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2019 Boat of the Year

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2020 RACING FLEET SCHEDULE													
Race	Committee	START	Location	BOY	ZURN	JAM	NOTES	RACE & SPONSOR				OFFICIAL	
		GPS TIME				FJAM							
1	WED	6-May	7:00PM	LH		1		FAMILY JAM - BRIER PATCH SERIES #1 OF 3					
2	WED	13-May	7:00PM	LH		2		FAMILY JAM - BRIER PATCH SERIES #2 OF 3					
3	SUN	17-May	11:00AM	BAY	1,2			SPIN BRIER PATCH SERIES 1 & 2 OF 3					
4	WED	20-May	7:00PM	LH		3		FAMILY JAM - BRIER PATCH SERIES #3 OF 3				Full Moon May 7	
	SAT	23-May						REYBURN SAILING SCHOOL REUNION REGATTA					
5	SUN	24-May	9:00AM	LH	1	3	O/A	P	MORK TROPHY LIGHTHOUSE RACE / SPIN BRIER PATCH SERIES #3 OF 3				
6	WED	27-May	7:00PM	LH		4		FAMILY JAM - PONY EXPRESS SPRING SERIES #1 OF 3					
7	SUN	31-May	11:00AM	BAY	2,3	4,5		HERTEL & BROWN PHYSICAL THERAPY SPRING SERIES #1 & 2 of 3					
	WED	3-Jun	7:00PM					MAKE UP DATE 1				Full Moon June 5 FRI	
	SAT	6-Jun						EYC OPEN REGATTA - 125 YRS CELEBRATION				OD class boats Jun 6 & 7	
8	WED	10-Jun	7:00PM	BAY		5		FAMILY JAM - PONY EXPRESS SPRING SERIES #2 OF 3					
	SAT	13-Jun						ERIEGATTA-REYBURN JUNIOR RACING TEAM REGATTA @ EYC					
9	SUN	14-Jun	11:00AM	BAY	4	6		HERTEL & BROWN PHYSICAL THERAPY SPRING SERIES #3 of 3					
10	WED	17-Jun	7:00PM	LH		6		FAMILY JAM - PONY EXPRESS SPRING SERIES #3 OF 3					
	SUN	21-Jun	11:00AM					MAKE UP DATE 2					
11	WED	24-Jun	7:00PM	LH		7	J-22s	FAMILY JAM McDonald's i'm lovin' it. Summer Series #1 of 3					
	FRI	26-Jun					P	2020 - 63 rd ANNUAL INTERCLUB CRUISE STARTING @ EYC					
	SAT	27-Jun			7			RACE 1 ERIE TO PORT DOVER					
	SUN	28-Jun			8			RACE 2 LONG POINT BAY COURSE RACE					
	MON	29-Jun			9			RACE 3 PORT DOVER TO PORT COLBORNE					
	TUE	30-Jun			10			RACE 4 PORT COLBORNE TO POINT ABINO					
	WED	1-Jul			11			RACE 5 POINT ABINO COURSE RACE (BYC SUMMER STATION)					
	MON	6-Jul						EYC FROLIC ON THE BAY 2020				Full moon July 5 SUN	
12	WED	8-Jul	7:00PM	LH		8	J-22s	FAMILY JAM McDonald's i'm lovin' it. Summer Series #2 of 3					
	FRI	10-Jul						EYC FOUNDATION BOAT HOUSE PARTY @ RICKLOFF BOAT HOUSE					
	SAT	11-Jul	6:00PM	LH			JAM	BORT INSURANCE-JUNIORS RACERS CUP #1 & 2 of 2. Fleet members act as RC					
13	SUN	12-Jul	11:00AM	BAY	5,6	12,13		URBANIAC BROS QUALITY MEATS SUMMER SERIES #1&2 of 4. GILMORE CUP #1&2 of 3					
14	WED	15-Jul	7:00PM	LH		9	J-22s	FAMILY JAM McDonald's i'm lovin' it. Summer Series #3 of 3					
	FRI	17-Jul	7:00PM	LH			JAM	B.F. FIELDS MOVING & STORAGE - REGATTA DES FEMMES #1 of 2 Fleet member RC.					
15	SUN	19-Jul	11:00AM	BAY	7,8	14,15		URBANIAC BROS QUALITY MEATS SUMMER SERIES #3 & 4 of 4. GILMORE CUP #3 of 3					
16	WED	22-Jul	7:00PM	LH		10	J-22s	FAMILY JAM - HOME INSTEAD HEATWAVE SERIES #1 OF 3					
	FRI	24-Jul	7:00PM	LH			JAM	B.F. FIELDS MOVING & STORAGE - REGATTA DES FEMMES #2 of 2 Fleet member RC.					
