



Portage Yacht Club

Sailboat Racing since 1953

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Greetings, and welcome to the 72nd year of sailboat racing on Portage Lake.

The Board of Governors appointed the following Race Committee for 2025:

Bill O'Donnel, Chair	Bill Foster	Greg Marion
Marc Gleichert, Vice Chair	Brook Smith	Brian Hawkins
Clark Chapin, Secretary	Paul Ehman	Ann Taylor
Rick Lyons, Quartermaster	Steve Wiseman	

This year's program will again offer a summer-long club regatta through our Silver Series. Thursday nights will feature all our fleets racing which puts more boats on the water and significantly reduces race management assignments. A prominent feature of the evening's races is back-to-back, short races to keep the action tight.

For new, recreational, and serious sailors who would like to enjoy boating on the weekends, we are committed to several weekend sailing/racing events per month. These events will have a focus on learning and improving individual skills in a fun, friendly format.

Our Laser Fleet will be repeating the Fun-First Laser Invitational Racing Series (6 race nights in May and June), as part of the Silver Series. If you know of racers who would like to come to Portage Lake and be a part of this, please let them know. NORs and Entry Forms are available on the PYC web site.

Our Interlake, Flying Scot and ILCA/Laser fleets have one day regattas on the schedule where we invite off-lake sailors to enjoy our lake, club amenities and competitive racing.

The 2025 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Race Management Team assignments along with many articles and videos related to sailing will be available on the PYC website in early May.

Clark Chapin has led in-person "Racing Rules Refresher" on Thursdays, March 6 and 13 to educate us on changes to this year's racing rules. Additionally, in an interactive, instructive, scenario-based Zoom format, Clark will then reprise his popular "PYC Racing Rules Book Club". These sessions will take place on March 27, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 starting at 7:30 PM. Lastly, Clark will instruct hold in-person Race Management training at 7:00 PM on May 8 at the Club.

A potential **Crew List** is maintained by the PYC Office and is available to whoever needs a temporary or permanent crew. The **Crew List** indicates one's racing experience and availability. Just give the club a call and ask for Rick Lyons.

A Notice of Race and Registration Form accompany this letter and are also available on the PYC Website. You may fill out the registration form and send it electronically or you may print the pdf version, fill it out by hand, and mail it to the Club Office (8930 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Pinckney, MI 48169-9430).

The REGISTRATION and **FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 25** to avoid the addition of a \$20.00 LATE FEE.

If you have questions or input on our plan for summer fun, please send your thoughts to me at williamodonnell@comcast.net

Bill O'Donnel
PYC Race Committee Chair