2014

Station 26

Race Program

and

Sailing Instructions

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Section 1

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – APPLICABLE TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT and SUNDAY; AND, SPECIAL RULES UNDER THE MORC RATING SYSTEM

1.1 SAFETY

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

1.2 RULES

a) All races will be run under International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016, unless modified by this program.

b) The decision to race or continue to race must be made by the skipper of each individual yacht regardless of the action of other yachts or race committee.

c) The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) will apply.

d) RRS 60.3(a)(1) has been modified for Wednesday night racing to remove the word *serious*.

1.3 MORC RATING RULE

Station 26 will race under the rating rule as per BOG ruling at the MORC International Annual General Meeting held November 2003.

1.4 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

a) A MORC Station 26 membership is required to register a boat for the MORC Station 26 Race Program.

b) Only one boat may be registered per membership. An alternate boat may be accepted for double-handed races.

c) All memberships must be purchased through Station 26.

d) MORC International memberships will be established as “Family Memberships”.

e) It is mandatory that skippers who are not **SYC** or **PHYC** members become associate members of **SYC** to race on Wednesday nights.

f) In 2014, both MORC & respective Yacht Club race fees must be paid before times are taken. **This will be strictly enforced.**

g) Registered boats do not require a MORC member on board for local Station 26 race events.

1.5 MORC & PHRF RATINGS

a) A rating will be considered valid when certified by the Station 26 Chief Measurer (Scott Munro) and accepted by the MORC Station 26 Board. Race finishes recorded prior to new or updated certification will remain unchanged. **A minimum of 72 hours’ notice of a rating change is required prior to a race start so that entering of data into the race computer can be accomplished in time for the race.**

b) There shall be a six (6) second rating credit for roller furling jibs and genoas but only upon compliance with the following:

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.
iii. There is no restriction on material used in these sails.
iv. If the drum is removed and the system is used as a standard headfoil, the rating credit no longer applies.

c) Contact the Station 26 Chief Measurer (Scott Munro) to receive rating credits.

1.6 CREW LIMITATIONS

a) The MORC national rule on maximum crew size is waived.

b) There shall be a minimum of **two** persons aboard during a race.

1.7 CREW POSITION; LIFELINES

a) Hiking is prohibited, and 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 on Wednesday nights and in the Jarvis-Kern Memorial races only. This alters RRS 49.2.

b) All crew on boats designed for hiking and without lifelines shall wear approved PFDs or lifejackets while racing. This changes RRS 40.

c) 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 alters RRS 49.2.

1.8 CODE FLAGS

During Wednesday night races all MORC boats shall fly the appropriate fleet flags off the backstay. These flags are as follows:

i. MORC A: No MORC A fleet this year.
ii. MORC B: Code flag 8, white with a red cross
iii. MORC C: Code flag 9, red, white, black and yellow
iv. MORC JOG: Code flag 7, red and yellow
v. CRUISING/ASPIN Code flag 5, blue and yellow
vi. OPEN CLASS A: Code flag 2nd Substitute, blue and white
vii. OPEN CLASS B Code flag 0 (ZERO), yellow-red-yellow
viii. OPEN CLASS C Code flag 3rd substitute black and white

1.9 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located outside the washrooms at the SYC Clubhouse and inside the PHYC Clubhouse.

1.10 2014 MORC STN. 26 JARVIS - KERN DOUBLE HANDED RACE

The Annual Jarvis-Kern Memorial Race (Double Handed) will be held on July 26th, 2014. Notice of Race and SIs will be posted to SYC and PHYC websites in advance of the race date.

1.11 MORC Stn. 26 Double Handed Series 2014

For 2014, MORC will offer a double-handed race series of six races. Notice of Race and SIs for the series will be posted to SYC and PHYC websites and on notice boards independently of this Race Program. The series will include the Lake Huron Double Handed Challenge (Port Huron to Rogers City), Saturday June 28th, 2014; the annual Jarvis-Kern Memorial Race Saturday July 26th, 2014; and, four round-the-buoys races on Monday evenings June 16th, July 7th, August 11th, and September 8th, 2014. Event specific registration and fees will be required for the Lake Huron Double Handed Challenge and the Jarvis-Kern Memorial Race. A single registration fee for the four round-the buoys races will be detailed in the Notice of Race. The best four results for each entrant will count towards series placing.