	FRI	24-Jul						YOUNGSTOWN YC REGATTA 2020 Can-Am Challenge				JUL 24-26	
17	SAT	25-Jul	5:00PM	LH		11	P, A	FAMILY JAM - HOME INSTEAD HEATWAVE SERIES #2 OF 3				Rickloff Boathouse Party after	
	SUN	26-Jul	11:00AM	BAY				MAKE UP DATE 3					
18	WED	29-Jul	7:00PM	LH		12	J-22s	FAMILY JAM - HOME INSTEAD HEATWAVE SERIES #3 OF 3					
	WED	29-Jul						EWYC DEEPWATER RACE TO PUT IN BAY					
	THU	30-Jul	THU FRI SAT SUN					I-LYA BAY WEEK - PUT IN BAY, OHIO JUL-30,31, AUG 1,2, 2020					
								EYC VENETIAN NIGHT AUG 1				Full moon Aug 3 MON	
19	WED	5-Aug	7:00PM	LH		13		FAMILY JAM - SCHUYLER FAMILY SUNSET SERIES #1 OF 3					
	FRI	7-Aug	8:00AM	R2		O/A		ERIE TO ASHTABULA KOEHLER CUP					
20	SAT	8-Aug	7:00AM	R2	9	16	P	COLETECH MARINE HARDWARE KOEHLER CUP 1 - ERIE to ASHTABULA STEAK DINNER					
	SUN	9-Aug	8:00AM		10	17	O/A	COLETECH MARINE HARDWARE KOEHLER CUP 2 - ASHTABULA to ERIE					
	SAT	8-Aug						82nd FALCON CUP, CYC ROCKY RIVER to MHYC MENTOR OH				probable date	
21	WED	12-Aug	7:00PM	LH		14		FAMILY JAM - SCHUYLER FAMILY SUNSET SERIES #2 OF 3					
	FRI	14-Aug						WINDMILL GREATLAKES CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA @ EYC				August 14, 15, 16	
	SAT	15-Aug						LAKE ERIE SOLO CHALLENGE Aug 15-19 Finish @ EYC					
22	SUN	16-Aug	11:00AM	BAY				MAKE UP DATE 4				CELEBRATE ERIE DAYS	
23	WED	19-Aug	7:00PM	LH		15		FAMILY JAM - SCHUYLER FAMILY SUNSET SERIES #3 OF 3					
22	SUN	23-Aug	11:00AM	BAY	18,19	O/A x2		AMERICAN CRUISING SAILS' GOVERNORS CUP, MAYOR'S CUP, FLAGSHIP NIAGARA CUP					
24	WED	26-Aug	7:00PM	LH		16		FAMILY JAM - RCR YACHTS FULL MOON SERIES #1 OF 3					
	SAT	29-Aug		RCBH			P, A	EYCRF CHAIR PARTY @ RICKLOFF COMMUNITY BOATHOUSE					
	SUN	30-Aug	TBA	BAY			P, A	36th ANNUAL EYC CHARITY REGATTA					
25	WED	2-Sep	6:30PM	LH		17		FAMILY JAM - RCR YACHTS FULL MOON SERIES #2 OF 3				Full moon Sep 2 WED	
26	FRI	4-Sep	7:30PM	LH	20	O/A		NIGHT LIGHT HOUSE RACE for the COMMODORE'S CHAIR				SUNSET 7:48 PM	
	SAT	5-Sep						RAFT-UP PRESQUE ISLE MARINA					
	SAT	5-Sep						7 th ANNUAL EYC FOUNDATION CLASSIC WOODEN BOAT RACE					
27	SUN	6-Sep	11:00AM	BAY	11,12	21,22		ECKERD CUP #1 & 2 OF 3					
28	WED	9-Sep	6:30PM	BAY		23		ECKERD CUP #3 OF 3					
29	SAT	12-Sep	7:00AM	LH	24			WOLFORD TROPHY #1 ERIE TO PORT DOVER via Bluff Bar.					
	SUN	13-Sep	8:00AM	ED2	25			WOLFORD TROPHY #2 PORT DOVER TO ERIE					
30	WED	16-Sep	6:30PM	LH		18		FAMILY JAM - RCR YACHTS FULL MOON SERIES #3 OF 3					
	SAT	19-Sep						BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE-COLLEGIATE REGATTA at Rickloff Boathouse				SEP 19-20	
	SUN	20-Sep	11:00AM					MAKE UP DATE 5					
31	SUN	27-Sep	11:00AM	BAY	26	O/A	P, A	THOMAS CARROL REVERSE HANDICAP RACE					
	SUN	4-Oct	NOON	LH			P, A	GREAT CHILI RACE OFF \$10 fee. 11 AM SKIPPERS MEETING & REG. @ EYC WEST DECK					
	SAT	7-Nov	Totals:		12	26	25	RACING FLEET BANQUET					

