



PONTIAC YACHT CLUB

May - 2012



Commodore's Corner

by Kris Guccione

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Welcome to Summer 2012! The Pontiac Yacht Club is officially open for the 78th consecutive sailing season!

The Club does not open without much effort on the part of many people. Although threatened by snow and rain, The Spring Work Party was well attended and most of the necessary jobs were completed. Thank you to all! Special thanks to: Jane Hecker for catering our breakfast, Andy Monique for heading up the dock-in process, Bill and Joan Green for coordinating the grounds effort and Ed Diakow for the very shiny and new looking Old Blue floating once again on the end of the dock. If you were unable to make the Work Party, contact Mark Goldman. He is diligently



managing alternate work assignments.

In an effort to keep the Clubhouse and grounds looking fantastic throughout the entire season, we have hired a cleaning company to come twice a month to thoroughly clean the clubhouse. We are also enforcing long standing regulations regarding storage on Club property. Other than designated areas, there is no storage of personal items, sails, spars or rudders. Lockers are one designated area and are assigned by the House Committee Chair - Pegi Eddy. Please reference regulations in the directory.

Many great things are happening at the Club this year.

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Save The Dates

- Hoist In May 6, '12
- Bug Out Regatta May 6, '12
- First Wednesday Race . May 9, '12
- Memorial Day Pot Luck May 28,
- Michigan Districts June 29-30
- July 4th Pot Luck July 4, '12
- Associate's Dinner.... July 27 '12
- Moon Light Cruise... August 3 '12
- Labor day Pot Luck... Sept 3, '12
- PYC White Cap Sept 8-9 '12
- Hoist Out..... Oct. 13, '12
- Fall Work Party Oct 20, '12
- Annual Banquet ... Nov. 3, '12

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Be sure to pick up a new membership directory; the one with the striking red lightning bolt cover, designed by Cathy Burns. Check out the middle section where you will find member pictures, useful to brush up on names lost to the gray matter over the winter. Thank you to John Morley for coordinating the picture project. Next year our goal is 100% picture participation! Get your picture to John now, while you are thinking about it. On the back cover of the directory, the 2012 PYC calendar is printed for easy reference. Mark your calendars, sync your I-phone, do whatever it is you do not to miss important events, now!

Important events this summer at PYC.....

Michigan Districts the weekend of June 29-July 1. Paul Nagel is the Regatta chair, working hard to organize three days of racing, clinics, food and fun. Please offer Paul whatever help you can.

The Annual Whitecap Regatta September 8-9. Vice Commodore John Morley is hosting this event for PYC.

Again, this is a huge undertaking, requiring help from all to be successful.

Most important of all, Sunday morning and Wednesday evening races at PYC! Remember, we have a Fleet Captain team this year, a new concept, likely to have a few hiccups. Be helpful, friendly, courteous, and kind.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, safe, and competitive summer on Cass Lake.

Let the games begin!

Best Regards,
Kris

Special Thanks:

Now that the hoist are in the water and the club is open. As PYC members we need to give a **SPECAIL THANK YOU** to Andy Monique. Andy has spent a lot of time preparing dock parts and setting up the pontoon lift for these very important spring dates.

As stated many times in the past, this Club does not open without much effort on the part of many people. Lets not forget this is special at PYC.

THANK YOU, ANDY.....

*** PYC Raffle ***

Lets support the Junior Sailing Program by purchasing a raffle ticket. Yes, that is right buy a raffle ticket to win a chance to stay the weekend at a beautiful year around cabin. Contact Ether Callahan for your tickets.

They're going FAST!

PYC SAILING CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

For those who may not be aware, PYC conducts 4 "learn-to-sail" camps during the summer. These 2-week sessions are for children ages 8 to 15, Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appropriate sailboats are provided for all levels of experience. The regular fee for a 2-week camp is \$350, with a second family member discount. However, the Pontiac Sailing Education Foundation is providing a limited number of scholarships to qualified families. Scholarship recipients are not required to be members of PYC. Please contact Esther Callahan at 248/673-7792 or Ruth Lyons at 248/623-5950 if you are interested in the scholarship program.



