

## **Fun Races on Tuesday Evening and Sunday Morning around the Marks: 2010**

The fun races are at no cost and are open to any and all sailboats. It is an enjoyable test of sailing; you complete a large circle (1.5 nautical miles in diameter) around the course marks, utilizing all points of sail, and hopefully good race tactics will pay off.

**The start and finish line** is between Mark 4 and the north side of the outer light house on the east pier (Mark 4 is visible about 400 yards west of the end of the west pier). The course is counterclockwise (marks to port). After starting, racers head NNW to Mark 3 and work their way counter-clockwise around the marks.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** the start line extends east (past the lighthouse) if you so chose to start that far to the east. This will allow more room if the lighthouse is the favoured end. You may start on either side of the lighthouse provided you are south of the line extended from Mark 4 and the lighthouse.

**ALSO NEW THIS YEAR:** you may finish by rounding Mark 4 either to Port or Starboard to cross the finish line from either side.

**Tuesday Night Start time is 18:30** GPS time (until Aug. 31) after Aug 31 the start time is 18:00 GPS time.

**Sunday Start time is 09:30** GPS time.

**Time limit is 90 minutes. The race is OVER at the time limit – only boats that finish will score more than one point.**

**Scoring:** 1 point for starting  
1 point for finishing  
1 point for each boat of approximate (+/- 10%) or equal PHRF that you beat.

At the discretion of the race organizer there will be up to 5 races where a bonus point will go to boats with 100% of the crew and skipper wearing life jackets.

Typical completion time is from 55 to 75 minutes (the best known time, by a J24, is 54 minutes). GPS time is the correct starting time; however, you can always stay close to the line and start when the others go. When possible, but not a requirement, a whistle will signal 1 minute to go and a horn will signal the race start.

The current rules of racing apply to incidents such as touching a race mark or another boat. All of this including the start is on the honor system and good sportsmanship is paramount. If there is a protest of any kind the offending boat will forfeit any points earned that race. Note after the first use of a spinnaker you will no longer be classed as white sail.

**IMPORTANT:** e-mail your results to [lmcintosh2@cogeco.ca](mailto:lmcintosh2@cogeco.ca) – including 1) the date 2) the time you finished and 3) what other boats were racing.

One email per week is okay (i.e. Tues, June 22, finish time 19:32:45, other boats racing were A, B, C, & D; Sun June 27, started but DNF (no wind), other boats B & C.

Results will be sent out at reasonable intervals and top boat will receive an award at the Racers Banquet, Nov. 21st. – Good luck!