BOY=PHRF BOAT OF THE YEAR RACE. ZURN=ZURN TROPHY RACE. FJAM=FAMILY JAM DIVISION RACE. RACE INSTRUCTIONS LIST TROPHY SCORING PARAMETERS. ZURN LONG RACE: 00
O/A = JAM CLASS SCORED OVERALL USING ORIGINAL NON-ADJUSTED RATING. LH= START @ EYC LIGHT HOUSE P= EYC DECK PARTY A=AWARDS PRESENTATION

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ERIE YACHT CLUB RACING FLEET 2019 SEASON CHAMPIONS

BOAT OF THE YEAR ***GRAFFITI***

2019 SPINNAKER DIVISION CLASS CHAMPIONS

PHRF A	<i>GRAFFITI</i>	PAT HUNTLEY
PHRF B	<i>JOKER</i>	A. J. FICCARDI



2019 FAMILY JAM DIVISION CLASS CHAMPIONS

FJAM-A	<i>ATTACK</i>	J. GORDON & M. NIEMIC
FJAM-B	<i>JOKER</i>	A. J. FICCARDI
FJAM-C	<i>BAZINGA</i>	MICHAEL KOHLER
FJAM-D	<i>TAKE TWO</i>	C. LAIRD & S. WOHLRABE

Congratulations to these racers and their fine crews for outstanding performances and dedication to the sport of sailboat racing!

RACE INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE – CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR ARE SHOWN IN BLUE FONT.

I. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise expressly defined below, terms used in these Sailing Instructions shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Racing Rules of Sailing promulgated by the International Federation of Sailing (“ISAF”). Undefined terms should be construed in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

The following terms, when used in these Sailing Instructions, have the following meanings:

“Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet” (EYCRF) refers to the entire sailboat racing fleet and support personnel who participate in one or more sailboat races on the Official Race Schedule. This includes the Race Committee, as well as yacht owners, skippers, and crew of participating yachts. For the purpose of this definition, a “participating yacht” is a yacht for which dues have been paid for a racing season or for a particular race (if applicable). A yacht for which dues are paid for a racing season shall be considered “participating” from the time dues are paid until the start of the first race of the following year’s racing season. A yacht for which dues have been paid only for a particular race(s) shall be considered participating only for the particular race(s).

“Organizing authority,” as used in the Rules, refers to the EYC (as represented through the EYCRF Fleet Officers).

“PRO” Principal Race Officer The PRO is responsible for Race Course selection and is the sole point of contact between the Race Committee (RC) and fleet competitors. A competitor or crew wishing to communicate with the RC must do so through the PRO only. Verbal communication with the RC is limited to check-in and withdrawal from a race.

A competitor or crew determined by the RC to be interfering with or harassing the RC before, during or after a race will be protested by the RC and subject to penalty under RRS #2 Fair Sailing and sportsmanship. The protest committee for such incident shall consist of EYCRF Executive Committee members. Penalties including DSQ may be assessed retroactively.

“Race Committee” or “RC” refers to the Race Committee of the EYC. The Race Committee was established by the EYC Board of Directors, and was given the duty and authority to promulgate rules governing sailing and racing for the EYC. See, EYC Bylaws, Section IV, Par. 4. As presently composed, the Race Committee consists of the EYC Fleet Captain and the following EYCRF Fleet Officers: the Fleet Chair; the Assistant Fleet Chair; the Fleet Secretary/Treasurer; the Fleet Vice Chair, and Principal Race Officer. In addition, the EYCRF Fleet Officers have created additional EYCRF offices to fulfill certain functions of the Race Committee, including: 1) the immediate past Fleet Chair; 2) the RC Boat Officer; 3) the Race Results Chair(s); 4) the Protest Chair; and 5) any other officer, chair, committee, or person who performs a Race Committee function.

