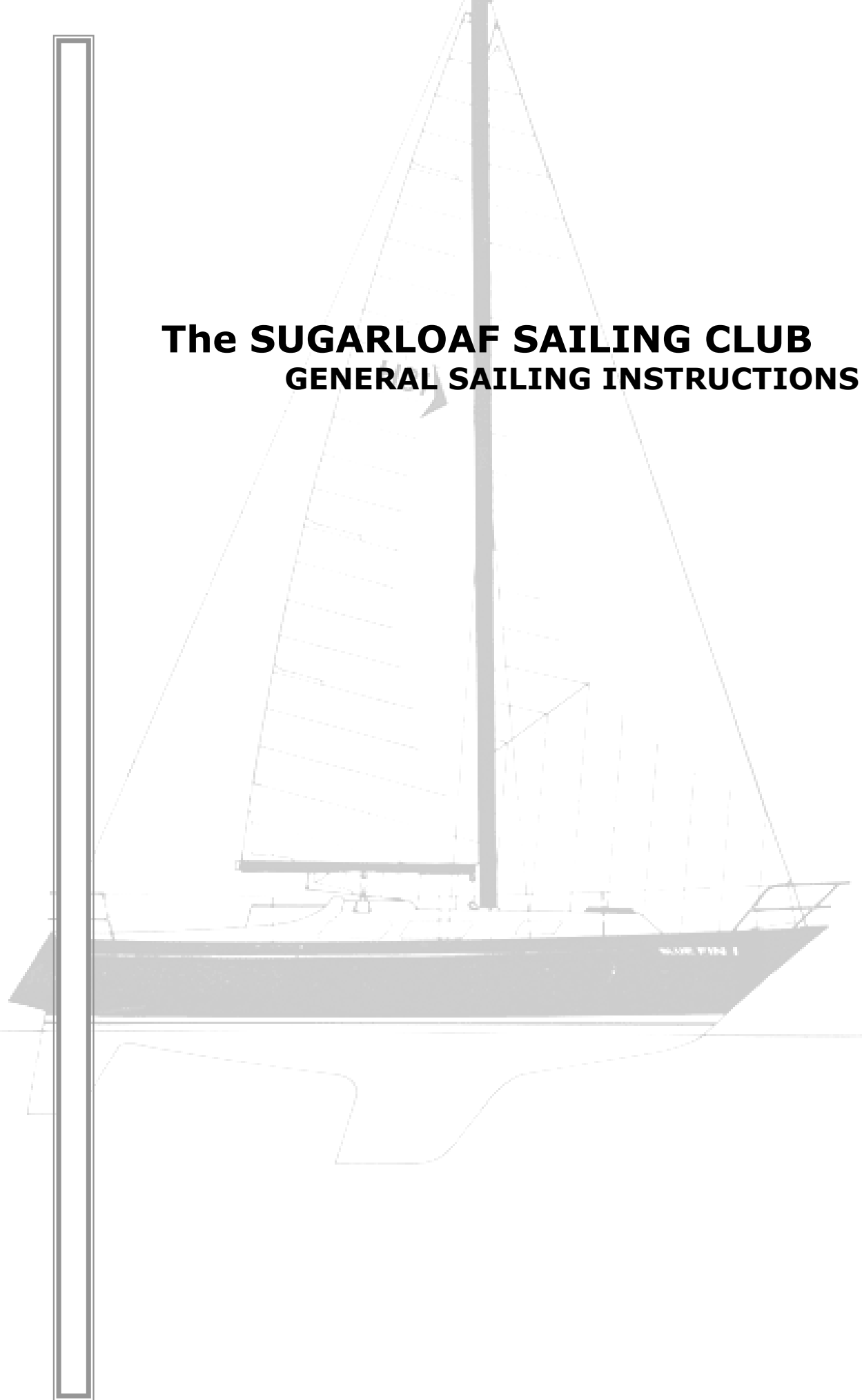


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1. **RULES:**

- 1.1 Club racing will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of *The Canadian Yachting Association*, the rules of individual one design classes entered and by these sailing instructions.

