



2003 RACE PROGRAM

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1) Fleet Splits

- a) A/B/C/JOG & Cruising/OPEN Fleet Splits
 - i) Local certificates will be accepted for all local races.
 - ii) The MORC Station 26 executive, based on the number of boats registered will decide fleet splits by May 1, 2003. Fleets will be posted at SYC, PHYC Race Boards and the MORC Station 26 web site.
 - iii) Fleet splits will be based primarily on rating to try to develop level racing within fleets.
 - iv) Boats in the SYC/PHYC Spring and Fall weekend Series may be in different fleets on Wednesdays due to different numbers of boats registered.
 - v) Jog fleet is intended primarily for new racers.
 - vi) For 2003 an OPEN fleet will have a start.
 - vii) Cruising Class is Main & Jib only.

2) MORC Ratings / Measurements

- a) A rating will be considered valid when certified by the Station 26 Chief Measurer and accepted by the MORC Station 26 Board. Race finishes recorded prior to new or updated certification will remain unchanged. **A minimum of 72 hours notice of a rating change is required prior to a race start so that entering of data into the race computer can be accomplished in time for the race.**

3) Furling Headsails

- a) An additional 0.3' credit will be given to boats using roller-furling headsails.
- b) Cruising & OPEN Classes will use PHRF handicaps (6 second roller furling credit)

4) General Information

- a) Station 26 will race under the rating rule as per BOG ruling at the MORC International Annual General Meeting, February 2003.
- b) Every boat that finishes should write down her own finish time, and the names of the boats that finish before and after her.
- c) **REGISTRATION-** Boats must be registered in the **SYC/PHYC** racing program. Please refer to the racing instructions in this program for Wednesday Night Racing.
- d) Both MORC & respective Yacht Club race fees must be paid before times are taken. **This will be strictly enforced.**
- e) Regarding membership: a) A MORC membership is required to register a boat for the MORC Stn. 26 Race Program; b) Only one boat may be registered per membership; c) All memberships must be purchased through Stn. 26; d) MORC International memberships will be established as "Family Memberships"; e) Boats do not require a MORC member on board for local Stn. 26 race events.

Note: It is mandatory that skippers who are not **SYC** or **PHYC** members become associate members of **SYC** to race on Wednesday nights.

5) **Crew Limitations**

- a) The MORC national rule on maximum crewmembers is waived.
- b) There shall be a minimum of **Three** crew if a spinnaker is used, and **Two** if a spinnaker is not used.

6) **Hiking**

- a) Hiking is prohibited. See the MORC Handbook, Section 8 Special Rule.
Note: Exception only for Open Class boats designed for hiking (i.e. no life lines)

7) **Code Flags**

- a) During series, special and Wednesday night races all MORC boats shall fly the appropriate fleet flags off the backstay. These flags are as follows:
 - i) MORC A: Code flag 6, black over white
 - ii) MORC B: Code flag 8, white with red cross
 - iii) MORC C: Code flag 9, red, white, black and yellow
 - iv) MORC JOG: Code flag 7, red and yellow
 - v) CRUISING Code flag 5, blue and yellow
 - vi) OPEN CLASS: Code flag Q, yellow