Section 2

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Spirit of Wednesday Night Racing

Wednesday night racing historically is a fun event, encouraging family participation, while inevitably mixing novice sailors with seasoned competitors as boats pass and cross each other. While acknowledging that the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) are always in effect, we have encouraged "on the water learning" by suggesting tolerance in competitive actions, and by friendly discussions after the race, rather than immediately protesting.

In recent years, our Wednesday night sailing has become more competitive for several reasons and the number of instances of un-protested aggressive behavior is on the rise.

MORC members are reminded of the Basic Principle of the RRS:

"Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that **they** are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire."

For 2014, while we still encourage friendly discussions between racers, we remind all skippers that it is their obligation to protest or accept an alternative penalty (see 2.8, below) for any perceived infraction against them by another boat, as per the RRS.

2.1 RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

a) Entrants in the Station 26 Wednesday night series may be assigned Race Committee responsibilities. Race Committee assignments are made to those entrants who have not been assigned other volunteer duties during the series.

b) Failure to honour volunteer commitments or being late to the starting area may result in penalties up to and including forfeiture of results for that series, at the discretion of the protest committee.

c) A boat performing race committee duty shall receive **2** points for that start if the race is a valid race for its fleet e.g. one boat in that fleet must finish within the time limit. This changes RRS A4.1. There will be **two 2nd place finishes** for that race, if two or more boats finish within their time limit.

d) Race Committee points will not be awarded if the responsible boat chooses to race.

e) This is only allowed once per year / boat.

f) 2.1(e) may be waived if the race committee is serving as an emergency replacement.

2.2 WEATHER

a) Wednesday races may be cancelled if a "severe weather warning" or "thunderstorm warning" has been issued by the coast guard radio by **17:30.** The race committee may choose not to go out in these conditions, at the discretion of the skipper.

b) The race committee shall at **17:30** broadcast by **VHF** radio on channel **69** that the race is cancelled. A race cancellation flag (**N** over **A**) shall be flown from the Race Committee building with three sound signals.

c) In the absence of a severe weather warning but the presence of other conditions which may threaten the safety of the fleet but which appear to be passing, the race committee may postpone the race for **Thirty** minutes. The race committee shall at **17:30** broadcast by **VHF** radio on channel **69** that the race is postponed for thirty minutes and may fly the postponement flag from the SYC flag pole at the committee building and make 2 sound signals. At **18:00** the race committee shall decide if the race is on or off and broadcast its decision on channel **69.** In the event of a decision to race the postponement flag will be lowered with one sound signal immediately after the broadcast; and the warning signal (section 2.6) will be made no sooner than **18:45.** In the event of a cancellation, the postponement flag will be lowered with one sound signal immediately after the broadcast, and one minute later, the race committee will raise the race cancellation flags (**N over A**) from the flag pole at the race committee building with 3 sound signals. The cancellation flags will fly for a minimum of 15 minutes, after which they will be lowered (no sound signal).

2.3 2014 MORC WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Tune-up May 21st				
Race	**Spring**	**Summer**	**Fall**	**Frosbite**
1	**May 28**	**July 2**	**Aug 6**	**Sept 10**
2	**June 4**	**July 9**	**Aug 13**	**Sept 17**
3	**June 11**	**July 16**	**Aug 20**	**Sept 24**
4	**June 18**	**July 23**	**Aug 27**	**Oct 1**
5	**June 25**	**July 30**	**Sept 3**	**No race**

6th Annual Jarvis – Kern

MORC Station 26

Double - Handed Race

Saturday July 26th

2014 BBQ Series Schedule

BBQ Race 1 – Sat. June 21st

BBQ Race 2 – Sat. July 19th

BBQ Race 3 – **Sun.** Aug.17th

BBQ Race 4 – Sat. Sept. 20th

2.4 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Spring, Summer & Fall Series

Fleet	Course	Distance	Short Course	Distance
MORC B, Open A,B,C	**F-CC*-D*-F-X*- FINISH**	**6.48nm**	**F-CC*-X*-FINISH**	**4.67nm**
MORC C Cruising (Asym)	**F-CC*-E*-F-X*- FINISH**	**5.63nm**	**F-CC*-X*-FINISH**	**4.67nm**
JOG	**F-CC*-E*-X*-FINISH**	**5.24nm**	**F-CC*-X*-FINISH**	**4.67nm**

Frost Bite Series

Fleet	Course	Distance	Short Course	Distance
All	**X-E-F-X*-FINISH**	**5.36nm**	**X-F-X*-FINISH**	**3.83**

NOTES:

a) All marks rounded to PORT except those with *.

b) The **Race Committee** will call the short course with **CODE FLAG 'S'** before the preparatory flag. Please give consideration for smaller slower boats – can they finish a long course? If not then make it a short course race.

