

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB

Westport, CT

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - 2012

1 Rules

1.1 All races shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 These sailing instructions do not govern racing in Vanguard 15s or Lasers. Separate sailing instructions for these classes are available at the clubhouse and the class page on the Club's website.

1.3 Additional instructions regarding the CPYC Wednesday Night Series and other Cruising Class events that modify or replace these sailing instructions are available at the Cruising Class page of the Club's website.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board on the south wall of the CPYC clubhouse.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to these sailing instructions shall be posted before 1100 on the day it will take effect. No change will be made which moves up the time of the first warning signal on any race day.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed either on the CPYC flagpole or on a race committee boat in the basin.

4.2 When code flag AP  (red/white striped pennant) is displayed ashore, the time to warning signal '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes. When one or more class flags are displayed with AP, only starts for those classes so designated shall be postponed.

4.3 Code flag L  (black boxes on yellow square) shall be displayed before 1100 when changes to these sailing instructions have been posted.

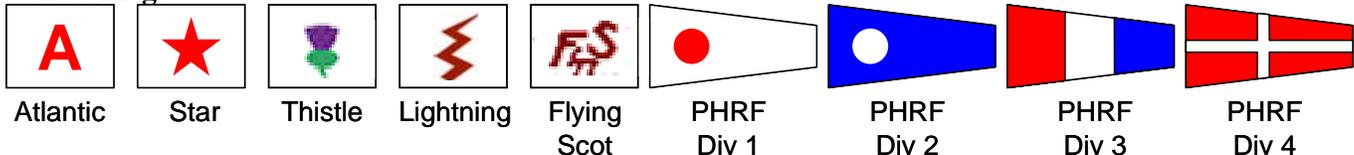
5 Schedule of Races and Starting Times

5.1 The schedule of races and the time of the first warning signal for each class is indicated in the Notice of Race.

5.2 For all classes racing, additional races may be held on any day at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

5.3 The Race Committee shall display code flag H  (white with red square) at the finish of a race when racing has been completed for the day. If a class flag is displayed under code flag H, racing is completed only for that class. If code flag H is not displayed, classes should return to / remain in the vicinity of the starting line and stay clear of boats that are still racing. The next race for each class will begin as soon as practicable after the previous race, even though other classes may still be racing.

6 Class Flags



PHRF boats in Divisions 1, 2, and 3 shall prominently display the appropriate numeral pennant for their division.

7 Racing Area

The racing area shall be in the vicinity of the marks shown in Attachment A to the Sailing Instructions.

8 Courses

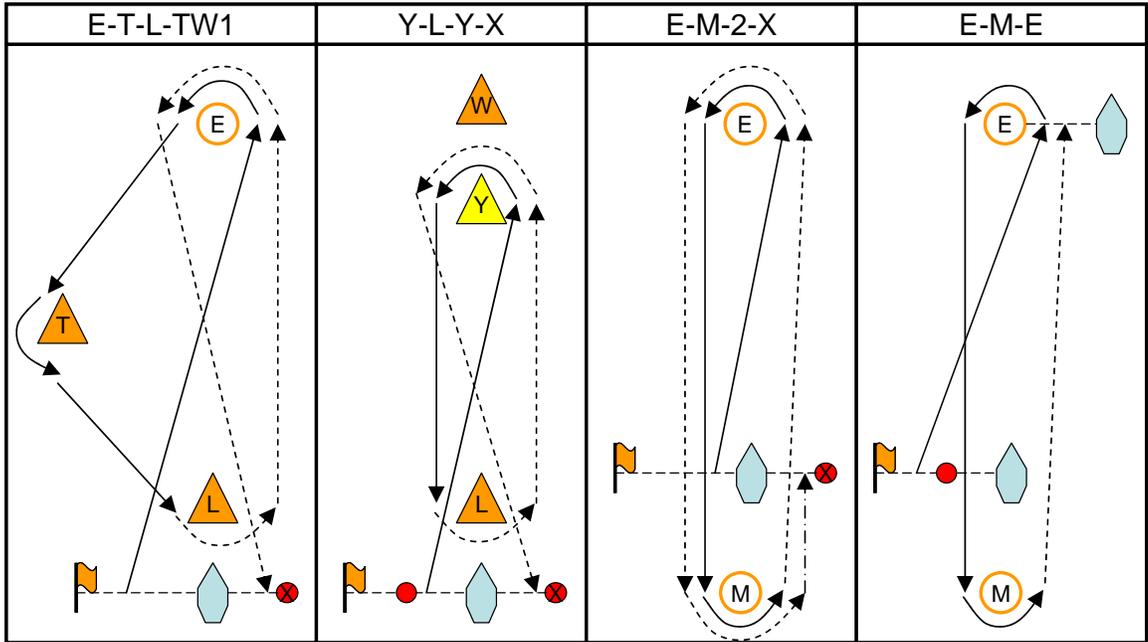
8.1 Courses shall be displayed on a race committee signal boat using letters, posted vertically, to designate the marks. The course for each class shall be posted before its warning signal. Boats shall pass each mark in descending order leaving them on the same side as the starting mark and then finish at the last posted mark, except in courses TW1 or TW2 where the finish mark shall be X. The approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the windward mark shall be posted when a movable mark is used.