“Rules” refer to the current "Racing Rules of Sailing" as adopted by the International Federation of Sailing as modified by the United States Sailing Association prescriptions.

II. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to race in the EYCRF, a yacht must:

- A. Carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations (see, Fundamental Rule 1.2 and Rule 40); **See section XX.**
- B. Have a valid current rating certificate issued by PHRF-Lake Erie or have a temporary rating certificate as provided in this Handbook;
- C. Carry the current EYCRF Race Instructions and the current Racing Rules of Sailing;
- D. Comply with Sub-paragraph A of the Yacht Entry (Section V) of this Handbook. And
- E. For purposes of PHRF racing in the EYCRF, the ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not be used.

III. TEMPORARY RATINGS

Class measurers may assign temporary ratings by issuing temporary rating certificates under the following circumstances and conditions:

- A. A yacht new to the fleet. A class measurer may issue a temporary rating certificate to be used from the time the yacht is measured until a valid rating certificate is received. Temporary ratings assigned under this sub-paragraph **will include a 10 second per mile penalty** (based on the anticipated handicap) unless the yacht owner establishes, to the satisfaction of the class measurer, that the failure to obtain a valid rating certificate was not caused by the yacht owner. A yacht owner may request a temporary rating certificate issued under this Section to be reviewed promptly by the Fleet Chair. The Fleet Chair will affirm or adjust the temporary rating assigned by the class measurer. Decisions of the Fleet Chair concerning temporary ratings will be final.
- B. Invitational races. A class measurer may issue a temporary rating certificate to an unrated yacht for calculating time and fleet positions and awarding prizes for those races only. Temporary ratings assigned under this sub-paragraph may include a penalty (based on the anticipated handicap) if the yacht owner does not establish, to the satisfaction of the class measurer, that the failure to obtain a valid rating certificate was not caused by the yacht owner.
- C. FAMILY JAM ratings will be assigned to all of those yachts without certificates by the measurer and official scorer in accordance with LE- PHRF standards. A class measurer may issue a temporary rating certificate to an un-rated yacht for calculating time and fleet positions and awarding prizes for those races only. The penalty provisions under Sub-paragraphs III.A and III.B, above, shall not apply to temporary rating certificates for FAMILY JAM races.

IV. YACHT ENTRY

- A. The following items **must** be submitted to the EYCRF Secretary **prior** to being scored:
1. An executed EYCRF application with current PHRF–LE certificate for spinnaker division.
 2. A copy of marine liability insurance coverage.
 3. Payment of the entry fee for the racing season or the individual race, as appropriate.

Entry form and required items must be received by the SECRETARY 5 days prior to a race to allow processing time in order to be scored in that race.

- B. In accordance with Rule 76.1, the organizers may refuse the entry of any yacht not within the spirit of the Rules and these Sailing Instructions as interpreted by the EYCRF Officers who also reserve the right to deny participation to any yacht or individual for unsportsmanlike behavior by any crewmember either on the water or on the grounds or in the vicinity of the Erie Yacht Club. (Modifying Rule 76).

V. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

SUBJECT TO RRS 4. The Safety of a Yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the yacht owner/skipper who must do his/her best to ensure that the yacht is fully found and seaworthy and manned by experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions, their use by the sponsoring organization, nor the inspection of a yacht in any manner, limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner/skipper.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release

the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. A competitor is solely responsible for deciding whether or NOT TO start or to continue racing.

VI. DIVISIONS

- A. PHRF -- Open to any yacht with a current PHRF-LE rating certificate or temporary rating certificate as provided in these race instructions.
- B. JAM, FAMILY JAM --Open to any yacht with a rating assigned in accordance Sub-paragraph III.C (Temporary Ratings), above. The following restrictions shall apply:
- 1 No spinnakers of any type are permitted.
 2. Only one jib (or genoa) may be set at any time, except when changing from one to another.
 3. A single whisker pole is permitted, provided that It is no longer than the PHRF spinnaker pole dimension or the "J" dimension of the yacht, whichever is longer; and it is attached to the mast when in use.
- C. FAMLY JAM ratings in each class will be *adjusted* during the season by awarding 9, 6, and 3 second penalties respectively for the first three places at the end of each race day. Adjusted ratings will be clumulative, remain in place for the season and will be maintained by the score keeper.

