



2026 RACE PROGRAM

**EVENTS, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS & SPECIAL RULES,
AND
WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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SECTION 1 – EVENTS

1.1 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING

Four series make up the season, which begins with a tune-up race:

- Spring, Summer & Fall series of 5 races each
- A Frostbite series of 4 races.

Racing dates are:

Tune-up race: May 20th

Spring series: May 27th, June 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Summer series: July 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd & 29th

Fall series: August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & September 2nd

Frostbite series: September 9th, 16th 23rd & 30th

Registration & Sailing Instructions for these races are in Sections 2 & 3 of this Program.

1.2 DOUBLE-HANDED RACING

This series is made up of six races:

- The Lake Huron Challenge (Rogers City Race) Saturday, June 27th (see YachtScoring.com for more info)
- The Jarvis-Kern Memorial Race Saturday, July 25th
- Four round-the-buoys races on Monday evenings: June 8th, July 13th, August 17th, and September 14th. Start Time 18:00

Notice of Race and SIs for the series will be posted by MORC 26 to SYC and PHYC websites and on official notice boards.

There will be a registration fee for the four round-the-buoys races. Separate registrations and fees will be required for:

- Huron Challenge (MORC STN 26).
- Jarvis-Kern Memorial Race (MORC STN 26).

There are awards for the 6-race series, and separate awards for each of the Challenge, and the Memorial Race.

1.3 BBQ RACING (2026)

There will be 2 BBQ races , followed by a meal at SYC.

Dates: TBD – looking for volunteers to support (please contact sycmorc26@gmail.com)

The format is kept simple to encourage non-racing SYC members to participate.

There is no registration fee: Sailing Instructions and Rules are available prior to the race from the Race Committee.

The ALICE BOSTON TROPHY is awarded to the boat with the BEST FINISH OF NON RACERS.

THE GENERATION TROPHY is awarded to the participating boat with the most generations on board

SECTION 2 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL RULES UNDER THE MORC RATING SYSTEM

These apply to yachts participating in any MORC station 26 race as listed in Section 1 of this Program.

2.1 SAFETY

Each yacht racing shall comply with the requirements of the Canadian or United States Coast Guard, depending on the country of registration.

2.2 RULES

- a) All races will be run under the 2025-2028 WORLD SAILING Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), unless modified by Sailing Instructions.
- b) The prescriptions of SAIL CANADA (SC) will apply.
- c) The decision to race or continue to race must be made by the skipper of each individual yacht, regardless of actions by other yachts or by the Race Committee.

2.3 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

- a) All memberships must be purchased through Station 26. Registration forms are available by e-mail at the Doyle Boston Sail Loft or at the SYC website.
- b) Only one boat may be registered per membership. An alternate boat may be accepted for double-handed races & frostbite.
- c) Skippers who are not SYC or PHYC members must become Associate members of SYC to race on Wednesday nights.
- d) Both MORC & respective Yacht Club race fees must be paid before finish times will be taken. This will be strictly enforced.
- e) Sarnia Yacht Club rules limit the number of guest visits to 3 per season. Persons crewing on SYC boats are expected to become SYC Associate members.
- f) Registered boats do not require a MORC member on board for local Station 26.

2.4 MORC & PHRF RATINGS

- a) Station 26 will race under the rating rule as per BOG ruling at the MORC International Annual General Meeting held November 2003.
- b) Local certificates will be accepted for all local races.
- c) A rating will be considered valid when certified by the Station 26 Chief Measurer and accepted by the MORC Station 26 Board. Race finishes that were recorded prior to new or updated certification will remain unchanged.
- d) A minimum of 24 hours' notice of a rating change request is required prior to a series start so that data can be entered into the race computer before the series starts.
*** Rating changes will not be accepted mid-series.***
- e) There shall be a six (6) second rating credit for roller furling jibs and genoas, providing that:
 - i. Furling drums must be mounted above deck and used at all times.
 - ii. All jibs and genoas on the yacht must be capable of being furled.*If the drum is removed and the system is used as a standard headfoil, the rating credit no longer applies.
- f) There is no restriction on material used in furling sails.
- g) Special ratings for the MORC JOG fleet are outlined in Appendix 1.

