

MORC STATION 26 (in conjunction with the SARNIA YACHT CLUB)

2017 SUMMER BBQ RACE SERIES-
June 17, July 15, SUNDAY August 20, September 9

PREAMBLE This series of four races is intended to be a fun time for those who don't normally race among the membership of the Sarnia Yacht Club. It is also open to those who race in the MORC Wednesday night series. You put a crew together, enter in the class you want, go out and do the race, then come back for a BBQ on the Clubhouse deck. The only charges are for food & beverages!

To show how serious we are about this idea, all the highly competitive spinnaker racers have been segregated in their own class! And we're going to suspend most of the Racing Rules of Sailing for this event only! And we're even allowing the use of motors!

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Most races have lots of rules: this series has only 10 + 1. They are on a separate page..

2. CLASSES

Start 1: Main and Jib only

Start 2: Main, Jib & Asymmetrical Spinnaker/Regular Spinnaker.

(Each Start may be split into several Classes, depending on the number of boats registered.

3. MARKS

We're using the normal SYC race markers: yellow or white 3-foot balls with the identifying letter painted in black on them. A separate diagram shows where they are.

4. STARTING LINE

We're starting at an imaginary line between F mark and the Race Committee (RC) boat. All starting signals will be displayed on this boat.

5. FINISH LINE

We're finishing at an imaginary line between the red channel marker R-2 (north of SYC), and the SYC Race Building (white with a red stripe, near Blunt's Point). The good people inside may give you a real light signal after you cross the imaginary line!

6. COURSE TO BE SAILED

For the Main and Jib fleet: Start at F, sail to H, and keep it on the starboard side of your boat as you turn; then sail to X, and pass it on the starboard side of your boat; then sail to the finish line and cross it!

Everyone else: Start at F, sail to H, round it on the starboard side of your boat; then sail to CC. Then sail to X, pass it on the starboard side of your boat, sail to the finish line and cross it!

7. CHECK IN ON SHORE

Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the Race Notice Board at the SYC Clubhouse before the race.

8. SIGNALS ON SHORE

Usually none, but if the weather is bad, look for flags at the Race Building. A red & white striped pennant means that the warning signal will be delayed at least 45 minutes. A blue & white checkered flag means that the race is cancelled. Come & enjoy the BBQ anyways!

9. CHECK IN ON THE WATER

It will take you about 30 - 45 minutes sailing or motoring at 40 degrees magnetic to get to the starting area from SYC. When you get there, go over and say "hello" to the Race Committee. They're the nice people on the boat that's flying a blue flag with white "RC" letters on it. If you change your mind and decide not to start the race, tell the Race Committee. If you decide not to finish the race, tell the Finish Committee. Communicate in person if possible, or try VHF Channel 69.

10. SIGNALS ON THE WATER

Usually none, other than the flags in Section 11. A red & white striped pennant raised with two horn sounds means that the next starting flag will be delayed until one minute after the same pennant is lowered, with one sound. A blue & white checkered flag means that the race is cancelled. Go back to SYC & enjoy the BBQ! Monitor VHF Channel 69 for possible communications from the Race Committee.

11. THE START (3pm = 1500 hours) For Saturday Races *NOTE* (2pm=1400 hours) Sunday
At 1500 hours, the Race Committee will raise a yellow flag and sound a horn. That warns you that the starting sequence is beginning. At 1504, the yellow flag comes down.

At 1505, the Race Committee will raise a blue flag and sound a horn. That signals the Main & Jib Class(es) #1 to prepare for their start. At 1509, the blue flag comes down. One minute remaining for the M&J guys!

At 1510, the Race Committee will raise a red flag and sound a horn. The Main & Jib Class should now start to race. This flag is also the 5-minute warning for Start #2. At 1514, the red flag comes down. One minute left before the Class(es) #2 start!

At 1515, the Race Committee will raise the red flag again and sound a horn. Class(es) #2 should now start to race. When they've all started, the Race Committee pulls anchor and goes back to the Club.

12. TIME LIMIT

Everyone must try to finish around 17:30. Sail as long as you can, If the wind is dying, use your motor to cross the finish line - you will not be disqualified! After all, it's a boat race!

13. SCORING

It is what it is.

14. PROTESTS

The Chief Judge usually has a hearing problem. (but he does hear boats colliding!)

15. AWARDS

At the Clubhouse, after the September 20 BBQ Race. Fun awards are given out for every race at the BBQ that day. You have to participate to receive an award.