/C).
 - f) With the exception of the Cruising Fleet, registration must include a copy of a current valid PHRF-LO Rating Certificate (or be included on the list of valid PHRF-LO certificate holders issued by the Club Handicapper).
 - g) Entry Deadlines:
 - i) The deadline for the May Series is 21:00 on May 3, 2006. Registrations received after then may still race in the May Series, but will be scored DNC for that Series.
 - ii) The deadline for any of the other Series is one week prior to the first race of that Series. Registrations received after then may still race, but will be scored DNC for that Series.
 - iii) Changes to a registration shall be submitted in writing to the R/C, on a Fleet Racing Registration Form, at least one hour prior to the Warning Signal for the first division on the day in which it will take effect.
 - iv) A yacht may change Classes (e.g. Double Handed to Single Handed), but only at the beginning of a Series.
- 4) **Notices to Competitors:** will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the Fleet Bulletin Board to the left at the foot of the stairs from the main entrance to the Clubhouse.
- 5) **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** will be posted at least one hour before the Warning Signal for the first Class on the day to which the change applies.
- 6) **Signals Made Ashore:** Will be displayed from the main flagpole. Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two sound signals (one when lowered) means: *"The race is postponed. The Warning Signal for the first Class will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered"*.
- 7) **Schedule of Races**

There will be four Series as follows:

May 8, 15, 22, 29
June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24
July 31, August 7, 14, 21
- 8) **Classes and Divisions (All Main & Jib Only):**
 - a) There will be three Classes as follows:
 - i) Cruising Fleet
 - ii) Double Handed Fleet
 - iii) Single Handed Fleet
 - b) Each Class will have its own Start
 - c) Each Class will be divided into one or more Divisions.
 - d) Division splits will be based on the number of boats registered on May 3, 2006
 - e) In order for yachts to be scored as a separate Division, there must be 5 registered.
 - f) The List of Classes and their Divisions, will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 9) **The Racing Area:** The starting area for all Club races will be located approximately 1-1/2nm from the Harbour Entrance on a bearing of approximately 145° magnetic.
- 10) **Check In:** When Code Flag "L" is displayed on the R/C vessel, boats shall check in by sailing on starboard tack, close aboard the stern of the R/C vessel. After the First Warning (beginning of the Class 1 Start sequence), any yachts not in the first start who have not yet checked in must keep clear of the starting area and must not sail past the R/C vessel until after the Warning Signal for their particular start has been given, at which time they should then check in.

11) **The Course:** The diagram shows the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The length of the first leg will depend on the wind conditions. Marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons



12) **The Start Line:** Between the halyard flying an Orange flag on the R/C vessel, and the PORT end start mark.

13) **The Start:**

- a) The Class Flags will be Numeral Pennants.
- b) In the event of a General Recall, The Starting Signal for the recalled Class will be the Warning Signal for a new start for that Class. The 1st Substitute flag will be lowered one minute before the new start. Succeeding Classes will have their Warning Signals delayed accordingly. This changes rule 29.2.

14) **Starting Times and Sequence:** The scheduled time of the first Start for each of these events is 18:35. The "Time to Start" column below shows the time remaining to the next start. See Sailing Instruction 15 for the Individual Recall procedure.

Time to Start	Visual	Sound	Meaning
- 5 min.	Pennant 1 Up	1 Sound	Warning Class 1.
- 4 min.	Prep Signal Up	1 Sound	Prep Class 1.
- 1 min.	Prep Signal Down	1 Sound	1 Min. to Start
0 min.	Pennant 1 Down & Pennant 2 Up	1 Sound	Start Class 1, and Warning Class 2.
- 4 min.	Prep Signal Up	1 Sound	Prep Class 2.
- 1 min.	Prep Signal Down	1 Sound	1 Min. to Start
0 min.	Pennant 2 Down & Pennant 3 Up	1 Sound	Start Class 2, and Warning Class 3.
- 4 min.	Prep Signal Up	1 Sound	Prep Start 3.
- 1 min.	Prep Signal Down	1 Sound	1 Min. to Start
0 min.	Pennant 3 Down	1 Sound	Start Class 3.

- 15) **Individual Recalls:** The R/C will attempt to hail premature starters on VHF Channel 71. Failure of the R/C to hail, or of a boat to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1
- 16) **Withdrawal:** A boat withdrawing from a race shall notify the R/C as soon as possible.
- 17) **Time Limit:**
 - a) A race will be abandoned for a Division when no boat in that Division rounds the 1st mark within one hour of the Start for that Division.
 - b) The time limit will be two hours from the Start of each division or 30 minutes after the first boat to finish in each division, whichever is later. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rules 35 and A4.1
- 18) **The Finish Line:** Will be between the halyard flying an Orange flag on the R/C boat, and Mark 3.
- 19) **Radio:** During the Start Sequence, the R/C may make announcements on VHF 71. Failure of the R/C to broadcast, or of a boat to hear such broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. While it is not a requirement for participants, it is strongly recommended that all yachts racing in these events be equipped with VHF Radio to monitor any communications by the R/C.
- 20) **Protests:** Protest Time Limit will be one and one half hours after the last boat finishes the race. For Protest Procedure see Appendix P.
- 21) **Scoring:**
 - a) All races will be scored using the PHRF-LO time on time format.
 - b) Races will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.
 - c) For each Series, all races will count with no drops.
 - d) For the Season's Championship, all of the races completed in all of the Series will be scored as one event. For each 4 races completed, there will be one drop (no rounding).
 - e) **Women are encouraged to helm in all races.** To facilitate scoring in those cases where "couples" wish to alternate helming, the first and third scheduled race in each Series is designated as "Women on The Helm" nights. There will be additional scoring for all "Women on The Helm".
- 22) **Awards, Trophies, Presentation Night:**
 - a) A complete listing of the club trophies and other racing awards, including the criteria and previous winners, may be seen on the club website. www.pcy.net/fleet.
 - b) The Club Awards Night will be on October 21, 2006.