2.5 CREW LIMITS

- a) The MORC International Rule on maximum crew size is waived.
- b) There shall be a minimum of two persons aboard during a race.

2.6 HIKING & LIFELINES

- a) Hiking is prohibited, except for boats complying with 2.6b. Hiking is defined as any crew member having any part of the torso outside of a plane perpendicular to the water and passing through the intersection of the topsides and the deck, except momentarily as may be required for normal handling of sails & mobility. (MORC International Rules, Section 8-C) *This changes Rule 49.2.*
- b) At least one fixed lifeline on a boat is required to race in this program; except that boats designed for hiking and without lifelines may compete in all MORC 26 races covered by this Program. *This changes Rule 49.2.*
- c) It is recommended that all crew on boats without lifelines shall wear approved PFDs or lifejackets while racing. *This changes Rule 40.*

2.7 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sarnia Yacht Club race page at:
<https://sarniyachtclub.ca/racing>

SECTION 3 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 FLEET SPLITS

- The MORC Station 26 Executive will decide Fleet splits, based primarily on rating.
- Fleet Splits & Starting order will be posted per Notices To Competitors.
- JOG Fleet is intended primarily for new racers.
- Cruising/Asym Fleet is Main & Jib, or Main, Jib & Asymmetrical Spinnaker.

3.2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

See sections 3.14 & 3.15.

3.3 THE COURSE (See Section 3.18 for a diagram)

*****ALL SERIES *** START is at "M" mark**

Fleet	Long Course	Distance	Short Course	Distance
MORC B, Open A,B,C	Start-CC-D-F*-X-Finish	7.19nm	Start-F-E-M*-X-Finish	4.58nm
MORC C & Cruising/Asym	Start-CC-E-M*-X-Finish	6.12nm	Start-F-E-M*-X-Finish	4.58nm
JOG & SHARK CLASS	Start-F-E-M*-X-Finish	4.58nm	Start-F -X-Finish	2.92NM

*****FROSTBITE SERIES ONLY *** START is at "X" mark**

Fleet	Long Course	Distance	Short Course	Distance
All	Start-E*-F*-X-Finish	5.37nm	Start-F*-X-Finish	3.84nm

3.4 MARKS & ROUNDINGS

- All marks in 3.3 are rounded to STARBOARD, except those with an asterisk*, (rounded to PORT.)
- All marks are 3-ft. diameter spheres: CC is white, others are yellow, all with black letters.
- Mark coordinates are found at www.SARNIAYACHTCLUB.ca or www.PHYC.org

3.5 COURSE SIGNALS

- For a Short Course race, the Race Committee will raise Code Flag 'S' before the Warning signal, and will display it throughout the entire starting sequence.

3.6 STARTING LINES & STARTING AREAS

- The Starting Line will be between M mark and the RC Flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end of the line.
- For the Frostbite series, the Starting Line will be between X mark and the RC Flag, on the Race Committee boat at the port end of the line.
- The RC boat may trail a protection mark behind it, which becomes a part of the RC boat.
- Boats whose Preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, which is a rectangle the width of the starting line that extends 100 feet behind it.

3.7 STARTING SIGNALS

- a) Starting signals will be made at five-minute intervals. Each signal will be removed (without a sound) one minute before the next signal is raised.

Warning: Yellow flag, one sound;

Preparatory: Blue flag, one sound;

Start: Red flag, one sound. *This changes Rule 26.*

Times will be taken from visual signals; absence of a sound signal will not be grounds for protest.

- b) For the **SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL** series, the Warning signal will be made at 18:05. For the **FROSTBITE** series, the Warning signal will be made at 17:50.
- c) After the first start, the Start signal of the previous fleet will also be the Preparatory signal for the next fleet. *This changes Rule 26.*
- d) Boats over early will be signaled by raising Code Flag X with one long sound. The Race Committee may broadcast their sail numbers on VHF Channel 69; failure to broadcast shall not be grounds for protest.
- e) There will be no I flag, U flag, Z flag, or Black flag starts. *This eliminates Rule 30.*

