



2024 BCYC Tuesday Night Racing Series

Spring and Summer Sailing Instructions (SI)

Highlighted text denotes changes for 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1) This Series and all races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021-2024).

2. ENTRIES

Competitors shall enter by delivering a completed entry form or on yachtscoring.com and paying the appropriate amounts before participating in any of the series of races (Spring and Summer). EACH VESSEL'S FEE MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ANY RACE CAN BE SCORED FOR THAT VESSEL.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Since the BCYC does not have a Club Bulletin Board, Notices to Competitors will be posted on the series' yachtscoring.com page and may be posted on the BCYC website and/or verbally relayed by the Race Committee boat using the "L" flag.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals will be made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAGS

5.1) THE FIRST WARNING WILL BE NO EARLIER THAN 1755

Race Schedule:

Practice Race (No race committee)

Spring Series

Summer Series

May 14th

May 21st-July 16th

June 30th – September 24th

5.2) Class Flags and starting order

1. JAM Fleet (Pink)
2. Spinnaker Fleet (Green)

5.3) A single race will be scheduled each evening; N over A flag will constitute no more racing for the evening.

6. CLUB MEETING PLACE

The Club Meeting Place will be at the Boyne City Municipal Marina. Changes in the meeting place may change and will be announced by the race fleet captains prior to the start of a night's race via text message.

7. COURSES

7.1) Courses will consist of W/L races, **Olympic Style Triangles (see Fig. 1)** and Distance Point to Point Course not to exceed 12 nautical miles and will vary due to wind conditions.

7.2) The RC will display the heading, distance, and course type on a large white board at their stern prior to the first warning.

7.3) All marks are to port.

8. MARKS

8.1) Marks will be Orange or Yellow inflatable buoys.

8.2) Separate windward marks may be set for each fleet depending on wind conditions.

9. CANCELLATION

9.1) RC will begin monitoring weather via onboard instruments 45 mins prior to the first warning.

9.1.1) If winds are sustained at 25kts or greater for a period of 5 minutes or more during this time, and wind speed is forecasted to sustain or increase by start time, the day's racing shall be canceled.

9.1.2) If a wind gust is recorded exceeding 35kts at any time during this period and wind speed is forecasted to sustain or increase by start time, the day's racing shall be canceled.

9.2) After the first start there is no special provision outside of the RRS for for cancellation of the race.

9.3) Skippers or persons in command are ultimately responsible for the safety of their crew and boat. The decision to race in any given conditions is completely voluntary. Boats are encouraged to sail well within their vessel's and crew's personal limits.

10. STARTING LINES

The Starting line will be the plane between the RC boat's orange flagpole mast and center axis of the adjacent yellow or orange cylindrical buoy.

11. THE FINISH

11.1) Competitors shall finish between the RC boat (orange flag) and the leeward mark buoy (or windward buoy if the course is shortened) as defined by the definition of "FINISH"

12. TIME LIMIT

If no vessel has rounded the first mark within an hour of the first start the RC may abandon the race. For all other races, the time limit shall be at sunset, as defined by NOAA in Charlevoix County on the day of the race. Any vessel not finishing within the above time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. One vessel finishing within the time limit makes the race valid for all vessels **in that fleet**.

13. PROTESTS

13.1) Protests shall be delivered to the Club Meeting Place within 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. Hearings will be held as soon as possible in the Club Meeting Place. Skippers or a vessel representative should appear there after the race if they have reason to believe they may be involved in a protest.

13.2) Racing Rule 44.1 will be changed as follows; A boat may take a One Turn penalty (One tack and One jibe) when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing.

14. GROUNDING

A grounded vessel may use engine power to re-float, but such vessel shall return to the course at a position at a point behind its position at the time of grounding.

15. COMMITTEE BOAT

Boats striking the RC Boat shall retire and are responsible for any damages. That vessel will be scored a DSQ, which cannot be thrown out. Race Management responsibilities, especially prior to the start; effectively preclude any dialog between racing vessels and the RC.

16. Scoring and Handicapping

- 16.1 Each night of racing will consist of 1 race with one score given per race.
- 16.2 A competitor's overall Tuesday night score will be used to calculate the series position; using the low point system.
 - 16.2.1 One Tuesday night score constitutes a series
- 16.3 For spring and Summers series: one throw out is granted is 7 races are completed in a series.
- 16.4 Scoring system for all boats - MWPHRF calculated on yachtscoring.com

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

As a courtesy, the RC may broadcast on channel 69.

18. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions may be modified from time to time. The Race Fleet Captains shall notify skippers of record of such changes, no less than 24 hours before they are enacted. This will not pertain to editorial changes or corrections.

