



NOTICE OF RACE

2025 Monday-Night Series to be followed by the Monday-Night Pursuit Series

Venue & Organizing Authority

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Mondays

15 races: May 12th through August 18th

Start Times

There will be a single start for all boats.
The warning signal will be at 1840.

Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Handicaps will be calculated as detailed in the *Monday-Night Handicapping Synopsis*.

The SPSC Members Code of Conduct and Safe Sport Policy apply — see the SPSC By-Laws Handbook.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions and any additional documents are downloadable from the web site. Any changes to the Notice of Race will be incorporated into the online version and posted as a notice to competitors.

The official notice board is in the clubhouse's enclosed porch. Notices will be mirrored on the web site within 24 hours of being posted.

In a Class of its Own

There are no class rules, no measurements are necessary and no certificates are required.

No Spinnakers

Spinnakers will not be allowed on Monday nights. This emphasis on easy boat handling is to encourage new and casual racers to come out and experience competitive sailboat racing.

Rolling Handicaps

Handicaps will be computed after each race from a rolling-average of a boat's individual performance (initialized by the JOG rating given at registration). This is of great benefit to the casual cruiser, as you can race your boat as-is without having to conform to an ideal for your make of boat.

Time-on-Time Handicapping

Corrected times calculations need an arbitrary choice of one of the boats as scratch. Your corrected time is (by definition) a handicapper's prediction of the elapsed time you should have expected were you to be sailing the scratch boat instead of your own. Each boat divides its elapsed time by its own handicap — everyone then multiplies this fraction by the common scratch handicap. Reported race results will allow you to select your own boat as scratch (by clicking on the table row) and show competitors' corrected times relative to your own.

Registration & New Boats

Please fill in the online registration form. Although boats can join the fleet at any time, online registration is needed to have results recorded. New boats are required to register a week in advance of receiving their initial handicap; when registering make note of any special circumstances that would influence your handicap.

RC Duty

Any competitor may be called upon to perform RC duties, dates of which will be published well in advance. Comprehensive RC instructions will be available in the on-water kit and ashore from the SPSC web site.

But see the Monday-Night Pursuit Series Notice of Race for an alternative to RC duty.

Racing Area

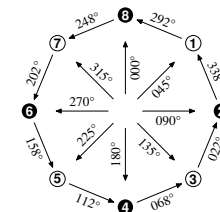
Mark	Latitude	Longitude
1	42°20.823'N	82°49.682'W
2	42°20.393'N	82°49.344'W
3	42°19.912'N	82°49.516'W
4	42°19.662'N	82°50.096'W
5	42°19.789'N	82°50.744'W
6	42°20.219'N	82°51.081'W
7	42°20.700'N	82°50.910'W
8	42°20.950'N	82°50.330'W
R6	42°22.845'N	82°52.476'W
DP7	42°20.834'N	82°54.407'W

The racing area shall be centred at a point 42°20.306'N 82°50.213'W, 0.85 nautical miles at 30° magnetic from outside the Pike Creek channel on Lake St. Clair. Marks are 0.65 nautical miles from the centre point and arrayed in a regular octagon with mark 8 pinned to magnetic north (using magnetic variation of 7.70°W). Mark 4 is at the same latitude and longitude as it has been since 2021.

Marks are white can buoys. Long-distance races may be sailed on suitably windy days. These will use the marks R6, which is a red nun shipping channel buoy, and DP7, which is a green Peche Is. channel buoy.

Start & Finish Area

All courses will start and finish at Mark 4.



Scoring System

Mondays will use the Selective Midpoint System with a 50% participation requirement (RC duty does not count as participation). A boat's race score will be the number of boats beaten less the number of boats lost to. This is a signed number that splits the difference between low-point and high-point scoring. A boat's series score will be the average of all the race scores in which she competed. Rules RRS A3, A5.1, A6 and A10 will apply.

Rum Trophy

The top three competitors will be engraved on the perpetual Rum Trophy which remains on display in the SPSC clubhouse.



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Mondays

5 races: August 25th through September 22nd

Pursuit Start & Finish Times

There will be pursuit starts for all boats. Registered boats will have their own specific start time posted before August 24th. The last pursuit start time will be at 1845. Slower boats will have earlier start times. The target finish time is 1945 for all boats; this is sufficiently early to finish racing in daylight.

Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

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In the Monday-Night Class

All boats registered in the Monday-Night Series are registered for the Monday-Night Pursuit Series. As for that series, there are no class rules, no measurements are necessary and no certificates are required.

Still No Spinnakers

Spinnakers will not be allowed.

Rolling → Fixed Handicaps

Unlike the previous series, handicapping for a boat will be fixed with the same boat-specific start time being used for all five races. The handicap used to determine this start time will be the same as that would be used for a notional sixteenth race in the Monday-Night Series. The only exception will be for a group of boats whose members unanimously decide they want to use the geometric mean of all their the handicaps to create a common start time for the group members.

Handicaps for Pursuit Races

Your handicap is built into your specific start time — boats place in the order they finish without using corrected times.

Handicaps rolling over from the preceding Monday-Night Series take the form of a *general purpose handicap* which are designed to calculate either time-on-time or time-on-distance corrected times — using such a handicap for pursuit race with boat-specific start times is straightforward.

Pursuit start time intervals are calculated using the same technique as used to calculate time allowances (see the scratch sheet on the web site). We will use a target time of one hour for the fastest boat to finish. Pinning the fastest boat start time to 1845 results in a target finish time of 1945 for all boats.

Note that the distance of the chosen race course is only used by the Race Committee to estimate the course that will best match the target finish time. The Race Committee may shorten course after the start to meet the target.

Registration & New Boats

If you have not yet registered for the previous Monday-Night Series please do so on or before August 18th. New boats would do well to race in several races in the preceding Monday-Night Series in order to develop a more representative handicap than an assigned handicap would be.

Encouraging New Racers (in Both Series)

Bringing members, new and old, into taking part in club activities is a part of the club's ethos. Club racing enriches everyone who takes part and the Monday-Night Series is an excellent way to enjoy low-key racing. The Monday-Night Pursuit Series is an even more friendly introduction to racing that all South Port members can enjoy.

We hope all current racers will welcome their fellow members and their prospective crew on board for a race and offer up yourself and your own crew so they might race their own boat a few times in the regular series before the pursuit series starts. As an incentive to current racers, each day of mandatory RC duty in the regular series can be traded off for one day of sailing on a newcomer's boat with the understanding that the newcomer and her crew will serve on the RC vessel. An experienced race officer will be available for the RC vessel on these days. As well, the race officer can provide some simple instruction on the basics of racing that should be useful for a boat owner and her crew who is new to racing. There will be no mandatory RC duty in the pursuit series.

In addition, the sailing school is looking to offer up personalized in-boat, in-race instruction — a racing pro as it were — unfortunately that service will not be ready for the 2025 racing season. In lieu, the sailing school hopes to offer up a day or two of after-race critiquing in the clubhouse using some drone footage. This could be very enjoyable as well as very instructive.

Racing Area

The racing area, starting mark and courses will be the same as for the preceding Monday-Night Series except no long-distance course will be available.

Scoring System

The Pursuit Series will use the same Selective Midpoint System and the same participation requirement as is used in the preceding series.

Rum Trophy

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