3.8 THE FINISH (no change in finish rules from last year)

- a) The finish line will be between the red line on the SYC Race Committee building (located on the west shore of the harbour entrance at SYC), and the shipping channel navigation buoy Red #2, located Approximately 700 ft. north of the RC building.
- b) Every boat that finishes should record her own finish time, and the names of the boats finishing before and after her.
- c) The Race Committee may flash a light signal immediately after each boat crosses the finish line.
- d) If finishing after sunset, report only your sail number to the Race Committee on VHF channel 69, as you pass the harbour entrance at SYC. **NOTE: RACE COMMITTEE WILL NOT RESPOND!!!**

3.9 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

- a) Boats undertaking a penalty for an RRS Part 2 infraction will follow all provisions of Rule 44.1, except that they shall only take a One-Turn penalty. *This changes Rule 44.1.*

3.10 TIME LIMITS & RETIRING

- a) The time limit for all races in the Spring and Summer series is 21:15 hrs.
- b) The time limit for all races in the Fall series is 20:30 hrs.
- c) The time limit for all races in the Frostbite series is 20:00 hrs.
- d) At least one boat in a fleet must finish within the time limit for the race to count for that fleet. If that happens, then the time limit is extended by 15 minutes for that fleet only. *This changes Rules 35, A4 & A5.*
Boats in that fleet that do not finish within the fleet's 15-minute extension will be scored DNF. All other boats that do not finish within their time limits will be scored DNF.
- e) Boats that retire from a race must notify the RC verbally, on VHF channel 69, or by phone at 226-313-2488. Failure to do so may result in a protest by the Race Committee.

3.11 PROTESTS

- a) Protest hearings;
 - i. SYC - Protests where one or all boats are SYC-affiliated will be heard at SYC by the SYC Protest Committee at 7pm on the following Monday evening. *This changes RRS 91(a).*
 - ii. PHYC - Protests where all boats are PHYC-affiliated will be heard at PHYC by the PHYC Protest Committee at 7pm on the following Monday evening. *This changes RRS 91(a).*
- b) A boat intending to protest shall notify the SYC Finish Line Committee on VHF 69 (remember, Race Committee does NOT answer) or in person after crossing the Finish line, giving her sail number and sail number(s) of boat(s) being protested. These sail numbers will be marked with a "P" on the race results sheet.
- c) Protest forms are available at SYC (in the Race Building, Official Notice Board at the clubhouse and at Dock #4), and at PHYC (in the clubhouse). The deadline for submitting a completed Protest form is 22:00 hours on the evening of the race.
- d) Protest forms delivered;
 - i. At SYC, completed Protest forms must be given to the SYC Club Judge or a MORC 26 Director.
 - ii. At PHYC, completed Protest forms must be given to the PHYC Club Judge or a MORC 26 Director.

3.12 SCORING

- a) All races will be scored using the Low Point System, except that first place will be awarded 0.75 points, and the committee boat may be awarded 2 points in its fleet. *This changes Rule A4.*
- b) Boats that did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF); or did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored as per RRS A5. Boats that are disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored two points more than the number of boats entered in the series. *This changes Rule A5.*
- c) Series ties will be broken in two stages as per RRS A8.
- d) Spring, Summer, and Fall series will be scored on the best three results out of five races. *This changes RRS A2.*
- e) Frostbite series will be scored on the best three results out of four races. *This changes RRS A2.*

3.13 RESULTS AND AWARDS

- a) Results will be posted on the notice board at SYC and on the SYC & PHYC websites as soon as possible after a race (www.sarniayachtclub.ca & www.phyc.org) and by email.
- b) There will be awards for first, second and third in each fleet, for each of the following:
 - Spring Series, Summer Series, Fall Series
 - Spring/Summer/Fall Overall (determined by the sum of each boat's series scores)
 - Frostbite Series (3 or 4 fleets, determined by participation)
- c) Awards will be presented at SYC as soon as possible after the final race of each series, and after the last Frostbite race.

3:14 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - CANCELLATION OF RACES

- a) A race may be cancelled if a "severe weather warning" or "thunderstorm warning" has been issued by Canadian Coast Guard radio by 17:30.
- b) The Race Committee may choose not to go out in these conditions and, if so, the race will be cancelled as follows:
 - At 17:30, broadcast on VHF channel 69 that the race is cancelled.
 - The race cancellation signal (Code flags N over A) will be raised at the SYC Race Committee building, with three sound signals.
 - The cancellation flags will fly for a minimum of 15 minutes, after which they will be lowered (no sound signal).(If the Race Committee is from PHYC, the MORC Race VP or delegate will make the flag & sound signals at SYC).