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MICHIGAN LIGHTNING DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

June 30 -July 1, 2012 PYC will be hosting the annual Michigan District Championship. We encourage all sailors or potential sailors to participate. Since we are largest fleet and the race will be held on Cass Lake, it would great to have all our sailors compete in this event. The PYC sailors have an array of skills that can make for a great crew. So, **SAVE THE DATE**, June 30—July 1, and come join the fun.

Gather your crew, find a ride, and get ready for an awesome complete sailing event. If you have never sailed in a regatta of this size here is where you start and you don't have to travel. The starting line has a spot for you.

Sign up online at <http://lightningclass.org/racing/calendar/eventWhoscoming.asp?ID=482&event=Michigan%20District%20Championship%20@Pontiac%20YC> .



2012 Youth Sailing Program Registration Now Open

- ◆ 2 Week "Learn to Sail" Summer programs
- ◆ Intermediate or Advanced 2 Week or 1 Week programs
- ◆ PYC Jr. Racing Team
- ◆ Appropriate for kids and teens from 8 years old through 17

Alternate Work Assignments

Please contact

Mark Goldman

for Alternate work assignments at
248 217-3181

Remember: Hosting a Potluck or other Club event is an alternate work assignment option!!

Memorial Day Potluck

Who: All fun loving sailors and members.

What: Potluck Lunch

Bring a main dish to serve 10-12 people

AND a salad or dessert!!

Don't forget your picnic basket with plates, cups and utensils.

Where: At the Pontiac Yacht Club

When: Monday May 28, 2012

1:00pm Sharp!!!!

Almost as important as the 1:00pm Potluck start line,

is the 9:55 am starting gun for the **Annual Memorial Day Mini Regatta.**

Racing both Sunday and Monday.

Start gun for both days is 9:55 am.

Welcome to Summer at the **PYC!**
Good Luck to all!!

Memorial Day IMPORTANT WARNING:

Orchard Lake Road will be closed on **MONDAY** due to the **PARADE** before 10:00 a.m. till **NOON.**



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2012 Adult Sailing Class

Sign up Now! PYC54.org

Learn to sail on 19 ft. Lightning boats with experienced instructors on the waters of Cass Lake
Starting Tuesday evening June 12th

Space is LIMITED, Sign up now!

More information

Contact Steve 248- 459-7088 or visit us at PYC54.org

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PONTIAC YACHT CLUB PARTY AGREEMENT

PYC Host Name: _____

Phone # (s) _____ Email Address: _____

PYC Host Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rear Commodore Authorization: _____ Date Authorized: _____

Date of Party: _____ Type of Party: _____

Number of Expected Guests: _____ Time Period: _____

Approval by the Rear Commodore is required for parties larger than 15 with a maximum of 75. At the discretion of the Rear Commodore parties may be held any day with the exception of holidays, Wednesday evenings, and Sundays. The Host must remember to share the club facilities with club members, bearing in mind that at present there are only 24 picnic tables.

Please leave the club in as good shape, if not better, than you found it. Information regarding club usage can be found in the yearly membership directory but please be aware of the following:

- ◆ Members shall be present when guests are on club grounds
- ◆ No glass beverage containers are permitted on the grounds
- ◆ No swimming after sundown

Before you leave:

- ◆ Clean up picnic tables and dispose of garbage in the dumpster
- ◆ Clean up kitchen and return borrowed utensils
- ◆ Make sure the locker rooms are in order
- ◆ All club property should be returned to clubhouse, i.e. plastic lawn chairs stacked under awning, toys returned to sand box, small boats returned to racks
- ◆ Make sure all windows are closed and doors, and ramp gate are locked
- ◆ Wash and return all soiled dishtowels and cloths

If you have any questions, please call the Rear Commodore—Matt Warner at 248-763-3928 or rearcommodore@pyc54.org. This agreement is not valid without Host and Rear Commodore signature. Finalized agreement must be posted at club prior to the event.