2. **ENTRIES:**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by paying the required event fee and completing registration with the Race Committee.

3. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club bulletin board in the lobby of the Sugarloaf Marina building.

4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to the Skippers' Meeting on the day the event takes place, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 12 noon on the day before it will take effect.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Sugar Loaf Marina flag pole.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two horn blasts (one horn blast when lowered) means "the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered."
- 5.3 **A black flag with two horn blasts means "the race /event is abandoned".**

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

6.1 Refer to the attached Racing Schedule for this year.

7. RACING AREA:

7.1 Club racing and regattas will take place in the waters of Lake Erie off the harbour of Port Colborne east of the shipping channel.

7.2 Starts for long distance racing will take place west of the shipping channel.

8. THE COURSE:

8.1 The diagram(s) in Appendices "A" - Club Racin including approximate GPS points) the order in which marks are to be passed and the side which each mark is to be left will be indicated by the committee boat.

9. MARKS :

9.1 Marks of the club courses will be very expensive 5ft. orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 The less expensive government buoy EA2 may be used as mark of a course. This will be confirmed by the Race Committee prior to a start.

9.3 For the Mohawk Island Race, the weather mark will be the government buoy EA4 marking the shoal south of Mohawk Island.

9.4 For the Lake Erie International, marks of the course will be determined at the Skippers' Meeting.

10. THE START:

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange WC flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a round orange fender at the port end.
- 10.3 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made one minute after the AP is lowered"

11. RECALLS:

- 11.1 Individual recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2. The Race Committee will endeavour to hail any yacht recalled.

General recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.3

12. RETIRING FROM A RACE:

- 12.1 Yachts retiring from a race are required to inform the Race Committee before leaving the race area.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:

- 13.1 In the event of a significant wind shift after the start, a change of course may be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg. The Race Committee may attempt to relocate the other marks in an effort to maintain the original course configuration.

- 13.2 There will not be a change of course after the start of the Mohawk Island Race and the Lake Erie International race I cruise.

14. THE FINISH:

- 14.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange RIC flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a round orange fender at the port end.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:

15.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be a 720deg. turn at her earliest opportunity. However, if she caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by her breach she shall retire.

16. SCORING:

16.1 Series racing and regattas will be scored using the low point system, RRS rule A2, based on the number of boats starting the individual race.

16.2 Course racing will be scored using PHRF-LE handicaps and time on time method for calculation of corrected time.

16.3 Long distance races will be scored using PHRF-LE handicaps and time on distance method for calculation of corrected time.

17. TIES:

17.1 Ties will be broken using the RRS A7,A8.1 and A8.3.

18. SAFETY:

18.1 The Race Committee may deem it necessary to cancel a race due to inclement weather before the race is started. This will be signalled by the hoisting of a black flag from the Marina flag pole.

18.2 If the weather worsens after the start of a race, the decision to continue racing is up to the individual skipper.

18.3 Under certain conditions, the Race Committee may deem it mandatory that all persons aboard competing vessels are to wear a life jacket or personal floatation device. This will be signalled by the hoisting of the "Y" flag. If not signalled, the wearing of adequate personal buoyancy will be at the discretion of the skipper or of your own personal choice.