2.5 FLEET SPLITS

a) Local certificates will be accepted for all local races.

b) The MORC Station 26 executive, based on the number of boats registered, will decide fleet splits by May 14, 2014. Fleets will be posted at SYC, PHYC Race Boards, and the SYC (www.sarniayachtclub.on.ca) and PHYC (www.phyc.org) web sites.

c) Fleet splits will be based primarily on rating to try to develop level racing within fleets.

d) Boats in the SYC/PHYC Spring and Fall weekend Series may be in different fleets on Wednesdays due to different numbers of boats registered.

e) Jog fleet is intended primarily for new racers.

f) Cruising Class is Main & Jib and Main, Jib & Asymmetrical Spinnaker.

2.6 THE START

a) Starting signals will be made at five-minute intervals. Each signal will be removed one minute before the next is raised. Warning: Yellow Flag, One Sound. Preparatory: Blue Flag, One Sound. Start: Red Flag, One Sound. After the first start, the start flag of the previous fleet is the preparatory signal for the subsequent fleet. This changes RRS 26. Times will be taken from the visual signals; absence of a sound signal will be disregarded.

b) For the Wednesday Spring, Summer and Fall series, the warning signal will be made at 18:20. For the Wednesday Frostbite series, the warning signal will be made at 17:50.

c) There will be no I, Z or black flag starts. This eliminates RRS 30.

2.7 THE FINISH

a) The finish line is a line between the SYC race shack located on the west side of the entrance to SYC and the port channel navigation buoy (Red #2) located approximately 700 ft. north of the Race Committee building.

b) Every boat that finishes should record her own finish time, and the names of the boats finishing before and after her.

c) If you are finishing after sunset, call the Race Committee on VHF channel 69, as you pass the entrance of SYC. Please report only your sail number.

d) The Race Committee may flash a light signal immediately after each boat crosses the finish line for the benefit of the racers.

2.8 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

Boats undertaking a penalty for an RRS Part 2 rules infraction will follow all other provisions of Rule 44.1, except that they shall take only a One-Turn penalty. (one tack and one gybe). This changes RRS 44.1.

2.9 TIME LIMIT

a) The time limit for all races in the Spring and Summer series is 21:15 hrs.

b) The time limit for the Fall series is 20:45 hrs.

c) The time limit for the Frost Bite series is 20:00 hrs.

d) At least one boat in each fleet must finish within the time limit for the race to count for that fleet.

e) In (d) the time limit will be extended by 15 minutes only for that fleet. This changes rules 35, A4 & A5.

f) Boats that do not finish within the 15 minutes extension shall be scored DNF.

g) All boats failing to meet the time limit and all boats that drop out of a race must notify the RC by radio (Channel 69) or by phone (519) 332-6779 ext. 6. Failure to do so will result in protest by the RC.

2.10 PROTESTS

a) All protests must be turned in to a Fleet Captain or the MORC Race Chairman (Rear Commodore) before 10:00 PM the night of the race. CYA protest forms are available from the Finish Line committee.

b) The individual receiving the protest will record the time received, initial the form, and pass it to the SYC Club Judge the same evening.

c) Protests will be heard by the SYC Protest Committee at 7:00 pm the following evening (Thursday) at **SYC**.

2.11 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 RRS A4.1.

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 A.9. Boats that are disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored two points more than the number of boats entered in the series. This changes RRS A.9.

c) Series ties will be broken in two stages as per RRS A.8.

d) **Spring, Summer and Fall** series will be scored on the **best three results out of five** races. This changes RRS A.2.

e) **Frostbite series** will be scored with each entrant receiving one throw out after 3 races have been completed. This changes RRS A.2.

2.12 RESULTS AND AWARDS

a) Results are posted on the notice board at SYC and on the SYC & PHYC web sites as soon as possible after the race (www.sarniayachtclub.on.ca & www.phyc.org).