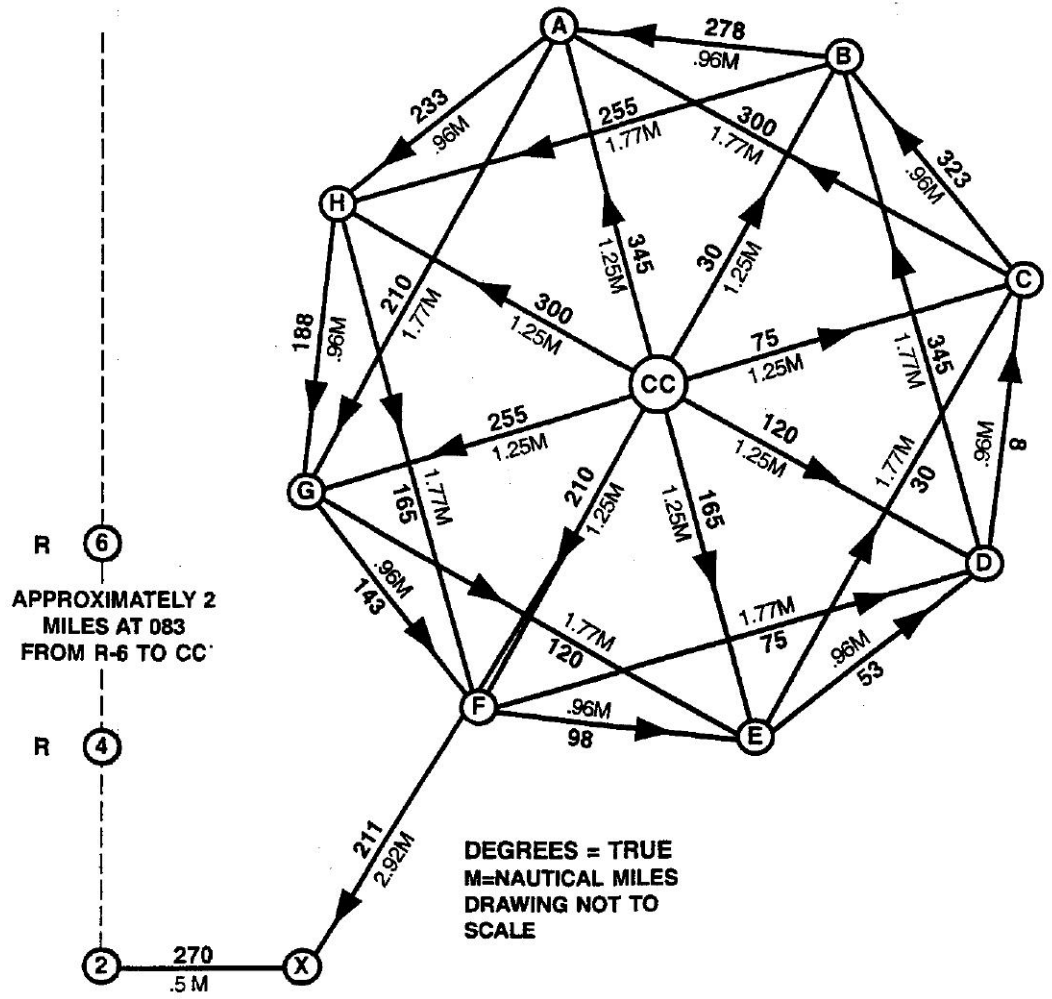
8) **Scoring**

- a) Shall be in accordance with **INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION** low point scoring system **Appendix A-Scoring A2.2** (Amended to, first place scores 0.75 point) for all yachts finishing and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified.
- b) Scoring of other yachts-
 - i) **DNF** = #starters + 1 point
 - ii) **DSQ** = #starters + 2 points
 - iii) **DNS** = #starters + 3 points
- c) In the event of a tie, at the end of a series, the yacht with the most firsts, seconds and so on shall be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the yacht winning the last sailed race shall be declared the winner.
- d) There will be awards for each fleet, for each of the following.
 - Spring**
 - Summer**
 - Fall**
 - Overall**
- e) Each series will be scored on the **best three out of five** races.
- f) **Overall** awards will be based on the sum of each series scores (total points).
- g) **Frostbite** will be scored by “Pot Luck” method – 4 Fleets.

All Races Will Be Run Under International Sailing Federation Rules, Unless Otherwise Stated In These Sailing Instructions.