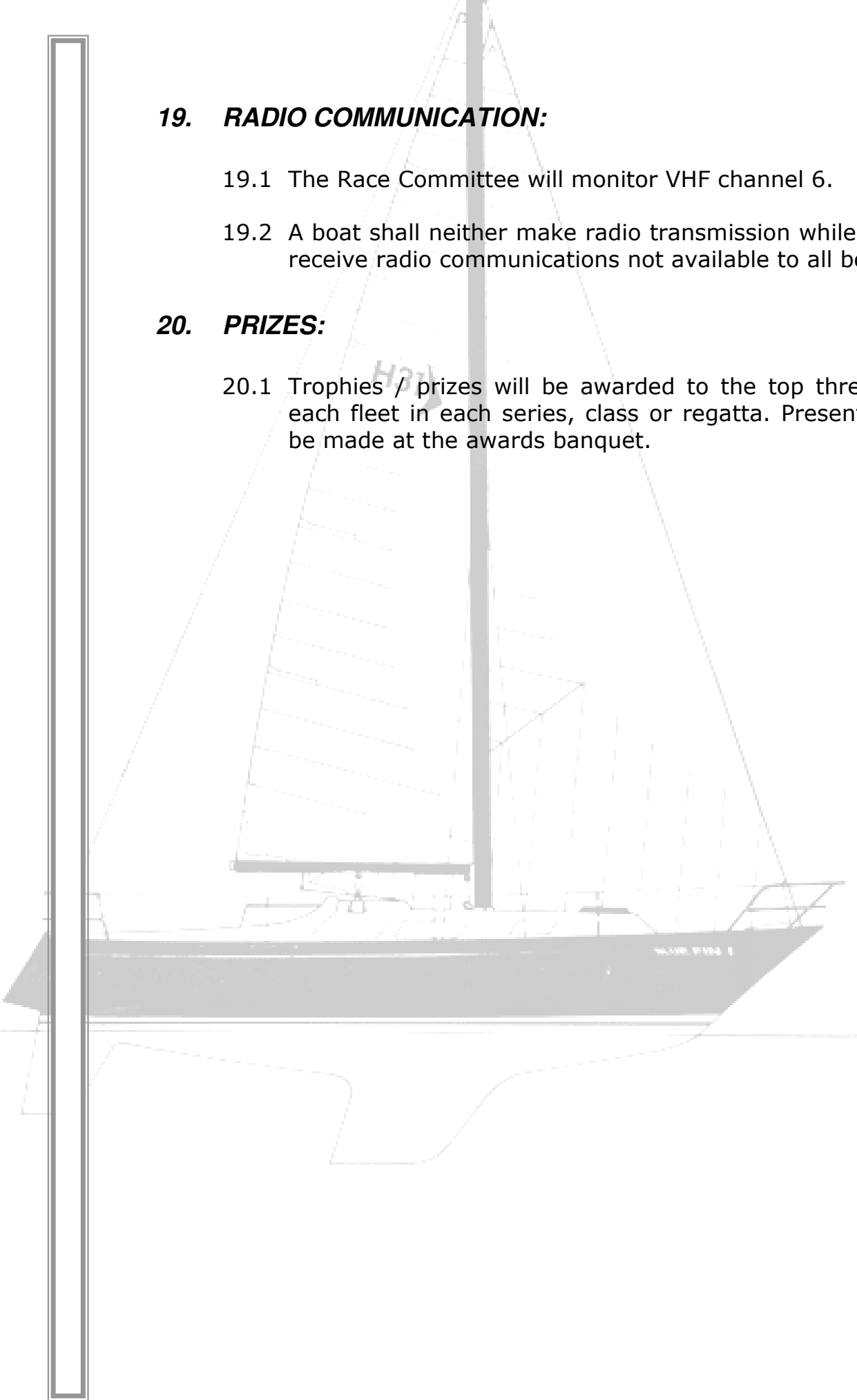
19. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

19.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 6.

19.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

20. PRIZES:

20.1 Trophies / prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each fleet in each series, class or regatta. Presentations will be made at the awards banquet.