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The World's
Largest Lightning Fleet

**This Month Pontiac
Yacht Club BoD
Meeting is at:**

PYC

**Date: May 15 '12
Time: 7 pm**



MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bug Out Regatta PYC - Hoist IN			Lightning Racing			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Lightning Racing		7pm PYC BoD Me	Lightning Racing			Kris GUCCIONE
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Lightning Racing			Lightning Racing Pizza Nite !!!			
27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2
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Pontiac Yacht Club

2012 Race Committee Sailing Instructions

Spring / Summer / Fall Sunday and Wednesday Series, Regattas, Club Championship

Pontiac Yacht Club, Cass Lake, Keego Harbor MI

1. RULES

- 1.1 All Series will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions and Notices. These include the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association ("US Sailing").
- 1.2 The Rules stated in the International Lightning Class Bylaws, Articles V, VIII, IX and X shall apply.
- 1.3 Under Rule 87, the following Rules of ILCA Bylaws are changed as follows:
 - a. VIII 1. Changed to read: The number of persons required in one boat in a race shall be no less than two (2). However, the number of crew on a boat on any given day of a Series or through-out an entire Regatta or the Club Championship must be the same (i.e., if you sail the first race of the day in a regular (Sunday or Wednesday) Series with two people, you MUST sail the all races that day with the same number. Similarly, if you sail the first day of a Regatta with three people, you MUST sail the second day (all races in the Regatta) with that same number.
 - b. VIII 2. Changed to read: All Skippers shall be members in good standing. Skippers should encourage all crew to become ILCA members

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front of the Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted two hours before the first warning signal of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the committee boat, "Old Blue"
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed from shore, "1 Minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal "AP"
- 4.3 When flag "Y" is displayed ashore, Rule 40 applies at all time while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The regular season will consist of six (6) series of races: Wednesdays and Sundays for each of Spring, Summer and Fall. In addition to the regular season series, there will be three Regattas scored: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. For Memorial Day and Labor Day Regattas, the regatta will consist of two or three races on the Sunday prior to the Holiday and up to three additional races on Monday for a maximum of five races for either regatta. The first two races sailed on Sunday for these regattas will count for both the regatta and the corresponding regular series. The Fourth of July Regatta will consist of up to three races conducted on the morning of July 4th. There will be no Wednesday Series racing on July 4th and none of the regatta races that day will count toward the Wednesday Series. Finally, there will be a stand-alone Club Championship Regatta. The races in this regatta will only count for the Club Championship.
- 5.2 Refer to Attachment B: 2012 PYC Race Schedule for the dates of all races.
- 5.3 Wednesday Series Warning Gun will be at 6:40 PM. No Warning Signal will be made after Sunset.
- 5.4 Before September 16, Sunday Series Warning Gun will be at 9:55 AM. No Warning Signal will be made after 12:30 PM. September 16 and Sundays after, the Warning Gun will be at 12:55 PM. No Warning Signal will be made after 3:30.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 Courses will be Windward-Leeward. If Code Flag "4" is displayed, 4 legs with downwind finish. If no Code Flag, or Code Flag "5" is displayed, 5 legs with an upwind finish. Refer to Attachment B.
- 6.2 All marks will be left to port, except when there is a gate in which case boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 6.3 Legs will be approximately ½ mile in length.
- 6.4 If a mid-leg Start is used, participants are allowed to sail thru the Start-Finish line during the race.



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7. MARKS

- 7.1 All marks other than the Starting pins will be Tetrahedrons.
- 7.2 The Starting pin can be either a cylindrical mark or a tetrahedron
- 7.3 A "Hippity-Hop" "guard mark may be attached to the Committee Boat. Hitting the guard mark or sailing between the mark and the Committee Boat is the same as hitting the Committee Boat.

8. THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the Warning Signal given five minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 8.2 The Course Flag will be raised approximately five minutes prior to the Warning Signal. Prior to the Warning Signal the Race Committee may sound a rapid series of short blasts to indicate the Warning Signal will be made soon (typically 1 minute).
- 8.3 The Starting Line will be between the upwind face of the Starting pin and the flagstaff of the solid colored yellow or orange flag just ahead of the signal flags on the Committee Boat.
- 8.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored a DNS without a hearing. This changes Rule A4 and A5.

