






GROSSE POINTE BOAT CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE



General Instructions

Course information and course signals

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
Code Flag "N"		Blue & White Checkered / Race Canceled
Code Flag "AP"		Red & White Striped / Delay of Start

Long course = 5.1 nm

Short course = 3.2 nm

Note: The race 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.

Radio Monitoring

The Dock Committee will make every effort to announce changes to the race via VHF radio. Racers are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 68. Be aware that flags flown on the city mast and starting gun are your primary source of information, radio announcements and communication is secondary and may not be available during a busy start if the committee is shorthanded and cannot attend to the radio.

Starting Sequence for all races


Unless delayed starts are as follows:

7:00 First Gun (Warning)

7:05 Second Gun (5 min warning)

7:10 Third Gun (Start)

7:15 Fourth Gun (2nd start, if there is a second start. You will be notified if there is more than one start).

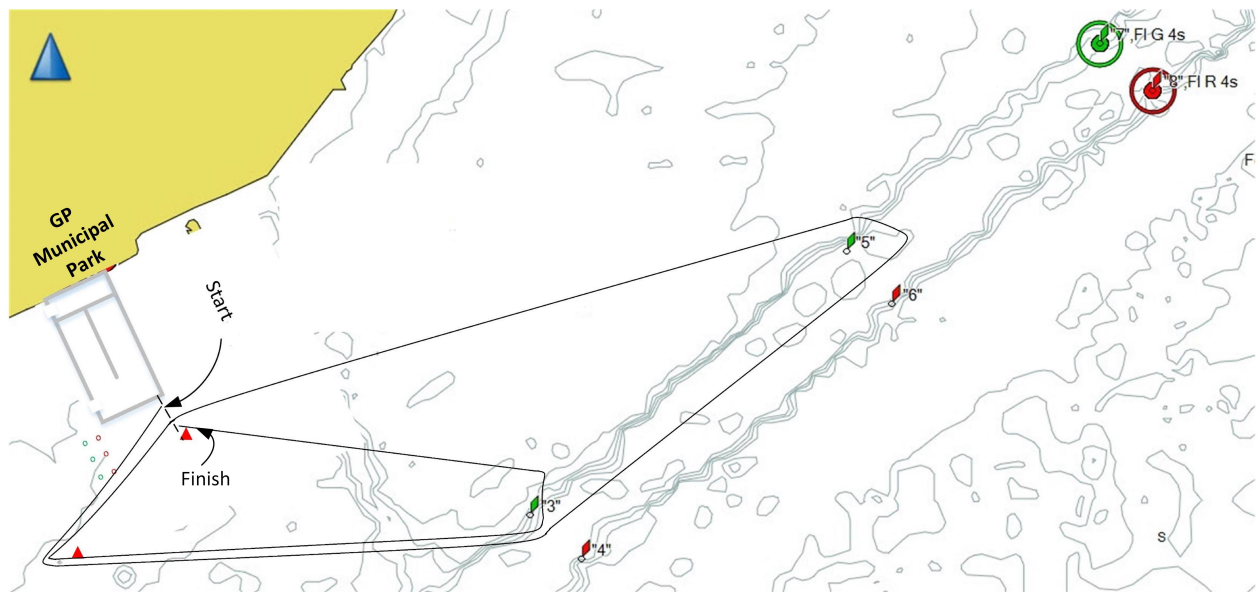
Delay is indicated when code flag AP  is shown.

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

Race Course

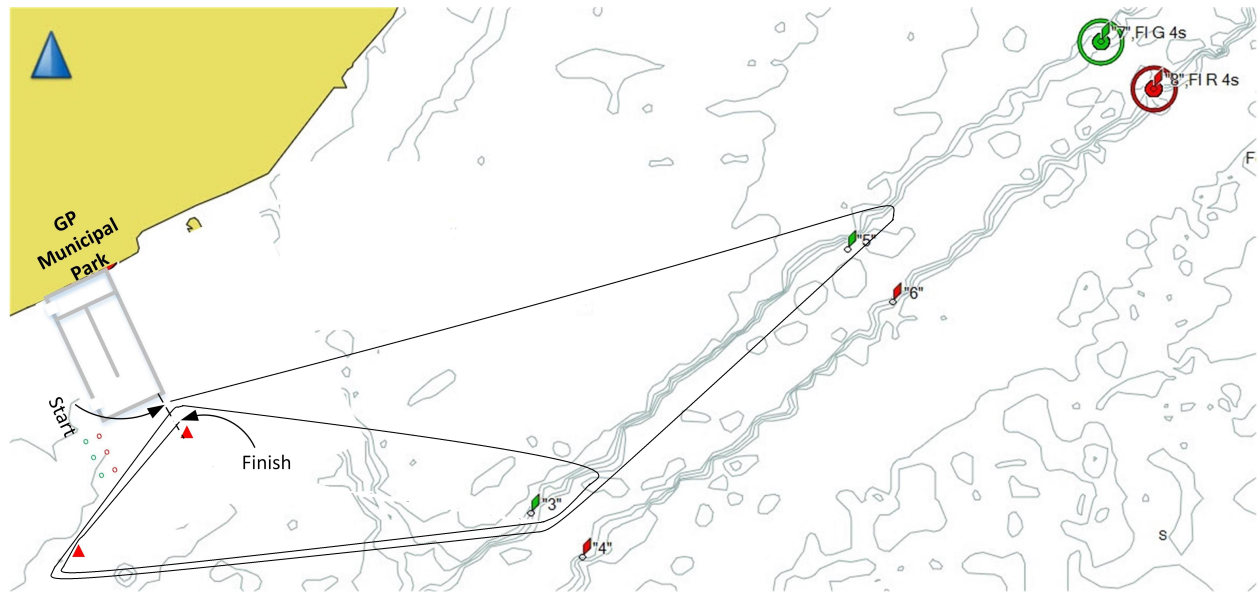
Marks to port

When the red flag is up, you must leave the marks to your port as shown below.



Marks to Starboard

When the green flag is up, you must leave the marks to starboard as shown below.



Long Course

A longer course is raced the second race in June series and the second race in August series. During the long course, instead of rounding channel marker #5, boats proceed past #5 to round marker #7 (Green Can) further up the channel.

Shortened Course



White with Blue Center indicates a shortened course. In such cases you simply finish race first time you cross the finish line without going back to channel marker #3.

Ratings

The race committee will assign you a PHRF rating and your start class. Ratings will be determined by reference to available local (DRYA) and US Sailing data for your boat and its equipment and, along with the class 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. To further aid the Dock Committee we will again provide class code flags, which are required to be flown on your backstay during the races.

Awards

We will again be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place flags for each class and each series this year. We will combine both classes 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 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 us an e-mail via the link on the GPBC website.

GPBC RC George Young, Jay Kaiser, Shahe Momjiam