VII. SCORING (Modifying RULE 89.3, Appendix A)

- A. **The low point scoring** system in Appendix A of the Rules shall apply, with the following modifications:
- 1 A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class to qualify as a race except only one boat is required to start a race to qualify as a race in the FJAM Division.
 - 2 A minimum of two races must be completed to constitute a completed series.
- B. **A yacht that retires** from a race shall report her withdrawal to the Race Committee Boat. Yachts withdrawing and not reporting may be disqualified. In the event the Race Committee Boat cannot be reached, a retiring yacht must report to another boat in her class.
- C. **Series scoring** will be calculated in accordance with Appendix A of the Rules. However, this will not apply to the EYCRF Boat of the Year series and/or series scoring established by deed of gift (e.g., the Zurn Trophy). The EYCRF Boat of the Year series scoring is set forth in Section VIII .
- D **Scoring within Time Limits**
1. Races with stated time limits: The first yacht in each class must finish within the designated time limit in order for the race to be scored. Each class is considered separately.
 2. Races without stated time limits: All yachts still racing after the RC determines the race to be complete will be scored equal to the number boats that have finished in class plus one.
 3. All F-JAM LIGHTHOUSE start races have a two hour time limit beginning with the starting signal of each class . All yachts still racing when the time limit expires will be scored equal to the number of finishers in their class plus one.

VIII. BOAT of the YEAR, CLASS CHAMPION SCORING and AWARDS

A. PHRF Division. The EYCRF Boat of the Year for the PHRF spinnaker division will be determined by counting the best **10 of the 12** races noted on the Official Race Schedule as Boat Of the Year races or the best 80% rounded to the closest whole number if less than **12** races are completed. Class Champions may also be awarded as noted here.

2020: $.8 \times 12 = 9.6 = \text{rounds up to } 10$. Use the best 10 completed races.

B. FAMILY JAM Division may be divided into classes. A Class Champion will be determined in each class by the yacht with the best score when using **70%** (rounded to the closest whole number) of the completed races in each class.

2020: $.7 \times 18 = 12.6$ rounds up to 13. Use the best 13 completed races.

C. The Zurn Trophy will be awarded to eligible yachts that must have a fixed inboard engine as provided by the Deed of Gift. The trophy is awarded to encourage season long racing participation and allows the exclusion of 40% of the races held. Short races are weighted one "race point", and long races (underlined on the race schedule) are weighted two "race points". The per cent of "race points" are rounded up to the closest whole number. The EYCRF Official Race Schedule designates the races and weighted scoring for the purpose of awarding the Zurn Trophy.

2020 Zurn Trophy: There are 11 long and 15 short races which equates to 37 "race points". Using the best 60% of the races held i.e. $.6 \times 37 = 22.2$ (rounded to nearest whole number) equals 22 "race points". The best 22 "race points" will be used to determine the winner of the Zurn Trophy. Note: Race points are weighted as noted and provided by the Zurn trophy deed of gift in the above paragraph. Race points are not the same as an individual race scores.

D. Participation awards. Any yacht that participates in less than 50% of its class races held shall not be entitled to receive a season participation award if such award is provided by the fleet.

E. Perpetual trophies in all classes will be awarded according to their respective deeds of gift.

IX. RULES

Races will be sailed under the currently approved Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by these Sailing Instructions. Racing After Sunset -- If races start or continue after sunset, the Right of Way Rules of Part 2 are superseded between sunset and sunrise by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (see, Introduction to Part 2 of the Rules).

X. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Every reasonable effort will be made to provide Notices to Competitors prior to the day of the race. In any event, Notices to Competitors will be posted on the bulletin board at the EYC at least 90 minutes before the start of the race. Competitors shall be responsible for checking the bulletin board. Note: If changes are made too late to be sent, the Notice will be posted on the EYC bulletin board at least 90 minutes before the start of the race, and the Race Committee Boat shall fly the "Come within Hail" flag prior to the preparatory signal.

XI. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes in sailing instructions shall be in writing and signed by the Fleet Chairperson or his/her designate posted and sent as a "Notice to Competitors".

XII. OFFICIAL RACE SCHEDULE

The Official Race Schedule is printed **only** in these Sailing Instructions. Other versions may contain inaccurate information and therefore are not considered official. Changes in the official schedule will be issued as a "Notice to Competitors".