3.15 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - POSTPONEMENT OF RACES

- a) In the absence of a 'severe weather warning' at 17:30, but in the presence of conditions which would threaten the safety of the fleet at that time but which appear to be quickly passing, the race may be postponed for 30 minutes.
- b) The Race Committee shall postpone the race as follows:
 - At 17:30, broadcast on VHF channel 69 that the race is postponed for thirty minutes.
 - The postponement flag will be raised at the SYC Race Committee building, with two sound signals.
 - (If the Race committee is from PHYC, the MORC Executive or delegate will make the flag & sound signals at SYC)
- c) By 18:00, the Race Committee shall decide to proceed with or to cancel the race, and shall broadcast that decision on VHF channel 69 at 18:00.
 - In the event of a decision to race, immediately after the broadcast the Race committee (or delegate) will lower the postponement flag with one sound signal; the Race Committee will proceed to the starting area, and the warning signal will be made no sooner than 18:45.
 - In the event of a decision to cancel, immediately after the broadcast the Race committee (or delegate) will lower the postponement flag with one sound signal.
One minute later, the race cancellation signal (Code flags N over A) will be raised with 3 sound signals, and remain up for a minimum of 15 minutes, after which they will be lowered (no sound signal).

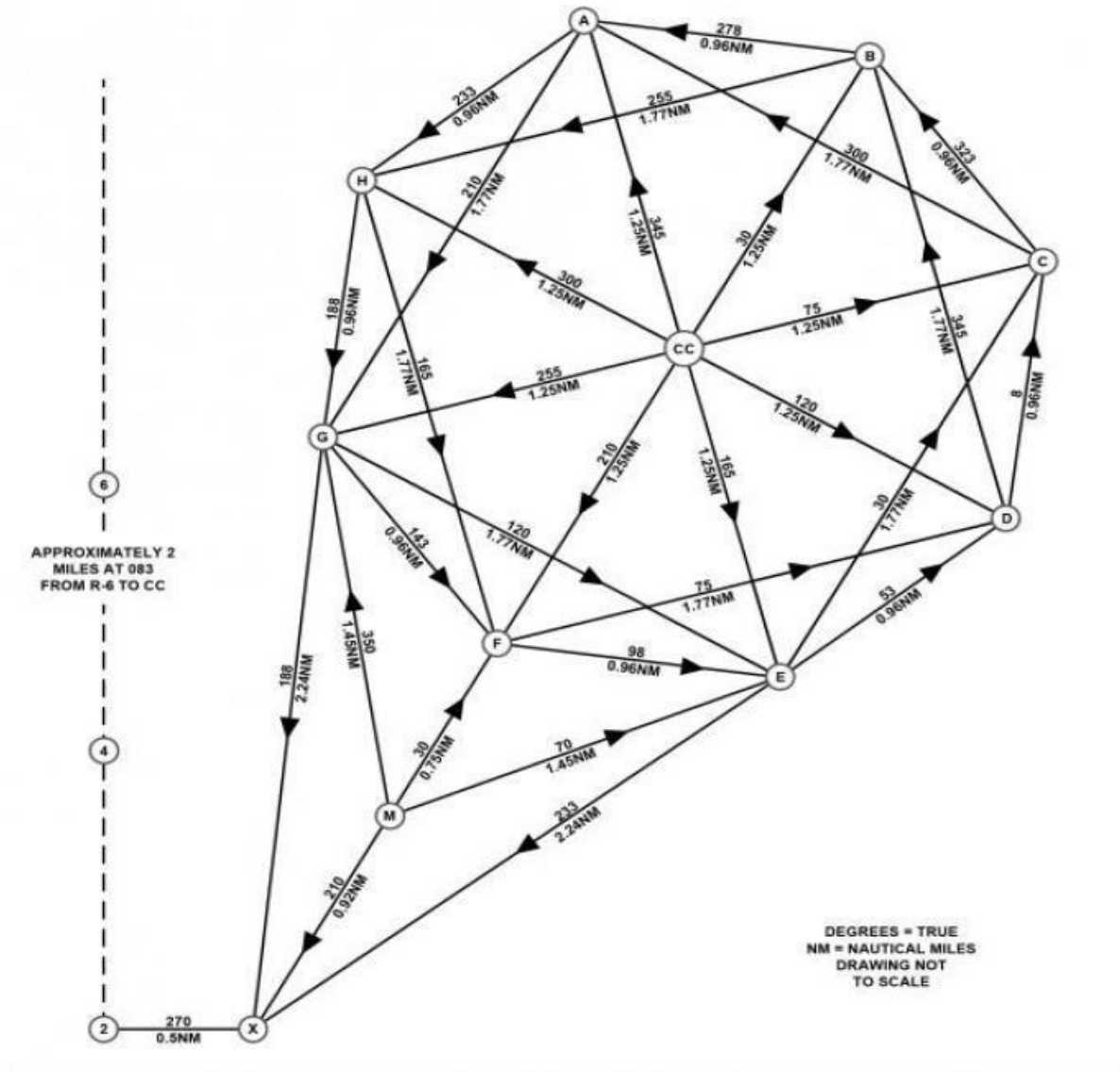
3.16 RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (Instructions are in Appendix 2 of this Program)