8.2 When the following placards are displayed beneath a list of marks they mean:

“2” = Two times around displayed marks.
 “3” = Three times around displayed marks.

“TW1” = Triangle, then first displayed mark, finish @ X.
 “TW2” = Triangle, then first/third/first displayed marks, finish @ X

8.3 Course Examples: (posted vertically)



8.4 Course Board Examples (for above courses):

Example 1	Example 2		Example 3	Example 4
E	Y	1	1	E
T	L	6	0	M
L	Y	0		E
TW1	X			

STARTING SEQUENCE

9 Marks

9.1 Fixed and movable marks, as described in Attachment A to the Sailing Instructions, will be used.

9.2 If W and Y marks are used as windward marks for different fleets, W mark shall be further upwind than Y mark.

9.3 A “keep back” mark deployed off the rear of the race committee signal boat shall be treated as part of the signal boat.

10 Areas That Are Obstructions

Several of the standard CPYC racing marks are located near shore or in shallow water. Sailors are advised to be aware of their location on the race course, and consult current local charts for hazardous areas. All government marks shall be observed, unless they are serving as a mark of the racecourse.

11 The Start

11.1 Classes shall start in the order, top to bottom, that their insignias are displayed on the “Starting Sequence” board on the race committee signal boat.

11.2 The starting line, unless otherwise signaled in accordance with 11.3, shall be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the starting mark, which shall have a CPYC burgee on a staff.

11.3 If the Race Committee chooses to use a mid-line starting buoy, the starting line shall consist of a race committee boat, a mid-line orange buoy or a CPYC burgee on a staff. The mid-line orange buoy may not be on a straight line between the starboard end signal boat and the port end CPYC burgee on a staff.

11.3.1 When a placard displaying code flag A  (white with blue swallowtail) is displayed on the course board at a warning signal for a class, the starting line for that class shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and the CPYC burgee on a staff which shall be the starting mark. During the start for this class, the mid-line orange buoy shall be disregarded.

11.3.2 When a placard displaying code flag B  (red swallowtail) is displayed on the course board at a warning signal for a class, the starting line for that class shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and the mid-line orange buoy which shall be the starting mark. During the start for this class, the CPYC burgee on a staff shall be disregarded.

11.4 When code flag C  (blue, white and red horizontal stripes) is displayed at the warning signal for a class, the first mark of the course shall be a moveable “change” mark as defined in 13.3. In this event, code flag C shall be displayed throughout the starting sequence for that class.

11.5 Races shall be started using rule 26, unless code flag T  (red/white/blue striped square) is displayed.

11.6 If code flag T is displayed before the warning signal for any class, the start shall use the three-minute Sound-Signal Starting System of Appendix S.

11.7 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made after the starting signal for the preceding class (no rolling starts).

11.8 A series of short sound signals or hails may be made before each sequence begins in order to attract attention.

11.9 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rule A4 and A5.

