

Introduction to SYC Racing

The Sherborn Yacht Club offers three classes of racing, two for 420's (our club-owned 14' racing boats, available for use by members) and one for Sunfish (privately owned, except for a very limited number of club-owned Sunfish).

- 1) We will run two categories of race in order to encourage and positively reinforce skippers of varying skill levels.
 - a. The two racing categories will be called Petrel and Osprey.
 - i. Petrel being the more experienced skippers
 - ii. Osprey being the less experienced skippers (can use Hunter 146s)
 - b. Osprey skippers may skipper in the Petrel class
 - c. Petrel Skippers may not skipper in the Osprey class

- 2) Sunday 420 races will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.
 - a. Races will be run at 30 min. intervals. When we race Petrels & Ospreys, Petrels will race on the hour and Ospreys will race on the half hour.
 - b. Those arriving after 11:00 a.m. will be eligible for the next race.
 - c. Last 420 race will start at 2:30 p.m.

- 3) Sunday Sunfish Races begin at 1:00 p.m. and will run every half hour until 3:00.
 - a. Awards will be given for a June, July, and August Sunfish series.
 - b. Winning one of the series will preclude a skipper from winning a successive series in the same season, but all scores will count toward the Club Championship.

- 4) Award for Club Champion- Best overall average from the whole summer for each class.
 - i. Petrel racers
 - ii. Osprey racers
 - iii. Sunfish racers

Announcement of Series, Regattas and Awards

420 Class

<u>Event:</u>	<u># to Qualify / # of Races</u>			<u># of Prizes</u>		
	Petrel	Osprey	Open	Petrel	Osprey	Open
Solstice Series	3 / 8	3 / 8		3	3	
Independence Day Regatta	3 / 8	3 / 8		3	3	
Golden Retriever			a few			a few
Parker Cup			3 / 10			3
Golden Retriever			a few			a few
Dog Days Series	3 / 8	3 / 8		3	3	
Commodore's Cup	3 / 8			3		
Founder's Cup		3 / 8			3	
420 Club Championship	30% / races run	30% / races run		3	3	

420 Club Championship. All races apply to the 420 Club Championship except Golden Retriever.

The minimum number of racers for an official 420 race is two.

SUNFISH Class

<u>Event:</u>	<u># to Qualify / # of Races</u>	<u># of Prizes</u>
June Series	10 / 20	3
July Series	10 / 20	3
August Series	10 / 20	3
Sunfish Invitational	5 / 5	3
Sunfish Club Championship	40% / 60	3

Sunfish Club Championship requires a minimum of 40% of the number of races actually sailed, at least five of which must be in each of the 3 series. All races except for the Sunfish Invitational apply to the Club Championship.

The minimum number of racers for an official Sunfish race is two.

Starting Times

	<u>420 Events:</u>		<u>Sunfish Events</u>
	<u>Petrel</u>	<u>Osprey</u>	
Rigging	10:30 a.m.		1:00 p.m.
	11:00 a.m.		1:30 p.m.
		11:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
	12:00 p.m.		2:30 p.m.
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	1:00 p.m.		
		1:30 p.m.	
	2:00 p.m.		
		2:30 p.m.	

Sailing Instructions

1) Rules:

All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

2) Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the SYC Bulletin Board or announced prior to the races.

3) Changes to the Sailing Instructions:

Changes to the instructions will be posted on the SYC Bulletin Board at Farm Pond or announced on the dock or on the Race Committee raft, as appropriate and feasible. Special instructions also may be issued for certain regattas regarding such subjects as prizes, eligibility, scheduling, registration, and so on.

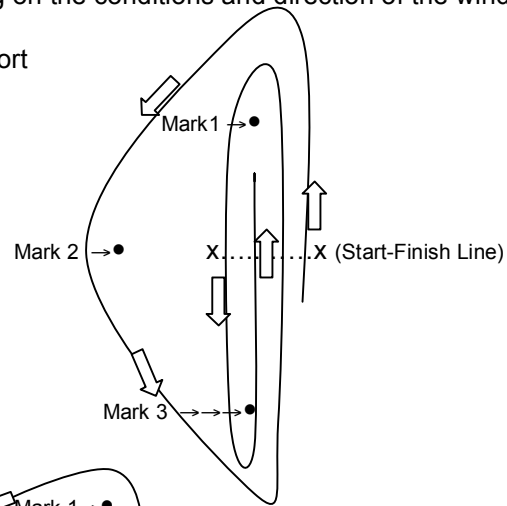
4) Schedule of Races: See Announcement of Series, Regattas and Awards

The Scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:45 A.M.