- a) Participants may be assigned Race Committee responsibilities, no more than once per year. This restriction will be waived if the boat is serving as an emergency replacement.
- b) A boat performing assigned Race Committee duty shall receive 2 points if the race is a valid race for its fleet. If two or more boats in that fleet finish within their time limit, there will be two 2nd place finishes for that race. *This changes RRS A4.* Points will not be awarded if the RC boat chooses to race.
- c) Failure to show up, or being late to the starting area, may result in penalties up to and including forfeiture of results for that series.

3.17 PIZZA AND CLEAN UP ASSIGNMENTS

- a) Participants may be assigned Pizza Sales and Clean Up responsibilities. Assignments are made to those Canadian participants who have not been assigned other volunteer duties during the series.
- b) Assignees shall be responsible for the sale of pizza in or about the SYC bar area. Duties also include the collection and disposal of all empty pizza boxes and associated napkins, bottles etc.: and they shall remain to assist in the general clean-up of the bar area and must check with the bartender before leaving.
- c) Assignees must arrange for an alternate salesperson if they cannot be present by 7:30pm. Failure to show up or to arrange an alternate may result in penalties up to and including forfeiture of results for that series.

3.18 RACE COURSE DIAGRAM



Position of Race Marks

Mark	Latitude'	Longitude'
A	N 43° 04.252'	W 82° 22.610'
B	N 43° 04.140'	W 82° 21.321'
C	N 43° 03.393'	W 82° 20.544'
D	N 43° 02.419'	W 82° 20.696'
E	N 43° 01.841'	W 82° 21.712'
F	N 43° 01.929'	W 82° 23.046'
G	N 43° 02.714'	W 82° 23.853'
H	N 43° 03.667'	W 82° 23.652'
CC	N 43° 03.015'	W 82° 22.197'
M	N 43° 01.306'	W 82° 23.598'
X	N 43° 00.530'	W 82° 24.266'

Note: Coordinates are approximate. Weather and current may alter their positions

APPENDIX 1 - FLEET REQUIREMENTS

A - Main & Jib FLEET REQUIREMENTS & RATINGS

A1 Handicapping is based upon standard hull measurements of various yachts with penalties to be decided by Station 26. Performance for the current year will be based upon the previous year's series standings. PENALTIES WILL BE CUMULATIVE to a maximum of 15% of actual rating.

A2 If a JOG boat has a valid MORC certificate, it will become the yacht's base rating, plus accumulated penalties per Station 26 rules.

A3 Spinnaker or whisker poles are permitted for all races, subject to MORC rules. Rig changes are permitted only between series or before special races, provided 72 hours notice is given in either case.

A4 Rating will be credited by the following, if maximum size sail used is identified:

- 1.) #1 Genoa (155%) = 0.0% of the rating in sec/nm
- 2.) #2 Genoa (135%) = 1.5% of the rating in sec/nm
- 3.) #3 Genoa (110%) = 3.0% of the rating in sec/nm
- 4.) Working Jib (100%) = 4.0% of the rating in sec/nm
- 5.) No Spinnaker = 8.0% of the rating in sec/nm

B - CRUISING/ASYMMETRICAL FLEET REQUIREMENTS

B-1 All sails must be PHRF legal.

