

# PYMATUNING SAILING CLUB

## ~ SAM MYERS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ~

1. **PARTICIPATION**...It is the responsibility of the individual skipper to decide whether to start or continue a race. Please notify the Race Committee of your intention to retire as soon as possible.
2. **RULES**...Races will be sailed under the rules adopted by US Sailing for the current year; exceptions being any class rules determined in advance.
3. **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**...Any additions or changes to the racing instructions listed herein will be posted on the official bulletin board, located in the shelter.
4. **PROTESTS**...Must be filed according to the procedure as outlined in rule 61, except that the time limit is 30 minutes after the Committee Boat docks.
  - a. The two-turns penalty rule is in effect
  - b. a red flag must be flown as evidence of a protest except on single handers
5. **EQUIPMENT**...Each boat must conform to Coast Guard rules and carry the safety devices. **LIFE JACKETS must be WORN at all times – failure to comply is DSQ.**
6. **STARTING TIMES**...Races are scheduled to begin Saturday at 1:00pm and run back to back; Additional races are scheduled to begin Sunday at 9:00am and run back to back. Races both days are subject to #8 (see below).
7. **EARLY STARTS**...The Committee Boat will attempt to hail early starters but the burden of a proper start is on each skipper.
8. **NUMBER OF RACES**...Race Committee will determine the number of races each day depending on weather or other conditions. It is the skipper's responsibility to determine if another race will be run (by attending the Skippers Meeting and hailing the Committee Boat).
9. **GENERAL RECALL**...Flag (yellow with blue background) hoisted with two horn blasts. The next start will remain exactly 5 minutes from aborted start. The offending class goes to the end of the starting sequence. The one minute rule will be in effect on general recalls. Any yacht entering the triangle formed by the weather mark and the starting line will be DSQ.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS**...Flag (red with white vertical stripes) hoisted with two horn blasts. When lowered with one horn blast, will be followed in one minute by prep signal.
11. **SHORTEN COURSE**...Flag (white field with blue center) hoisted with two horn blasts. Finish between nearby mark and committee boat in the most direct manner from previous mark.
12. **ABANDON RACE**...Flag (blue and white checkered) hoisted with one long horn blast.
13. **TIES**...Are broken by which boat has beaten the other the greatest number of times. If still tied, the boat with the greater number of firsts, seconds, etc. shall be the winner. No races are considered throw outs in breaking ties.
14. **SCORING**...Low point system – 1 for first, 2 for second, etc.

DNS/DSQ = number of registered boats plus 1

DNF = number of starters in that race.
15. **STARTING SEQUENCE**...5 minutes ~ code flag 1 raised, horn (warning)  
4 minutes ~ blue shape raised; horn (prep)  
1 minute ~ blue shape down; long horn  
0 minute ~ code flag 1 down; horn (start)  
Additional fleets start at 5 minute intervals. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

5 minutes ~ code flag 2 raised, horn (warning)  
4 minutes ~ blue shape raised; horn (prep)  
1 minute ~ blue shape down; long horn  
0 minute ~ code flag 2 down; horn (start)

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16. **STARTING LINE**...between flag staff on Committee Boat and CB mark. The start and finish lines are the same.
17. **FINISH LINE**... between flag staff on Committee Boat and CB mark. The start and finish lines are the same.
18. **STARTING ORDER**...to be announced at Skippers Meeting.
19. **COURSES**...which may be sailed are listed:

| # | COURSE  |
|---|---|
| 3 | START A – OFS - C – FINISH (upwind)                   |
| 4 | START A – B – C – FINISH (upwind)                     |
| 5 | START A – OFS - C – A – OFS - C - FINISH (upwind)     |
| 6 | START A – B – C – A – C - FINISH (upwind)             |
| 9 | START A – B – C – A – B – C – A – C – FINISH (upwind) |

Not later than the preparatory signal, the Race Committee will display the course number from the stern of the Committee Boat. All marks are to be left to port.

20. **CLOSED LINES**...The start and finish lines may *not* be crossed except when starting or finishing.
21. **MARKS**...Marks A, B & C will be yellow cylinders with the letters N, E, S, and W on them, an orange tetrahedron with an X label, or a red or yellow sphere likely used for offset mark (hippity-hop ball). The Committee Boat will display The Course Number, Windward mark, Jibe mark, and Leeward mark letters on the transom to indicate which marks are A, B and C For example: Course #4 could be displayed as 4SEN where A=S, B=E and C=N.. Windward-Leeward courses will use an offset mark.

### COURSE EXAMPLES