21. **PROTEST PROCEDURES**

1. The protesting boat must hail the protested boat of the protest at the **earliest opportunity and display a protest flag** from the backstay.
2. Boats shall notify the Race Committee **at the finish line** of their intention to protest, identifying the boat(s) protested.
3. **The protest shall be written on a Protest Form** available from the Race Committee and submitted to the Event Chairman within 1 hour of the end of the race. A \$10.00 fee is required to validate the protest, and is refunded if the protest is upheld.
4. The Chairman shall then call members of the race committee who are not involved in the protest to act as jurors.
5. The protest shall be heard by the jury on the same day as the race. **Skippers shall represent their boat** and may bring witnesses to the hearing. The protest will be adjudicated based on the CYA rules of racing.
6. In the event that further consultation is required, the Chairman reserves the right to postpone the hearing and verdict until the following week.
7. The final decision of the jury shall be submitted in written form by the Event Chairman to the participating skippers.

Wednesday Night Racing Information 2003

22. ELIGIBILITY

All sailors are welcome to race

Each skipper must complete a registration/waiver form and pay the required entry fee.

23. REGISTRATION

The Race Series cost is \$50 per boat and crew for SSC members.

Participants can register in either a JAM fleet or a Spinnaker fleet in each series.

Fleet assignments will not be changed after (2) races in a series have been completed.

24. SCHEDULE

The Wednesday Night Series will consist of 16 races from June until September. After the first weekend in September a fall series will ensue with the race day moved to Sunday afternoons with the exact number of races yet to be determined.

Boats will compete in an 8 race Marlon Series from May, 2005 to July, 2005 and an 8 race Sugarloaf Series from July, 2005 to September 3, 2005. The fall series will begin on September 10th, 2003 to October 15, 2005.

Races are scheduled to start at 6:35pm sharp for boats with a PHRF-LE of 180 and higher. Boats with a PHRF-LE less than 180 will start at 6:40pm sharp.

The warning signal (yellow flag) will be displayed at 6:30pm.

If required, makeup races will be rescheduled on Sundays.

25. COURSES

All Wednesday night races will start in an area West of the Shipping Channel at the Pinwheel.

The course to be sailed will be displayed by the Committee Boat as an assigned flag or by mark number.

The course markers will consist of 9 Black ABS pipes, they will be numbered 1 through 8 in a circle with the centre mark numbered 9.

The Start/Finish line will be between the R/C flag on the Committee Boat and the mark they designate as the finishing mark. Typically the line will be located to incorporate the centre mark (#9) but this will not always be the case depending on wind conditions. The gate rule will still be in effect and the start finish line **MUST BE PASSED THROUGH ON UPWIND LEGS.**

STARTING	5 min- warning- YELLOW flag up	+1x Horn
SEQUENCE	4 min- preparatory signal- P flag up	+1x Horn
	1 min- warning- P flag down	+1x Long Horn
START-	YELLOW flag down	+1x Horn

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In the event that no Committee Boat is available the Race Committee can call on the skipper, who's turn it is for the hot dogs that evening, to volunteer his/her boat as the Committee Boat. This service will be rewarded by a 3rd place finish.

27. SCORING

The boats will compete in their designated fleet using their PHRF-LE and Time on Time scoring method. **Unless a current or previous unchanged PHRF-LE certificate no more than 4 years old is presented a handicap will be assigned the Race Committee.** Please note that if no certificate is submitted a 7 second per mile penalty will be applied to the vessel's PHRF-LE. Vessels that have not raced in any SSC Wednesday night series before will be exempt from this rule for one season. Competitors will be allowed 2 throw out races in each series provided 8 races are completed.

Scoring will be done by the Bonus Point system. This system is based on the number of boats entered per race.

Finishing Place	Points Assigned
First	0
Second	3
Third	5.7
Fourth	8
Fifth	10
Sixth	11.7
Seventh	13
Each place thereafter	Add 1 point

Reason for not finishing	Points Assigned
DNC – did not compete	1 point + Number of Starters
DNS – did not start	1 point + Number of Starters
DNF – did not finish	1 point + Number of Finishers
RET – retired	1 point + Number of Starters
DSQ – disqualified	3 points + Number of Starters