B-2 No headsail greater than 155% is allowed, without penalty.

B-3 Main, Jib and Asymmetrical Spinnaker required for ASYM Fleet.

C - OPEN FLEET REQUIREMENTS

C-1 PHRF ratings shall be used for all Open & ASYM Fleet boats.

APPENDIX 2 - RACE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

Organize for the Start

1. Organize for the Start

a) Get the equipment

SYC COMMITTEES - Pick up the Race building keys at the Boston Sail Loft to obtain signal flags.

PHYC COMMITTEES - Contact the PHYC Rear Commodore to pick up flags from the race locker.

At the Race Building, pick up the air horn, a set of flags on 3 poles, (yellow, blue and red on one end, one of which will have the "individual recall" (blue cross on a square white flag) on the other end; the short course flag (blue square on white); a postponement flag (red and white vertical-striped pennant); and an abandonment flag (blue and white checkerboard). A clipboard, paper, or start sheets, and a pencil are needed. An anchor with chain and rode is also available.

Lock the doors behind you, take the equipment to your boat. Raise the RC flag amidships so that it marks the end of the starting line. All other signal flags should be displayed from the cockpit area.

You'll need at least 3, preferably 4 other people with you, and one easy-to-read-watch. A hand-bearing compass & binoculars would also be useful.

b) Get to the Starting area

Your objective as RC is to arrive early enough to set a line long enough for all starts; square to the first leg of the course, but with a slight bias toward the mark end of the line, to protect your boat.

- **FOR SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL SERIES** Plan to leave the dock with ample time so as to be anchored on station at "M" mark by 17:45 latest.
- **FOR FROSTBITE SERIES** get out to "X" mark by 17:30 latest.

2. Assign people to jobs

CLOCKWATCH is the Race Officer. He leads the RC team.

CLOCKWATCH keeps time. He/she must always keep track of the time, no matter what else happens. CLOCKWATCH also gives instructions to FLAGS and HORN.

At 30 seconds before each signal, he/she notes the time and the actions to come.

(Example: "30 seconds to Blue flag up, one sound")

At 10 seconds before each signal, he/she starts a countdown in a quiet voice.

(Example: "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Up")

FLAGS raise and lower the correct flags smartly on cue.

HORN sounds the air horn each time flag is raised in the start sequence. (long blast, not a short one)

HORN also judges the starts. To do this he/she stands under the port-end signal (RC flag or Orange flag on port shrouds), looking along the starting line.

SPOTTER looks for boats. Others may help before the start sequence begins.

Using a list of all registered boats by fleet & sail number, he/she checks off sail numbers as they are seen in the starting area, and checks them off again as they start. If the start sequence is delayed, he/she records the new times. SPOTTER also assists with individual recalls.

Additional people can assist with the anchoring, checking the bearing of the pin occasionally to verify not drifting.

3. Set the Starting Line

Your objective is to set a line long enough for all starts, almost square to the first leg of the course but with a bias towards the mark-end of the line to protect your boat. Because of the hard clay bottom you will need a large anchor and heavy chain and let out lots of line for best results.

a) FOR THE TUNEUP RACE, SPRING, SUMMER & FALL SERIES

- i. Get your anchor, chain and rode organized on deck ready to drop while motoring out to "M" mark.
- ii. Slow down to about 3 knots as you approach "M" mark, turning to port around the mark and motor at 330 degrees magnetic until you are 300 feet away from the mark (1 minute at 3 knots).
- iii. Turn quickly to starboard to 37 degrees magnetic, putting the transmission into neutral after the turn, holding course until the boat stops moving forward against the current.
- iv. Drop the anchor and chain and play out rode until "M" mark bears 130 degrees magnetic from you; then pull the anchor rode taught to set it.
- v. Once set, adjust the anchor rode until "M" mark bears 120 magnetic. This will set a line with the mark end slightly favoured.
- vi. Check repeatedly against a landmark to ensure that you are not drifting.
- vii. In case of a strong southerly or westerly wind that is able to overcome the current;
 - a. Replace step iii) above with a turn to port to 225 degrees magnetic and holding course slightly longer,
 - b. As above for balance of steps.
 - c. If required, use your engine to take some load off of your anchor rode and hold station on 120 magnetic bearing to "M" mark while you run the starts on time.

b) FOR THE FROSTBITE SERIES RACES ONLY

When you reach "X" mark, turn at the mark and motor 5 degrees magnetic until you are about 500 feet away (2 minutes at 3 knots), then stop and turn to 45 degrees magnetic, then drop the anchor. Let the boat drift back with at least 100 feet of rode out.