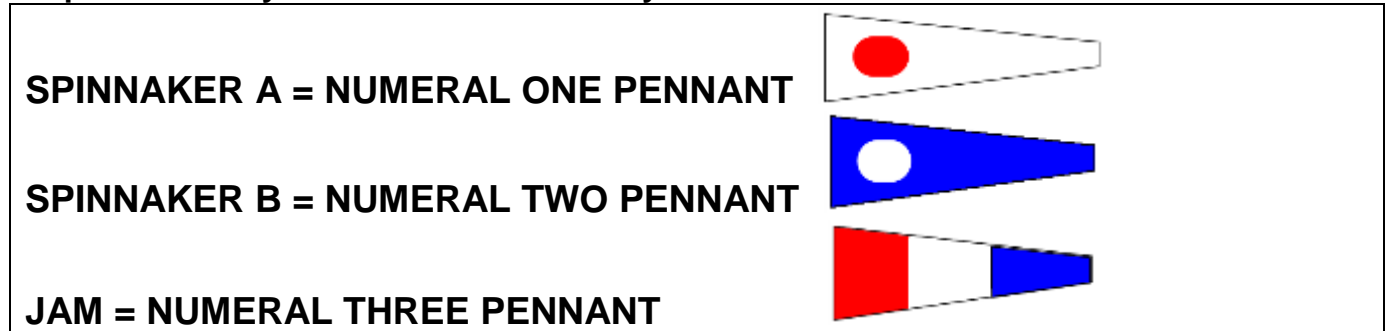
XIII. COURSES AND MARKS

- A. The race schedule for PHRF SPINNAKER will include point to point and course races. All scheduled bay course and lake course races will be set by the Race Committee in cooperation with the Principal Race Officer to the best of their ability. The Race Committee shall note the type of course chosen with the race results.
- B. Presque Isle Bay course races -- The location of permanent race marks and corresponding courses for bay races will be sent as a Notice to Competitors. See Bay Mark Designation Diagram in this handbook.
- C. Lake course races -- Races will be set in Lake Erie with the course to be set approximately 2 nautical miles northeast of the harbor entrance. See course configurations page for course diagrams. The race committee will use inflatable marks for lake course races.

XIV. THE START

- A. Except for Family JAM Lighthouse starts, Starts will be in accordance with Rule 26.
- B. All signals will be made from the Race Committee Boat (or from shore in special cases -- e.g., lighthouse races) stationed at one end of the starting line.
- C. The starting line will be between a **staff** displaying a yellow flag on the race committee boat and the **starting mark**.

The following colored pennant will designate each class for starting purposes. Two or more pennants may be flown simultaneously to combine starts:



FAMILY JAM CLASS A

FAMILY JAM CLASS B

FAMILY JAM CLASS C

FAMILY JAM CLASS D

YELLOW

LIGHT BLUE

ORANGE

PURPLE

D. CHECK-IN Each yacht must pass near the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack (or the EYC lighthouse, as appropriate) prior to the first preparatory signal in order for the sail number to be recorded and the yacht acknowledged. Failure to comply may result in the yacht being recorded as a "Did not Start" in the Race Committee's sole discretion.

Each boat must fly their assigned FJAM class pennant designating its class. Boats without class pennants will not be scored.

E. GENERAL RECALL RRS # 29.2 When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

XV. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a finish mark in the water and a staff displaying a yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat, or as otherwise specified for point-to-point races.

If the Race Committee is not on station (as in the finish of some long distance races), each yacht is required to: (modifying Rule 34 and the US Sailing prescription)

1. Record the name of the yacht ahead and the approximate time the yacht ahead finished;
2. Record its own finish time and elapsed time;
3. Record the name and finish time of the yacht behind; and
4. Complete and submit a Finish Form as provided in this Handbook. All information must be filled out, including hours, minutes, and seconds. Finish Forms must be submitted as soon as possible, to the scorer but not later than **TWO** hours after the reporting yacht finishes the race. **Yachts failing to submit a completed report within the time limit will be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the scorer and Fleet Officers.**

If no Race Committee Officer is present, Finish Forms must be returned to the race results bulletin board at the EYC.

XVI. SHORTENING OF COURSE

A race course may be shortened at a course mark. The finish line will be between a **staff** displaying a yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat and the **course mark**. Shortening of the course will be conducted in accordance with Racing Rule 32.