Wednesday Night Race Schedule – 2003 (Revised)

<u>Series</u>	<u>Race Number</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Tune-Up	May 14 (Cancelled)
Spring	1	June 11
	2	June 18
	3	June 25
	4	July 2
Summer	1	July 9
	2	July 16
	3	July 23
	4	July 30
	5	August 6
Fall	1	August 13
	2	August 20
	3	August 27
	4	September 3
Frost Bite	1	September 10
	2	September 17
	3	September 24
	4	October 1



<u>START TIMES</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Frost Bite</u>
	JOG / CRUISING	18:30	18:00
	MORC C	18:35	18:00
	MORC B	18:40	18:00
	MORC A	18:45	18:00
	OPEN CLASS	18:50	18:00

COURSES

<u>Series</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Course</u>
REGULAR SERIES	ALL	F-CC-E-F*-X-FINISH
Short Course	ALL	F-CC-X-FINISH
FROST BITE SERIES	ALL	X-E*-F*-X-FINISH
Short Course	ALL	X-F*-X-FINISH

NOTE: All marks rounded to Starboard except those with *.

11) Time Limit

- The time limit for all races in the Spring and Summer series is 21:15 hrs.
The time limit for the Fall series is 21: 00 hrs.
The time limit for the Frost Bite series is 20:30 hrs.
- At least one boat in each fleet must finish by the time for the race to count for that fleet.
- In (b) the time limit will be extended by 0:15 minutes only for that fleet.
- Boats that do not finish within the 15 minutes extension are considered DNF.

12) Results

- Results are posted on the notice board at SYC and on the SYC & PHYC web sites (<http://www.sarniyachtclub.on.ca> & <http://www.phyc.org>) ASAP after the race.
- Awards will be given out the night of race 1 of the next series at the SYC bar.
- Frost Bite awards will be presented on the night of the final race.

13) Alternate Penalty

- Rule for Wednesday nights only will be a 360 degree turn (rather than 720°).

14) Qualifying

- a) Best three out of five races will count. Race Committee counts as one race.
- b) Frost Bite - four fleets: "Pot Luck" scoring, 2 races to qualify for the series.

15) Race Committee

- a) A boat performing race committee duty shall receive **2** points for that start if the race is a valid race for its fleet e.g. one boat in that fleet must finish within the time limit.
- b) There will be **two 2nd place finishes** for that race.
- c) Race Committee points will not be awarded if the responsible boat chooses to race.
- d) This is only allowed once per year / boat.
- e) Intentional failure to honour volunteer commitments may result in penalties up to and including forfeiture of results for that series, at the discretion of the MORC Station 26 board.

16) Short Course

- a) The **Race Committee** will call the short course with **CODE FLAG 'S'** before the preparatory flag.

17) Protests

- a) All protests to be dealt with by the SYC/PHYC protest committee at their next scheduled meeting.
- b) All protests must be turned in to a Fleet Captain or the MORC Race Chairman (Rear Commodore) no later than 10:00 PM the night of the race.

18) Weather

- a) Wednesday races may be cancelled if a "severe weather warning" or "thunderstorm warning" has been issued by the coast guard radio by **17:30**.
- b) A race cancellation flag (**N** over **A**) shall be flown from the race committee shack.
- c) The race committee shall at **17:30** broadcast by **VHF** radio on channel **68** that the race is cancelled.
- d) In the absence of a severe weather warning but the presence of other conditions which may threaten the safety of the fleet but which appear to be passing, the race committee may postpone the race for **Thirty** minutes. The race committee shall at **17:30** broadcast by **VHF** radio on channel **68** that the race is postponed for thirty minutes and will fly the postponement flag from the SYC flag pole at the race shack. At **18:00** the race committee shall decide if the race is on or off and broadcast its decision on channel **68**. In the event of a postponement the first gun will sound no sooner than **18:45**.
- e) Check the VHF weather radio or (519) 464-5121 if skies are threatening. The race committee may not go out in these conditions, at the discretion of the skipper.