19. PRIZES and AWARDS

- 19.1) Top 3 boats, from each fleet, from each series, will be awarded with a flag
- 19.2) BOAT OF THE YEAR
 - 19.2)1. Boats/Skippers that have shown exceptional sailing skills, improvement, enthusiasm, and /or have exemplified the Corinthian spirit of sail boat racing.
 - 19.2)2. A Vote of Nominated boats will be held at the BCYC Racing Awards Banquet on **October 1st, 2024, at the Boyne City Eagles Club**

20. SAFETY

- 20.1) All boats shall carry a VHF radio
- 20.2) Safety boats may not be available on a consistent basis
- 20.3) All boats shall comply with the current minimum equipment list required by the US Coast Guard and their class association

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1) Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

22. CONTACT INFORMATION

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- 22.1) If you would like to be on the Sail Fleet email list, please email the address above with a request.

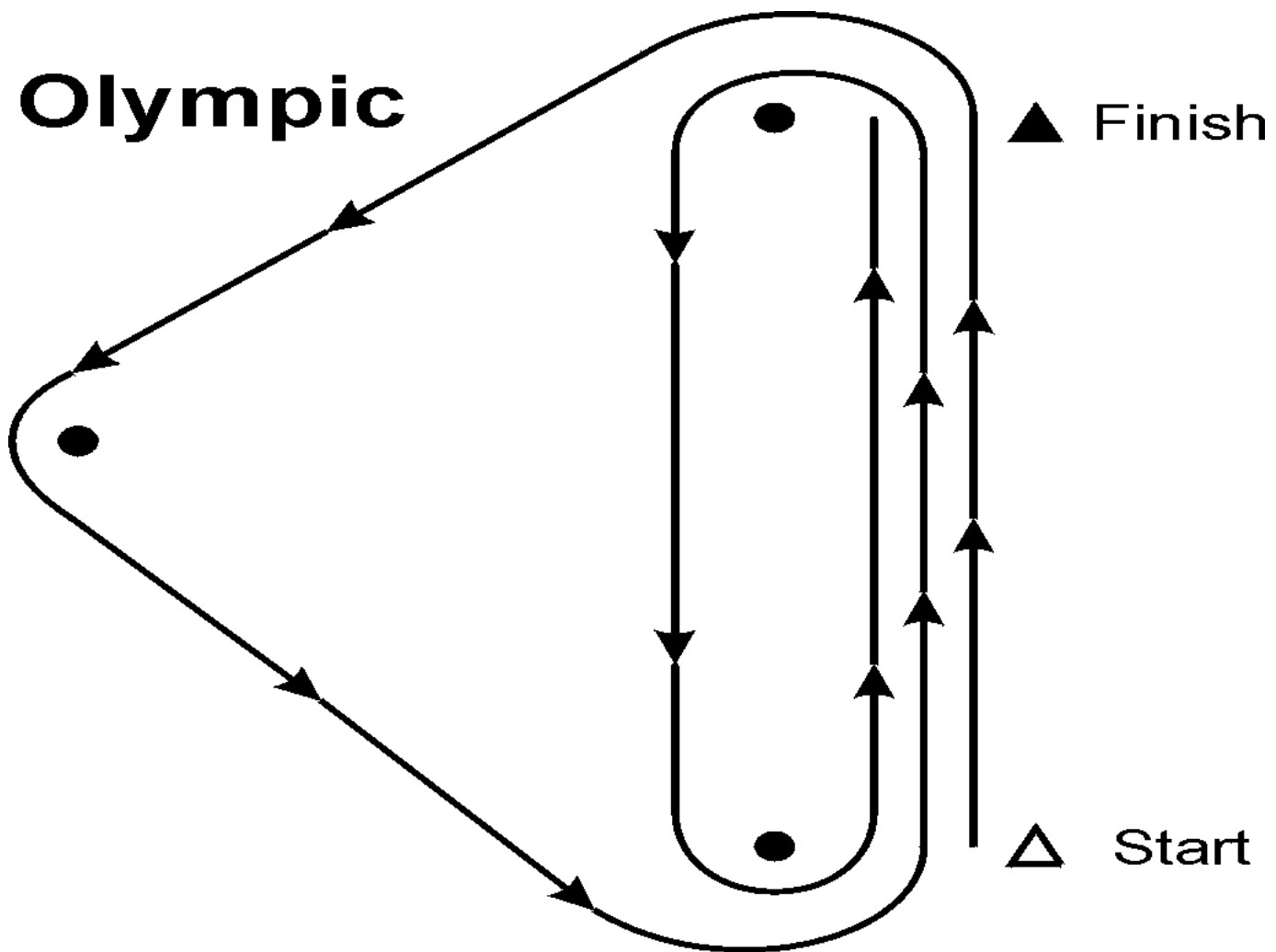


Fig. 1 Modified Olympic Course

NOTE: Finish line may be set to windward or leeward depending on conditions