

**Sailing Instructions**  
**2018 Thursday Night Series**  
**Portland Yacht Club**  
**May 24 through September 13, 2018**

The Portland Yacht Club welcomes you to the Thursday Night Race Series! Our mission is to provide an opportunity for all sailors to participate in fun racing with friendly competition. Thursday night races will start at 6:00 pm beginning May 24 through August 30, and then start at 5:30 PM through September 13, 2018. Scoring towards the overall summer series will run from May 31 through September 13, 2018.

## **1. INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

All sailboats are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Thursday Night Race Series. Those wishing to be scored shall register online at [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com). There is a \$10 cost for registration for the entire summer series. **Those wishing to be scored do not need to have a valid PHRF-NE certificate. As needed, PYC will assign an appropriate rating based on similar boats.**

Registration is now open. Registration must be received one week prior to the date the boat first wishes to be scored. Unregistered boats are welcome to join Classes A, B or C. The vessel's finish time will be noted, but the vessel will not be scored in the final results for any race until the vessel becomes registered. Unregistered vessels should notify the Race Committee on channel 72 regarding their intention to race.

## **2. POST RACE FESTIVITIES**

The Portland Yacht Club welcomes all racers to join with other racers after Thursday night races. All participating boats are welcome to raft up to the PYC docks until the end of launch service. Launch service will run until 10 pm.

Dinner is available for purchase for all racers—PYC member or not—after the race at PYC. “Racer Special” dinners may be purchased by non-members using either credit cards or cash. PYC is a bottle club. All racers are encouraged to bring their own beverages. PYC will gladly provide mixers and soft drinks as requested at no charge.

**Thursday, June 21** will be a Thursday Night Summer Solstice celebration. All competitors are encouraged to raft up on the PYC docks.

## **3. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in US Sailing's *The Racing Rules of Sailing*

#### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the porch of the Portland Yacht Club.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Portland Yacht Club dock. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.













#### 6. CHECKING IN

A boat wishing to be scored shall check either by 1) sailing close to the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and hailing her name and class; or 2) through radio contact with and recognition by the race committee using channel 72. All check-ins must be finished by the warning signal for the first class. Boats not checking in may be scored did not compete for that race

#### 7. STARTING SEQUENCE AND CLASS FLAGS

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. This is not a “rolling” starting sequence: that is, the starting signal for a given class is NOT the warning signal for the next start. Each class will have its own starting sequence.

The time between the START for one class and the WARNING for the next class is at the discretion of the Race Committee. The time table below is a guide to assist the Race Committee but may not represent the actual time of the signals in the sequence. Boats that start prematurely must return to cross the starting line properly. The Race Committee will try to notify boats that have started over early, but failure to notify does not remove the boat's responsibility for a correct start.

	Time until Start	Sound Signal	Flag	Action
Warning	5 Minutes	Gun	 OR  OR 	 HOIST
Preparatory	4 Minutes	Gun		 HOIST
1 Minute	1 Minute	Long Horn		 DROP
Start	0 Minutes	Gun	 OR  OR 	 DROP

## **8. CLASSES**

**Class A** – All boats sailing with a spinnaker with a PHRF Rating of 98 or lower

**Class B-** All boats sailing with a spinnaker with a PHRF Rating of 99 or higher

**Class C** – All boats sailing without a spinnaker

A boat registered for one scored class may race in a different scored class if permission is granted by the Race Committee. Such permission may be requested and may be granted up to the class warning signal. Unregistered boats are welcome to sail in Classes A, B or C. Their finish time will be noted although they will not be scored until they register.

## **9. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the vicinity between Portland Yacht Club, The Brothers, Long Island, and Basket Island In Casco Bay.

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

Boats that have not finished by 30 minutes after the first finisher in each class will be scored "DNF" -1+ the number of finishers within the time limit. PROs for the evening's races are encouraged to take this into consideration in designating the course to be sailed for each class.

## **11. PROTESTS**

Competitors wishing to file a protest shall immediately inform the boat they intend to protest and fly a red flag in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing. Competitors must then notify the race committee within ten minutes of crossing the finish line. The protesting boat shall contact the boat they are protesting informing them of their intent. For Thursday Night Races, the Portland Yacht Club protest process shall use the following process:

1. The protest committee will consist of three members of the PYC or the PYC staff.
2. Within ten minutes of the Race Committee docking, the boat initiating the protest will have three minutes to verbally explain the circumstances of their protest.
3. The boat being protested will then have three minutes to verbally explain their interpretation of the same incident.
4. The Protest Committee will have five minutes to ask clarifying questions of either competitor.
5. The Protest Committee will have five minutes to render a judgement. This judgement can include disqualification or a time penalty. The Protest Committee will then explain their judgement to all involved and take the opportunity to explain their decision to the competitors.

