



GROSSE POINTE BOAT CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE

Course information and signals

Courses same as last year; Three basic courses: Long, Regular and Short.

Long Course marks (w marks to starboard) are the start, #7, #3, GPBC ball, start/finish ball, back to #3, back to GPBC ball, and finish. (We sail this course once each series in the third week.) There is no code flag to indicate this course – sometimes it is a surprise to some skippers!

Regular Course marks are #5, #3, GPBC ball, start finish ball, back to #3, back to GPBC ball, and finish. As the name implies, this is the course we will sail unless it is the third week long course or the weather suggests the short course.

Short Course is the same as the regular course, just without the second trip around #3. ie: #5, #3, GPBC ball, and finish. Code Flag “S” (white w blue square) will be flown.

Note, when the air has dropped after the start, the dock committee may shorten the course from long or regular - on the fly as it were. Skippers will know of the change when they hear a finish sound signal as they pass the start/finish ball the first time.

Yet another twist - evenings when the air is dropping after the start and there is a chance the second trip around #3 will not be completed, the dock committee may take times as boats pass the start/finish ball, but not sound finish signals. Skippers will continue to race as if the course was not shortened, but we will have short course times recorded just in case.

Remember, any of the three courses can be run either with marks to starboard or marks to port indicated by the green or red flags flown.

Course signals as follows:

Flags flown from yard on City mast

Red Flag Marks to Port

Green Flag Marks to Starboard

Code Flag "S" White with Blue Center / Shortened course (the triangle portion of the course only)

Code Flag "N" Blue & White Checkered / Race Canceled

Code Flag "AP" Red & White Striped / Delay of Start

Long course = 6.4 nm

Regular course = 5.1 nm

Short course = 3.2 nm

Note: as mentioned above, the dock committee may shorten the course after the start by hoisting code flag "S" and signaling finish times as racers make their 1st pass through the start/finish line. Also, on evenings when there is some doubt that the regular course will be completed within the time limit, the race committee may take times as boats make the 1st pass through the start/finish line and use those times in the event the race cannot be completed.

Starting Sequence

We will have 2 starts

7:00 First Gun (Warning)

7:05 Second Gun (5 min warning for 1st start boats)

7:10 Third Gun (1st start / 5 min warning for 2nd start boats)

7:15 Fourth Gun (2nd start)

9:15 Time limit – if no boats have finished, three guns to indicate race abandoned

Ratings

The race committee will assign you a PHRF rating and your start. Ratings will be determined by reference to available local (DRYA) and US Sailing data for your boat and its equipment and, along with the start in which you will be racing. To keep the racing competitive and fair, we will be using the current established ratings for **all boats** registered to race. If you have a concern with your individual rating please contact the race committee and provide documented information for review. For information on how your PHRF rating is established go to the DRYA link on our website to gain a better understanding of how your boat is rated.

Race Rules

Our goal is to have safe and enjoyable racing. To that end, you and your crew are expected to know and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by US Sailing. The rules can be found on www.ussailing.com with the link to Racing Rules. If you are unclear, or do not understand any rule, please contact the race committee for clarification. In addition, any and all protests that occur on the racecourse must be submitted to the race committee immediately following the race for review.

Dock Committee

The Race Committee is always seeking additional volunteers to help on the Dock Committee **and we can always use your help!** You are reminded that you or your crew are required to check in with the race committee prior to each start so you will be scored for that race. Failure to check in may disqualify you from that race.

Awards

We will again be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place flags for each start and each series this year. We will combine both starts for the Family Regatta and award flags for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The awards will be presented at the annual Commodore's Ball. Scoring will be based on the best five of each series' six races; or best of however many races completed if there are cancellations that are not made up.

As always, the GPBC Race Committee welcomes your ideas and suggestions on how we can make our humble little "Beer Can" races more fun, competitive and safe. If you have any ideas and or questions in regard to this year's racing information, please contact a Race committee member, or simply send an e-mail to gpboatclub@gmail.com.

Please complete the application form and submit the entrant fee prior to Racing.

Keep your scuppers clear!

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