When set, the mark should bear about 160 degrees from you: check against a landmark to ensure you are not drifting. If in doubt, make sure the pin end is favoured.

c) A safety mark: may be floated off your stern for added protection.

4. Decide on the Course Length

If the wind speed is below 5 knots, or the wind out on the course is patchy, and the forecast is for diminishing wind, consider calling a Short Course. Think about the smaller, slower boats – can they finish their normal course length within the time limit?

If the wind speed is above 25 knots with heavy waves, consider calling a short course. Again, think about conditions on the smaller boats.

If the decision is for a Short Course, Code Flag "S" (blue square on white background) must be raised before the warning signal is made. Raise the flag with no sound signal, then tie it to your stern pulpit so that it can be easily seen apart from the starting signals.

5. Decide on doing Individual Recalls

Read the procedure on the next page. You should include this procedure, especially if a boat is obviously OCS. However, if you are extremely short-handed, you may choose not to do this procedure.

6. a) Begin the Start Sequence - FOR SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL SERIES

At 18:05 YELLOW FLAG UP (HORN)
18:09 YELLOW FLAG DOWN
18:10 BLUE FLAG UP (HORN)
18:14 BLUE FLAG DOWN
18:15 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (JOG & Cruising & ASYM Start)
18:19 RED FLAG DOWN
18:20 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (MORC B & MORC C Start)
18:24 RED FLAG DOWN
18:25 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN C Start)
18:29 RED FLAG DOWN
18:30 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN B Start)
18:34 RED FLAG DOWN
18:35 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN A Start)

* The final red flag stays up for 4 minutes or until after the last boat starts, whichever comes first.

6. b) Begin the Start Sequence - Frost Bite Races Only

At 17:50 YELLOW FLAG UP (HORN)
17:54 YELLOW FLAG DOWN
17:55 BLUE FLAG UP (HORN)
17:59 BLUE FLAG DOWN
18:00 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET ONE Start)
18:04 RED FLAG DOWN
18:05 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET TWO Start)
18:09 RED FLAG DOWN
18:10 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET THREE Start)
18:14 RED FLAG DOWN
18:15 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET FOUR Start)
18:19 RED FLAG DOWN
18:20 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (FLEET FIVE Start)

The final red flag stays up for 4 minutes or until after the last boat starts, whichever comes first.

Individual Recalls during the Start Sequence

It is critical that CLOCKWATCH & FLAGS continue the regular starting sequence, regardless of activities of the others on board.

HORN is calling the starting line during the sequence. HORN will advise the others of a possible OCS situation if observed just before the start.

As FLAGS is raising the red flag for the start, and the sound signal is being made by HORN, if 1 or more boats are partly/completely on the course side of the line, HORN will say "Individual Recall".

SPOTTER will raise Code Flag X (blue cross on white background), and HORN will make one long sound signal.

The following 2 actions are optional at the discretion of the RC:

- HORN may loudly hail the sail number(s) of the OCS boat(s).
- Another person may broadcast the sail numbers only once on VHF channel 69.

SPOTTER keeps Code Flag X up until one of the following happens: all OCS boats have sailed completely back to the pre-start side of the line or one of its extensions; or 4 minutes after the starting signal at which the OCS occurred.

Concluding the Start Sequence

After the last boat has started, or 4 minutes after the last start signal, your work on-the-water is done. Hoist anchor, transmit the starting times & sail numbers to the Finish Line Committee at Sarnia Yacht Club as you proceed to your club, and return the RC gear. **WELL DONE!**

SYC boats should tie-up at their mooring, (or at the seawall beside the RC building if conditions permit), and immediately bring the flags, etc. & themselves to the SYC Race Building.

Ask the Finish Line Committee if help is needed: if so, one or more crew will stay to assist until released.

Return the RC building keys to Spike or the Doyle Boston Loft.