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)

2.13 PIZZA AND CLEAN UP ASSIGNMENTS

a) Participants in the Station 26 Wednesday night series may be assigned Pizza Sales and Clean Up responsibilities. Pizza Sales and Clean Up assignments are made to those participants who have not been assigned other volunteer duties during the series.

b) Participants assigned Pizza Sales and Clean Up 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 etc. It is also required that those assigned to Pizza and Clean Up **will remain to assist in the general clean-up of the bar area and/or clubhouse after the bar is declared closed.**

c) Failure to honour volunteer commitments may result in penalties up to and including forfeiture of results for that series at the discretion of the protest committee.

2.14 RACE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

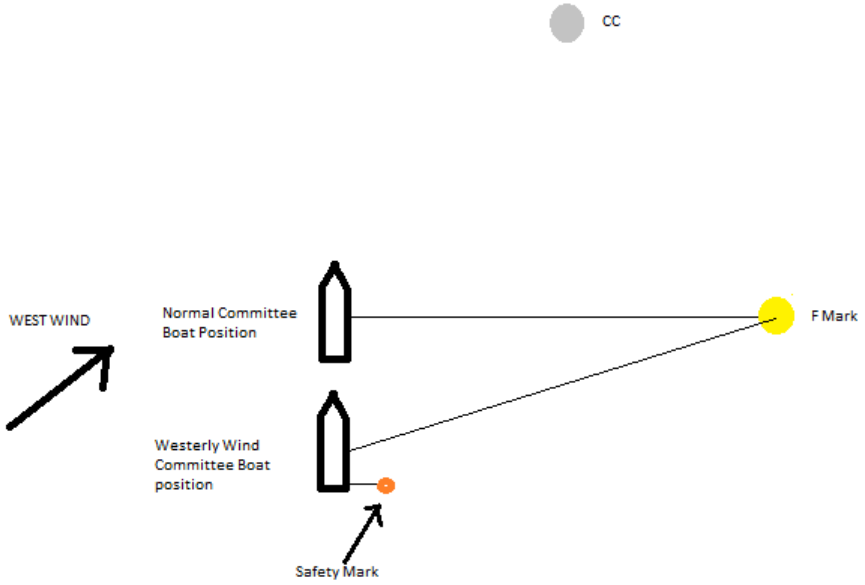
a) Pick up the race shack keys at the Boston Sail Loft to obtain signal flags and number board. Alternate – with prior arrangements, flags and a number board can be obtained at PHYC). Plan to get out to "F" mark by 18:00. Bring at least one (preferably two) pair of binoculars. You'll need at least three other people with you, and at least one easy-to-read-watch. At the Race Shack, pick up the air horn, a set of flags on 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 if needed. Lock the doors behind you.

PHYC skippers should arrange with the PHYC Rear Commodore to pick up flags from the race locker.

b) Proceed to "F" mark.

c) When you reach "F" mark, turn at the mark and motor 305 degrees magnetic until you are about 300-400 feet away (1.5 to 2 minutes at 3 knots), stop and turn Northeast, and anchor. The mark should bear about 120 degrees magnetic from you. Check against a landmark to ensure that you are not drifting. Try to set a line as square to the first leg as possible and long enough for all classes. **In the interest of protecting your boat** it is recommended that in the event of a west or southwest wind you anchor slightly further to the southwest so that the pin end of the line is slightly favored.

There have been a couple of instances where a committee boat has been hit by competitors in recent years so **please ensure the pin end is favored**. A safety mark may be floated off the transom of the race committee boat for added protection.



d) **FROST BITE SERIES**

Plan to leave the dock by 17:00 hrs.

When you reach "**X**" mark, turn at the mark and motor approximately 5 degrees magnetic until you are about 500 feet away (about 3 minutes at 3 knots). Stop and turn NE, and anchor. The mark should bear about 180 – 185 degrees from you.
Because of the hard rocky bottom you will need a large anchor and chain and let out lots of scope for best results. Check against a landmark to ensure you are not drifting.

e) Organize for the start. **CLOCK WATCH** keeps time and tells **FLAGS** and **HORNS** what to do.
Raise and lower flags smartly on cue. **HORN** sounds air horn each time a flag is raised.
SPOTTER identifies boats and makes a list of all starters by class.
Everybody helps spot boats prior to the start of the time sequence but the **CLOCK WATCH** should always keep track of the time. **HORN** should change the number on the number board after a start, and also watch the starting line during a start (remember, the Starting Line is between the RC Flag and the mark). Check each boat off as it starts. If starts are delayed, record the new starting times.

f) **Time Signals** (CLOCK WATCH gives instruction 10 seconds ahead of each action and "5,4,3,2,1 Fire" countdown in a quiet voice.)

