

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

JOG Mondays | PHRF Wednesdays

May 15th - October 11th, 2023

Sailing Instructions



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 These races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the board inside LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club and on noticeofrace.net

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole on the RC tugboat. This shall be used for postponement and abandonment of races due to weather and safety concerns.

3.2 If courses 10 and 11 will be raced, a VHF announcement on channel 68 shall be made and a PINK flag flown from the RC boat from the time it leaves the shore until it is in position at the start area.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

JOG Spring	PHRF Spring	JOG Summer	PHRF Summer
Monday, May 15 th	Wednesday, May 17 th	Tuesday, August 8 th	Wednesday, August 9 th
Tuesday, May 23 rd	Wednesday, May 24 th	Monday, August 14 th	Wednesday, August 16 th
Monday, May 29 th	Wednesday, May 31 st	Monday, August 21 st	Wednesday, August 23 rd
Monday, June 5 th	Wednesday, June 7 th	Monday, August 28 th	Wednesday, August 30 th
Monday, June 12 th	Wednesday, June 14 th	Tuesday, September 5 th	Wednesday, September 6 th
Monday, June 19 th	Wednesday, June 21 st	Monday, September 11 th	Wednesday, September 13 th
Tuesday, June 27 th	Wednesday, June 28 th	Monday, September 18 th	Wednesday, September 20 th
Monday, July 3 rd	Wednesday, July 5 th	Monday, September 25 th	Wednesday, September 27 th
Monday, July 10 th	Wednesday, July 12 th	Monday, October 2 nd	Wednesday, October 4 th
Monday, July 31 st	Wednesday, August 2 nd	Tuesday, October 10 th	Wednesday, October 11 th

4.1 Races are scheduled to start at 18:30. The first warning is scheduled at 18:25.

4.2 To alert boats that the races shall begin soon, there will be a sequence of 5 sounds one minute prior to the warning signal.

5 CLASS FLAGS

5.1 The following are the class flag colours and the order in which they will start.

A Class - Yellow Flag

B Class - Green Flag

C Class - Orange Flag

As 2 starts for the 3 classes were voted on, one start may have 2 classes. This will be emailed to the racers and posted in the clubhouse and on noticeofrace.net once the registration process is complete.

6 COURSES

6.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course(s) and display them on the bow of the RC boat. If more than 1 course board is displayed, the longer course shall be raced by the A and B classes and the shorter course by class C.

6.2 The course diagrams with descriptions are on the pages at the end of the SI. They show the courses, the order in which the course marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. A mark not designated as a course mark may be passed on either side.

7 MARKS

7.1 The marks used in these series are the red and green buoys on the Detroit River. They are labelled in the course diagrams on the pages at the end of the Sailing Instructions.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started using RR26.

8.2 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the orange starting mark.

The following is scheduled each race day once the Race Committee boat is in position and orange flag is hoisted.

18:30 is the first scheduled race start time. An example of the start sequence is below.

18:24 - 6 minutes before starting signal - 5 short sounds indicating the warning signal (class flag hoisted) will be in 1 minute.

18:25 - 5 minutes before starting signal - 1 short sound (warning signal), class flag hoisted.

18:26 - 4 minutes before start - 1 short sound and "P" flag up - At this time, engines must be turned off per RRS definitions: Racing.

18:29 - 1 minute before starting signal - one LONG sound and "P" flag down.

18:30 - Starting signal - one short sound and class flag removed.

Rolling starts will be used, therefore the warning signal and class flag for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

8.3 The hoisting and removing of flags is considered official time. Sounds and announcements are not considered official time. The Race Committee may make courtesy announcements via VHF radio during the start sequence, when possible.

8.4 Boats not engaged in their 5 minute sequence must STAY OUT of the start box. The start box is defined at one end by the starting line and the other end by channel markers DF15 and DF16. Any boat that is not in their start sequence, that interferes with the class starting may be protested and subsequently disqualified.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finish line will be between the blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

9.2 RRS 32.2 If the course is shortened, the “S” (shortened course) flag shall be hoisted with 2 sounds. The race committee will also make every effort where possible to make an announcement on VHF channel 68. The following rounding marks may be used for shortened courses: DF3, DF4, DF6, DF8, DF12. If a shortened course is decided, the RC shall signal as soon as possible and before the first boat crosses the finish line.

9.3 When a course is shortened using a mark, that mark is then designated a finish line and can no longer be considered a rounding mark. Boats must cross the finish line from the course side, therefore a boat that rounds the mark and crosses will be scored DNF unless it corrects that error and finishes from course side. See RRS Definitions: Finish. An example of this would be when racing Course 1. If the race committee positions itself across from DF3, which is described as the rounding mark in the course, the finish line will be between the shortened course flag and DF3. Racers should not round this mark, and should finish from the course side.

10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish shall be 2 hours. (Race time limit).

10.2 The time limit for boats to finish after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes, shall be 10pm. (Finishing Window) The RC boat will remain on station until no later than 9pm. A boat finishing after the RC has left is responsible for taking its own time and presenting it to RC as soon as safely possible, so as not to be recorded DNF.

10.3 Boats failing to finish within the finishing window shall be scored a DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS35, A5.1 and A5.2

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Hearing requests forms are available from the race committee and in the LMYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within 1 hour of the RC boat returning to its berth

11.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

11.3 Notices of protests by the race committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b)

12 MISCONDUCT

12.1 Any boat or its members that breaches any part of rule 69.1, whether it be toward another boat or member of the Race Committee, may be protested under rule 69.1 by the RC, or another boat and may be disqualified from that race.

COURSE 1



Downstream from the start line, leaving the bifurcation mark DGB and Turkey Island to port. Round green spar DF3 to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between the bifurcation mark DGB to port and RC boat to starboard.

4.46 Nautical Miles

COURSE 2



Downstream from the start line, leaving the bifurcation mark DGB and Turkey Island to port. Round green spar DF1 to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between the bifurcation mark DGB to port and RC boat to starboard.

5.43 Nautical Miles

COURSE 4



Downstream from the start line, leaving the bifurcation mark DGB and Turkey Island to port. Round red spar DF2 to starboard, red green structural buoy to starboard, red nun D84 to starboard, round DF1 to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between the Bifurcation mark DGB to port and RC boat to starboard.

6.37 Nautical Miles

COURSE 5



Downstream from the start line, leaving the bifurcation mark DGB and Turkey Island to port. Round red spar DF6 to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between the bifurcation mark DGB to port and RC boat to starboard.

2.95 Nautical Miles

COURSE 6



Downstream from the start line, leaving the bifurcation mark DGB and Turkey Island to port. Round red spar DF2 to port. Head upstream leaving Turkey Island to starboard and finish between the bifurcation mark DGB to port and RC boat to starboard.

5.43 Nautical Miles

COURSE 10



Start at DF4, rounding D78 to port, upriver to DF1, rounding to port, return down river to D78 rounding to port, return to finish at DF4 and RC Boat.

6.38 Nautical Miles

COURSE 11



Start at DF4, rounding D80 to starboard, upriver to D84, rounding to port, return down river to D80 rounding to port, return to finish at DF4 and RC Boat. Be advised that the bifurcation mark for the main channel and Fighting Island is in between D80 and D84.

4.72 Nautical Miles

Alternate finish at DF8 for the maximum race opportunity of 5.55NM if RC extends course based on wind.