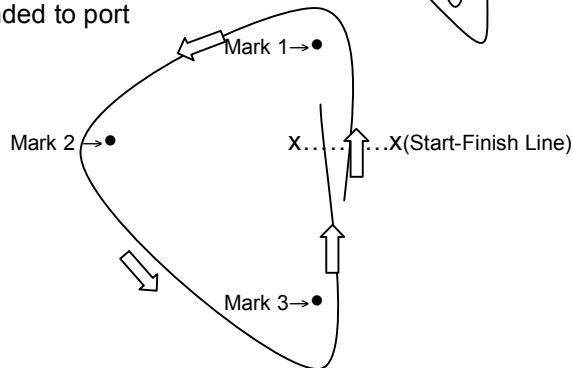
5) Courses: Run on either the Red Course or Yellow Course.

The Race Committee will set courses, as follows, depending on the conditions and direction of the wind:

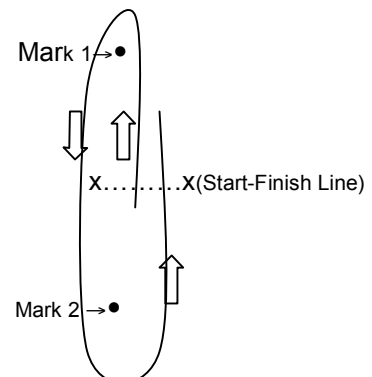
Course No. 1: Modified Olympic, all marks rounded to port



Course No. 2: Triangle, all marks rounded to port



Course No. 3: Windward-Leeward, all marks rounded to port



Each of the above courses may be modified such that all marks are rounded to starboard. Furthermore, alternatives to these basic courses may be announced by the Race Committee prior to the initiation of the starting sequence for any race.

Sailing Instructions, Continued

6) **Starting and finishing lines will be announced at the beginning of each race.**

7) **Starting Signals:**

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time Before Start</u>
Warning	5 short	
3-Minute	3 long	3 minutes
2-Minute	2 long	2 minutes
1-Minute	1 long	1 minute
30-Seconds	3 short	30 seconds
Start	1 long	

8) **Recalls:**

- a) General Recall -- several short signals.
- b) Individual Recall -- hail by name or sail number.

9) **Rendering Assistance:**

At 5 long signals (repeated as necessary) all boats are to immediately cease racing and render assistance to the nearest person in peril. Failure to render assistance may, at the discretion of the Race Committee, result in disqualification.

10) **Cancellations, Postponements, and Abandonment:**

The Race Committee at its discretion may cancel, postpone, or abandon any race because of thunderstorms, wind conditions, insufficient number of boats, or other reason. Two 420 and two Sunfish Class boats will be required for an official race. The Race Committee will not postpone for reason of late arrival. The initiation of the starting signals sequence will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11) **Time Limits:**

The race will be abandoned if no boat has finished forty-five minutes after the starting signal.

12) **Scoring**

Trophies are awarded based on the lowest average of points for races sailed. In each race, points are scored equal to the finishing position. Racers not finishing are scored as number of starters plus one. Disqualified racers are scored as number of starters plus three.

13) **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):**

All boats will be required to carry one PFD for each person on board. Wearing the PFD is at the discretion of each skipper except that all children under the age of 16 must wear one.

14) **Protests:**

Protests shall be in accordance with US SAILING rules. Protests shall be filed verbally with the Race Committee at the finish line as soon as practicable after the protesting boat finishes.

All protests will be heard after the day's racing of the concerned class of boat. Should either party to the protest not attend, the protest will be defaulted to the attending party. Should neither party attend, each party will be disqualified. A party that has submitted a written protest form shall be regarded as in attendance.

15) **Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded according to Announcement of Series, Regattas and Awards