9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the Finish Line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When, in a subsequent change, the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The Finish Line will be between a tetrahedron or cylindrical mark and the flagstaff of the solid colored yellow or orange flag just ahead of the Signal Flags on the Committee Boat.
- 10.2 When the course is four legs and a gate is used the Finish Line will be between one of the gate marks and the flag staff with the solid colored yellow or orange flag just ahead of the signal flags on the Committee Boat.

If you have any questions please differ them to the PYC Race Committee.



Pontiac Yacht Club 2012 Race Management

Preparation

- Assign roles** - Timer, Flags, Horn, Spotter and Recorder
- Check the weather** - have a general idea of what to expect
- Arrive on time** - at the Club 1-hour before the start

Equipment check

- Inflate Marks
- Check Anchor lines
- Organize Flags
- Horn Check
- Radio Check
- Wind Indicator
- Watch
- Paperwork
- Gasoline in the Boats

Setting the Course

- Picture a general lay-out of the course - consider laylines (tacking)
- Choose the specific course
 - Four-Leg - two marks - Wednesday First Race
 - Five-Leg - two marks - Wednesday Second Race
 - Five Leg - three marks - Sundays / Regattas
- Set the Windward Mark
- Set the Starting Line
- Anchor the Committee Boat
- Set the Pin - "square to the wind"
- Set the Leeward Mark - for three mark course, only

Starting Sequence

- Log in boats on scoresheet
- Display course flags
- Begin the sequence promptly
- Activate Horn System - 6 mins. To Start
- 5 Min: Warning Signal / Lightning Class Flag UP
- 4 Min.: Signal / Preparatory Flag UP
- 1 Min.: Signal / Prep Flag DOWN
- Start: Signal / Class Flag DOWN
- At the Starting Signal - spot the line and signal over early boats. No hail / signal recommended for "all clear"

Finishing

- For Five-Leg / Two Mark course ONLY - reposition Committee Boat to new location
 - Line perpendicular to wind
 - Shorter than Start line - 6 - 8 boat lengths
- Record finish order on Scoresheet
- Record Protests reported by competitors - it is the Race Committee's responsibility to convene the Protest Committee onshore
- Protest Committee consists of the three highest finishing skippers not involved in the incident
- Finish / account for all Starters before weighing anchor
- Ensure all boats have a safe means of return to harbor



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Clean-up

- Dock the boats / stow all gear / cover flags
- Cover the boat / remove drain plug on Whaler
- Deflate marks and return to garage - do NOT drag the marks!
- Coil anchor lines
- Convene (notify skippers of) Protest hearing if needed
- Post results
- Ensure your name is on the scoresheet
- List any protests on the scoresheet
- Make sure all sail numbers are legible
- Post scoresheet to bulletin board in Clubhouse

Unusual Circumstances

- Boats Over Early @ Start - BE DECISIVE
 - Sight from the flag pole to the windward tip of the pin
 - Signal immediately
 - Individual Recall
 - Early boats identified
 - One horn / Individual Recall Flag
 - Lower Flag when all have started properly
 - General Recall
 - Many boats / unable to identify all
 - Two horns / General Recall Flag
 - Lower Flag at 6 minutes to re-start with Horn
 - There might be a reason many boats are over early
 - @ Boat - Boat favored line - move boat downwind / pin upwind
 - @ Pin - line is too short

Shorten Course

- Display signal flag "S"
- Eliminate a leg(s) from the course
- Notify boats prior to first boat rounding last mark

Change Course

- Display Code Flag "C"
- Move a mark / retain same number of legs
- Notify boats prior to first boat rounding leg with changed mark

Postpone

- Postpone when there is a problem
- Lack of Wind - wind cruise / poll competitors
- Mark moves before the start
- Lower Flag sound Horn at 6 minutes to start

Abandon

- No Wind / Too Much Wind / Unsafe Condition
- Mark moves significantly during the race
- Ensure all boats have a safe means to return to harbor