XVII. TIME LIMITS

There shall be no stated time limits for bay course races or lake course races. The RC and the PRO may determine the completion point of a race when required by darkness or sea conditions. The RC will indicate that time has expired or the race has ended by lowering the Blue RC Flag signaling that the time limit has expired. The RC may also announce that the time limit has expired and race has been ended as a courtesy. Time limits for other races are indicated on the respective race charts in this Handbook and apply to each Division i.e. Spinnaker or JAM. Special time limits apply to Family Jam Lighthouse Races. See scoring VII, D.

XVIII. PROTEST REQUIREMENTS (Modifying RULE 61 and 61.4)

- A. The Protest Committee Chair shall appoint committees who shall consist of at least three judges, as follows: a Protest Committee Chairperson and at least two additional judges.
- B. Protests forms must be hand delivered to a Race Committee Officer within two hours of the time the RC boats docks or in the absence of a finish RC boat, **2hrs** after the last boat finishes.

IXX. RESULTS

Race results will be posted as soon as possible after the completion of each race. Summaries of results will be posted on the official EYC bulletin board and the EYC web site.

The scoring committee chairman will maintain season class results. Tentative race results will be e-mailed a.s.a.p. after races as a convenience to competitors. The Official results will be posted on the fleet bulletin board at the EYC.

XX. REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT & PROCEDURE

- A. In addition to complying with Fundamental Racing Rule 1.2 and Rule 40, yachts must carry life-saving and other equipment conforming to current government regulations. All vessels racing EYC Racing Fleet events shall comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing, USCG regulations and PHRF-LE class rules. Compliance with ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS Race Category 4 is recommended for offshore races.
- B. A yacht's or competitor's failure to carry life-saving and other equipment conforming to current government regulations, as determined by the appropriate government agency, shall constitute grounds for protest and/or disqualification.
- C. Each yacht must carry a functional VHF Radio.
- D. CHECK-IN Each yacht must pass near the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack (or the EYC lighthouse, as appropriate) prior to the first preparatory signal in order for the sail number to be recorded and the yacht acknowledged. Failure to comply may result in the yacht being recorded as a "Did not Start" in the Race Committee's sole discretion.
- E. Any yacht retiring from a race must notify the RC and receive acknowledgement from the RC.

XXI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. RADIO - The Race Committee shall utilize marine VHF **Channel 72** to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. Courtesy radio transmissions are not subject to scoring re-dress.
- B. CELL PHONES. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile CELL phones and satellite communications. Use for emergency purposes is permitted.
- C. COMPUTER SOFTWARE - In order to standardize electronic communications and documents within the fleet, *MS Word and MS Excel* with Adobe readable versions have been chosen for word processing and spreadsheet documents by the fleet.
- D. TIME – GPS - Global Positioning System time shall be used as the standard by the RC and competitors.
- E.

COURSE DESIGNATIONS and MARKS

COURSE CONFIGURATION: The Race Committee will display a board on the aft rail of the boat for around the buoys races designating the first heading and course. The first three digits will be numbers (in red) signifying the approximate compass heading to the first mark. The fourth digit will be a letter (in black) signifying the course configuration, using the letters 'A' through 'E', as illustrated below.



**BEARING TO
FIRST MARK**

**CHARLIE COURSE 4 LEGS
START - WINDWARD - LEEWARD - WINDWARD - LEEWARD - FINISH**

MARKS: The marks of the course will be displayed on the transom display board of the RC boat in the order to be rounding. Examples: **T - Y** or **T - Y - T** or **M - R14 - W** or **T - S - Y**
COURSES may include both temporary and permanent marks. The temporary marks will be inflatable marks designated as “**T**” or “**Y**”.

The **Windward mark** will be an temporary inflatable mark designated “**T**” or one of the permanent marks listed on the mark chart for races within Presque isle bay. The **Leeward Mark** will be a **YELLOW** temporary inflatable mark designated as “**Y**”. In the case of a triangular course, the **Jibe Mark** will be either a temporary inflatable mark “**T**” or one of the permanent marks.

Weather marks will be reset or changed if a substantial wind shift occurs (approximately 15 degrees or more) when possible by the Race Committee. If movement is not possible, the race may be abandoned and restarted.

DISTANCES will be verified by use of the Race Committee’s GPS. The Race Committee will set courses that can be sailed in approximately two (2) hours or less in the prevailing conditions, or for approximately three (3) hours of total sailing time if two (2) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may shorten a race when necessary to complete a race in the time specified above. Races will be shortened in accordance with section XVI.