Note: There are no written requirements to file or present a protest

## **12. HAILING FREQUENCY**

The PYC committee boat, Lindsay Lord, may be contacted on VHF Channel 72

## **13. RACE COMMITTEE**

All race competitors are expected to volunteer for Race Committee duties; not all race participants will be needed every year. Boat crews that volunteer for Race Committee will receive a first-place finish towards the overall series score for that race. This may result in two first place finishes being recorded for some race dates for the same class.

PYC dock staff will prepare the Lindsay Lord prior to arrival of the volunteer race committee. All necessary materials will be on board. RC volunteers should be on the Lindsay Lord and prepared to leave no later than one hour before the first gun.

PYC will provide a staff member to assist the volunteer race committee. This staff member is responsible for electronic recording of all finishes and computing corrected finishes. Volunteer Race Committees are expected to be staffed by at least two participants in addition to the PYC staff member.

## **14. SCORING & AWARDS**

Scoring will be in effect from May 31 to September 13, 2018.

There will be weekly awards and overall summer awards. Weekly awards will be for first place finishers in all classes. Overall summer awards will recognize the top three finishers in all each class.

The overall trophy for the summer series will be based on the best ten finishes of each boat over the course of the scored races between May 30 and September 13. There will be three overall rewards- one each for all classes. The winner of class A will receive the perpetual trophy designated for the Thursday night series. The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A2) will apply. Ties will be broken in accordance to RRS appendix A8.

Results for each week's race will be announced as soon as possible after the committee boat returns to the dock and will be posted at [www.regattaman.com](http://www.regattaman.com). Awards will be presented after each weekly race.

## **15. SHORTENING THE COURSE**

The Race Committee may shorten the course at any mark of the course by displaying Code Flag "S" and making two sound signals. Boats will then finish between the mark and the Race Committee boat.

The Race Committee may also shorten the course at government navigation aids "N14", "N12", or "R18" as these aids are considered marks of the course and must be passed on the safe side.

## 16. COURSES

The Race Officer will set a course for each class so that, based on the current conditions, each class will race about 45 - 60 minutes.

A board at the stern of the Race Committee Boat will have three columns, labeled A, B and C. The course for each class will be displayed under its class letter in one of two ways:

- A single number will indicate a course from the course list in Section 17 (See Column "A" below)
- A single number followed by the letter R will indicate a course from the course list on the next page, to be sailed in reverse (see column "B" below).
- A sequence of letters will designate a set of marks in the order in which they are to be rounded (see column "C" below). The last letter will be X for the finish line

Column/Class Designation	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Course Designation	8	9R	J T M X

## 17. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

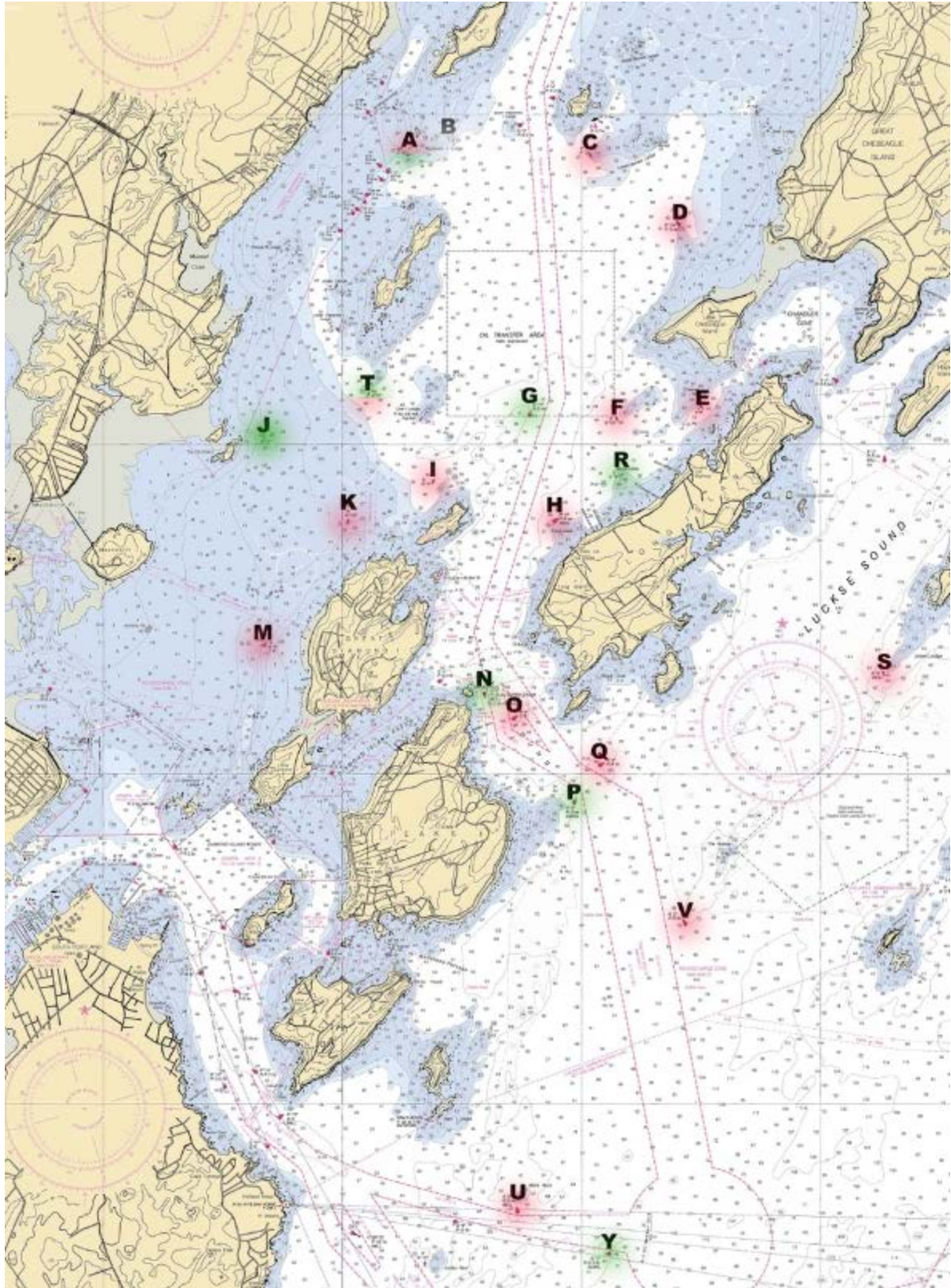
### NOTES:

1. Government Navigation Aids "N14", "N12", and "R18" must be passed on the safe side (the westerly side) at all times, regardless of the course. These aids are considered marks of the course.
2. The lower case "p" or "s" following the course marks in the courses outlined below indicate which side the mark must be left to, "p" indicating "port" and "s" indicating "starboard".
3. If "X" is an intermediate mark in the course, pass between the Race Management Vessel and the starting mark.
4. When a mark designates a reciprocal course, it must be left to port.
5. The finish line is between the Race Management Vessel and the start/finish mark. It must be crossed from the direction of the last mark of the course

Course Number	Marks	Finishing Direction	Description
1	X-Jp-X	N	Brothers and Back
2	X-Jp-Tp-X	N	Brothers Triangle
3	X-Jp-Kp-X	N	Brothers/Great Diamond
4	X-Mp-Kp-X	N	Great Diamond Cut
5	X-As-Cs-Is-Ts-X	N	Great Circle
6	X-Tp-Ap-X	S	Around Clapboard
7	X-Jp-Ap-X	S	Brothers/Sturdivant
8	X-Cp-X	S	To Basket
9	X-Dp-Bp-X	S	Sou'easter
10	X-Jp-Gp-Ap-X	S	Northwest Triangle

## 18. PYC MARK LIST AND CHART

MARK	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	LAT			LON		
A	GR"SI"	Sturdivant Ledges	43	43.75	N	70	11.43	W
B	W "Danger"	E of Sturdivant Ledges	43	43.84	N	70	11.11	W
C	N"2"	S of Basket Is.	43	43.74	N	70	9.91	W
D	R"14" FI R 4s	W of Indian Point	43	43.31	N	70	9.22	W
E	N"8"	S of Channel Rocks	43	42.21	N	70	8.97	W
F	N"12"	W of Channel Rocks	43	42.16	N	70	9.71	W
G	G"11" FI G 4s	E of Cow Is. Ledge	43	42.16	N	70	10.43	W
H	R"10" FI R 4s	NW of Ponce Landing	43	41.51	N	70	10.23	W
I	N"4"	N of Cow Is.	43	41.75	N	70	11.23	W
J	C"11"	E of The Brothers	43	42.05	N	70	12.66	W
K	N"10"	NW of Great Diamond Is.	43	41.51	N	70	11.95	W
L	Leeward	Inflatable Drop Mark						
M	N"8"	W of Great Diamond Is.	43	41.08	N	70	12.60	W
N	G"7" FI G 4s	E of Pumpkin Nob	43	40.49	N	70	10.80	W
O	R"6" QR	Soldier Ledge, Hussey Sound	43	40.33	N	70	10.56	W
P	G"3" FI G 4s	SE end of Hussey Sound	43	39.82	N	70	10.07	W
Q	R"4" FI R 4s	SE end of Hussey Sound	43	40.05	N	70	9.86	W
R	C"9"	N of Long Is.	43	41.80	N	70	9.67	W
T	RG "CI"	W of Cow Is. Ledge	43	42.28	N	70	11.80	W
X	Start / Finish	Inflatable Drop Mark						



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