19) Wednesday Night Race Committee Instructions

Pick up the race shack keys at the Boston Sail Loft to obtain signal flags (Alternate – with prior arrangements, flags can be obtained at PHYC). Plan to get out to "F" mark by 18:00. Bring at least 1 (preferably 2) pair of binoculars. You'll need at least 3 other people with you, and at least 1 easy-to-read-watch. At the Race Shack, pick up the air horn, a set of flags on poles, (white, blue and red on one end, one of which will have the "individual recall"; blue cross on a square white flag, on the other end). A clipboard, paper, or start sheets, and a pencil are needed. An anchor with chain and rode is also available if needed. Lock the doors behind you. Proceed to "F" mark.

When you reach "F" mark, turn at the mark and motor 300 degrees magnetic until you are about 300-400 feet away (1.5 to 2 minutes at 3 knots), stop and turn Northeast, and anchor. The mark should bear about 126 degrees magnetic from you. Check against a landmark to ensure that you are not drifting.

Organise for the start. **CLOCK WATCH** keeps time and tells **FLAGS** and **HORNS** what to do. **Flags** raises and lowers flags smartly on cue. **HORN** sounds air horn each time a flag is raised. **SPOTTER** identifies boats and makes a list of all starters by class. Everybody helps spot boats prior to the start of the time sequence but the **CLOCK WATCH** should always keep track of the time. **HORN** should also watch the starting line (remember, the Starting Line is between the RC Flag and the mark). Check each boat off as it starts. If starts are delayed, record the new starting times

Time Signals (CLOCK WATCH gives instruction 10 seconds ahead of each action and a "5,4,3,2,1, Fire" countdown in a quiet voice.)

18:20	YELLOW FLAG UP (HORN)	18:24	YELLOW FLAG DOWN
18:25	BLUE FLAG UP (HORN)	18:29	BLUE FLAG DOWN
18:30	RED FLAG UP (HORN) (JOG/CRUISING)	18:34	RED FLAG DOWN
18:35	RED FLAG UP (HORN) (C START)	18:39	RED FLAG DOWN
18:40	RED FLAG UP (HORN) (B START)	18:44	RED FLAG DOWN
18:45	RED FLAG UP (HORN) (A START)	18:49	RED FLAG DOWN
18:50	RED FLAG UP (HORN) (OPEN CLASS START)		

NOTE: If there are one or more boats over the line prior to the start of their class, continue the starting procedure, (RED flag has just gone up, HORN has just sounded), also put up the individual recall flag (blue cross on white background) and blow the horn one time for each boat over early. Try to hail the sail number(s). When a boat is entirely on the pre-start side of the line, drop the recall flag. (Raise it again if there are other boats coming back. Repeat the drop until the last one has come back.) **It is very important that the main starting sequences keeps going - don't lose track of time!**

Proceed to the race building after the last boat has started. When the boats start coming in, **SPOTTER** identifies each boat as it rounds "X" mark. **SPOTTER** alerts **HORN** who has to keep track of the order of finish. **FLAGS** calls the finish line (between the tape and the red #2 buoy) by saying "**MARK**" when any part of the boat (or sails in their normal position) touches the line. **CLOCKWATCH** writes down the time in seconds, the minutes, the hours, on the master sheets. **HORN** should double check sail numbers with **CLOCKWATCH**.

Tidy up, lock up, and give the results to the fleet captains. Return the keys to Doyle Boston Loft. **WELL DONE!**

20) Standings for Series and Special Races

- a) Fleet splits may be modified for special races
- b) See SYC/PHYC Race Program for details
- c) MORC Station 26 Cruising Class is not part of the Special Race Series.

21) Distance Series

MORC A/B (Best 3 of 6 races, 3 to qualify)

The following races will count for the distance series

KETTLE POINT

JOHN BLUNT MEMORIAL

TAWAS (Port Huron International)

SARNIA/SANILAC/SARNIA

SARNIA LEXINGTON/SARNIA

MEMORIAL RACE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

MORC C/JOG (Best 3 of 6 races, 3 to qualify)

The following races will count for the C/JOG distance series

SARNIA/SANILAC/SARNIA

EARL SMITH NIGHT RACE

SARNIA /LEXINGTON/SARNIA

ST. CLAIR RIVER RACE

MEMORIAL RACE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

KETTLE POINT

NOTE: - Both legs of the Sanilac and Lexington races must be completed for them to count for the race.