Regular Series-
18:20 YELLOW FLAG UP (HORN)
18:24 YELLOW FLAG DOWN
18:25 BLUE FLAG UP (HORN)
18:29 BLUE FLAG DOWN
18:30 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (JOG / Cruising Asym START)
18:34 RED FLAG DOWN
18:35 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (MORC B / MORC C START)
18:39 RED FLAG DOWN
18:40 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN C START)
18:44 RED FLAG DOWN
18:45 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN B START)
18:49 RED FLAG DOWN
18:50 RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN A START)

Frost Bite Series-
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)

g) If there are one or more boats over the line prior to the start of their class (OCS), continue the starting procedure, (RED flag has just gone up, HORN has just sounded), also put up the individual recall flag (blue cross on white background) and blow the horn with one long blast only. The race committee may attempt to advise OCS boats on marine radio channel band 69. Keep the flag up and do not drop it until one of the following happens: all boats over early return, and have been completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or it is one minute before the starting signal for the next fleet, or it is four minutes after the start of the last fleet of the evening.

h) It is very important that the main starting sequences keeps going - don't lose track of time!

i) Proceed to the race building after the last boat has started. There may be regular Race Officers in the Race Shack. If so, your job is to assist them until released.

j) If there are no regular Race Officers, complete the following. When the boats start coming in, **SPOTTER** identifies each boat as it rounds "X" mark. **SPOTTER** alerts **HORN** who has to keep track of the order of finish. **"FLAGS"** calls the finish line (between the tape and the red #2 buoy) by saying **"MARK"** when any part of the boat (or sails in their normal position) touches the line.
FLAGS also places the finishing light out on the side deck, and operates it for one 5-second flash, just after he calls "**MARK**" as each boat crosses the finish line. **CLOCKWATCH** writes down the time in hours, minutes and seconds, on the master sheets. **HORN** should double check sail numbers with **CLOCKWATCH.**

k) Tidy up, lock up, and give the results to the fleet captains. Return the keys to Doyle Boston Loft. **WELL DONE!**

2.15 JOG FLEET REQUIREMENTS

a) All JOG skippers must be approved by MORC Station 26 Executive. Skippers with previous racing experience may draw penalties. Contact your Fleet Captain.

b) Handicapping is based upon standard hull measurements of various yachts with penalties to be decided by Station 26. Performance for 2014 to be based upon 2013 series standings. **PENALTIES WILL BE CUMULATIVE** to a maximum of 15% of actual rating.

c) If any JOG boats have a valid MORC certificate, it will become the yacht's rated value, plus for 2014 the accumulated penalties will be as per Station 26 rules.

d) During regular scheduled races a mainsail, headsail, spinnaker, and staysails are allowed. A ratings credit for a limited sail inventory may be accepted by the MORC Station 26 Board.

e) Spinnaker or whisker poles are permitted for all races, subject to MORC rules.

f) Rig changes are permitted only between series or before special races provided 72 hours notice are given, in either case.

g) 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
6.) JOG penalties are applied to the following season's races and will be cumulative.
7.) 1st place in series = 2.5% of the rating in sec/nm
8.) 2nd place in series = 1.5% of the rating in sec/nm
9.) 3rd place in series = 1.0% of the rating in sec/nm
10.) Series are Wednesdays - Spring, Summer, & Fall.
11.) Maximum of 5.0% applied in one year.

h) JOG penalties only count in JOG events and not JOG boats competing in MORC A, B, or C events.

2.16 ASYMMETRICAL CRUISING FLEET REQUIREMENTS

a) All sails must be PHRF legal.

b) No headsail greater than 155% is allowed, without penalty.

c) Main, Jib and Asymmetrical Spinnaker.

2.17 OPEN FLEET REQUIREMENTS

PHRF ratings shall be used for all Open Fleet boats.

Section 3

REMINDER

a) All MORC registered boats will be eligible for the SYC Millholland Trophy for SYC Club Champion.

b) All competitors using the SYC harbor entrance after racing are asked to please keep in mind that we share our basin with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is important to give way to them when they are leaving the basin with their lights flashing. It is also important to monitor VHF channel 16 so that you may be able to anticipate their activities in the event of an emergency.