12 Recalls

12.1 Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1 by displaying code flag X  (blue cross on white square) with one sound signal. The Race Committee may attempt to hail boats that are On Course Side (OCS).

12.2 If code flag I  (black circle on yellow square) is displayed as the preparatory signal, the “round the ends” rule 30.1 shall be in effect for the start. The Race Committee may attempt to hail boats that are OCS during the minute before the starting signal.

12.3 The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the Race Committee under rule 62.1.

13 Change of Course

13.1 If using fixed marks, a change of course shall be signaled before the leading boat has begun the new leg, by a race committee boat near the mark beginning the leg being changed, which shall display code flag C, make repeated sound signals, and display the subsequent marks to be passed, including the finishing mark. This changes rule 33.

13.2 If the position of a movable mark is changed, the Race Committee shall signal the change in accordance with rule 33.

13.3 If the position of a movable mark is changed, the “change” mark shall be identified with a black band and the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it shall be replaced with a mark without a black band.

13.4 When changing the course, one or more class flags displayed with code flag C means the course is changed only for the class(es) so designated. If no class flags are displayed, the change applies to all classes for whom the nearby mark is a mark of the course.

13.5 When shortening the course, one or more class flags displayed with code flag S  (blue box on white square) means the course is shortened only for the class(es) so designated. If no class flags are displayed, code flag S applies to all classes for whom the nearby mark is a mark of the course.

14 The Finish

14.1 The finishing mark shall be the last posted mark of the course unless the course has been shortened or TW1 / TW2 has been signaled. The finishing line shall be between the finishing mark and an orange flag on a race committee boat.

14.2 If the finish is at mark X, the finishing mark shall be placed on the opposite side of the race committee boat from the starting mark.

14.3 In the event of a changed or shortened course, finishing is defined as passing the finish line in the direction from the previous mark, in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

15 Time Limit

15.1 The time limit for races is two hours except as modified by the NOR & SI Addendum for PHRF Division III and Wednesday night races.

15.2 If at least one boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, then boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their class has finished shall be recorded as Time Limit Expired (TLE). TLE results are scored points equal to two more than the last finisher but not worse than Did Not Finish (DNF), unless otherwise specified by a class in the Cedar Point Fleet-Specific Addenda to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. This changes rules 35, 63.1 A4, and A5.

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 A boat intending to protest shall follow the requirements of rule 61, and must notify the Race Committee upon finishing, this changes rule 61.1(a). Written protests shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer or placed in the Protest Form Drop-Box in the Governor's Room not later than one hour after the race committee signal boat docks. The time of docking shall be posted on the official notice board. Protest forms are available at the clubhouse.

16.2 Notices shall be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Protest hearings shall be held in the Governors' Room as soon as practical, or as described in the NOR & SI Addendum for each fleet.

16.3 Breaches of instructions 6, 18.1, 18.2 or 18.3 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for any breach of these rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17 Scoring

17.1 Each class shall score races according to their published NOR & SI Addendum, which shall describe the method of scoring of individual races, series and the season; the number of races required to be completed to constitute a series; qualification criteria; methods for breaking ties; the scoring of guests; and such other matters as they publish.

17.2 Finishes shall not be recorded for a class with fewer than three starters.

18 Check-In and Safety

18.1 Prior to starting the first race of the day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall pass by the stern of the race committee signal boat, leaving the race committee signal boat to the starboard side, hail its sail number (and division for PHRF boats), and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Boats that fail to comply shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.

18.2 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. The Race Committee attempts to account for all boats in the starting area. A boat must notify the Race Committee or CPYC management if it withdraws from a race or departs early from the racing area. The Race Committee monitors **channel 78**.

18.3 All boats shall carry safety equipment prescribed by their respective classes, fleets and government regulations. For one-designs this shall include as a minimum: suitable anchor and line, a pump or bailing bucket, paddle, sound device, one USCG-approved Type I, II, or III PFD for each person aboard and one Type IV throwable device.

18.4 When the Race Committee flies the life jacket code flag Y  (yellow and orange diagonal), all competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD). Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a protest by the Race Committee, with the expected penalty of disqualification from the race.