22) Awards Available (for Station 26 boats only)

BOSTON SAIL TROPHY	best MORC boat in the JOHN BLUNT MEMORIAL
COOPER TROPHY	best MORC corrected time in the KETTLE POINT RACE
ROSS BECHARD MEMORIAL TROPHY	best MORC A Fleet corrected time in the KETTLE POINT RACE
ALLEN TROPHY	best MORC boat, corrected time, in the MEMORIAL RACE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND
BURKE TROPHY	best corrected time for a Station 26 yacht in the TAWAS RACE
LABATT TROPHY	best C/JOG boat in the C/JOG distance series
KATY TROPHY	Awarded to the best MORC C boat for Spring / Fall and Overall Series
VOYAGEUR TROPHY	Awarded to the best MORC A/B boat in the MORC distance series.
ROSS TROPHY	Awarded to the best MORC "B" class boat for Spring / Fall and Overall Series
DOUBLE E TROPHY	JOG boat of the Year- Best boat in Spring / Fall / Overall and Distance Series
KERN TROPHY	Best MORC A boat for Spring / Fall and Overall in Regular Series
COMMODORE'S TROPHY - Boat of the year - MORC Station 26	
	a) Required number of both spring and fall regattas - final position in each regatta to count.
	b) Final best position in class or fleet in 3 out of: John Blunt Memorial Sanilac Kettle Point Lexington Tawas (LHIR) Memorial race Labour Day weekend
	c) Low point count system to be used. The Olympic system will be used to resolve any ties.

23) MORC JOG RULES

- a) All JOG skippers must be approved by MORC Station 26 Executive. Skipper with pervious racing experience may draw penalties. Contact your Fleet Captain.
- b) Handicapping is based upon standard hull measurements of various yachts with penalties to be decided by Station 26. Performance for 2003 to be based upon 2002 series standings. **PENALTIES WILL BE CUMULATIVE.**
- c) If any JOG boats have a valid MORC certificate, it will become the yacht's rated value, plus for 2003 the accumulated penalties will be as per Station 26 rules.

24) JOG Sail Limitations

- a) During regular scheduled races a mainsail, headsail, spinnaker, and staysails are allowed. If not used, a credit will be given for sail limitations.
- b) Spinnaker or whisker poles are permitted for all races, subject to MORC rules.
- c) Rig changes are permitted only between series or before special races provided two days notice is given, in either case.

25) JOG Sail Credits

- a) Rating will be reduced by the following if maximum size sail used is identified.
 - i) #1 Genoa (155%) 0.0'
 - ii) #2 Genoa (135%) 0.2'
 - iii) #3 Genoa (110%) 0.4'
 - iv) Working Jib (100%) 0.5'
 - v) No Spinnaker 1.0'

26) JOG Penalties

Penalties are applied to the following season's races and will be cumulative.

- a) 1st place in series = 0.3'
- b) 2nd place in series = 0.2'
- c) 3rd place in series = 0.1'
- d) Series are Wednesday Spring, Summer & Fall.
- h) Maximum of 0.6' applied to following year.
- i) JOG penalties only count in JOG events and not JOG boats competing in MORC A, B, or C events.

25) Cruising Class

- a) All sails must be PHRF legal.
- b) No headsail greater than 155% is allowed, without penalty.
- c) Main & Jib only.

**ALL YACHTS RACING UNDER THE STATION 26 PROGRAM
MUST COMPLY WITH THE COAST GUARD REGULATIONS OF
THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.**

The decision to race or continue to race must be made by the skipper of each individual yacht regardless of the action of other yachts or race committee.