28. POSTING

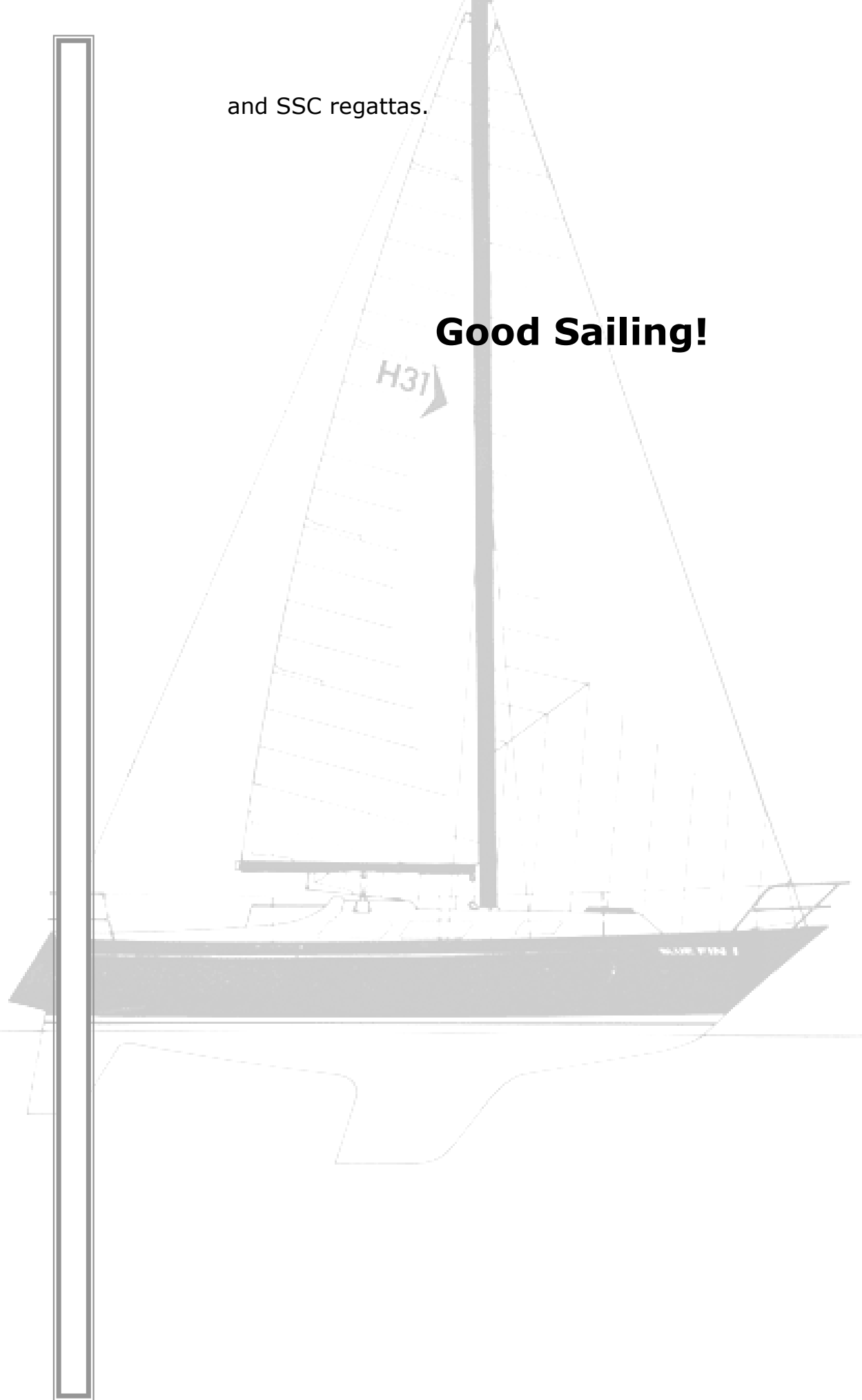
Race results will be posted on the Club Bulletin Board in the Marina Office and on the club website (www.sugarloafsailingclub.ca) 1 or 2 days after each race

29. AWARDS

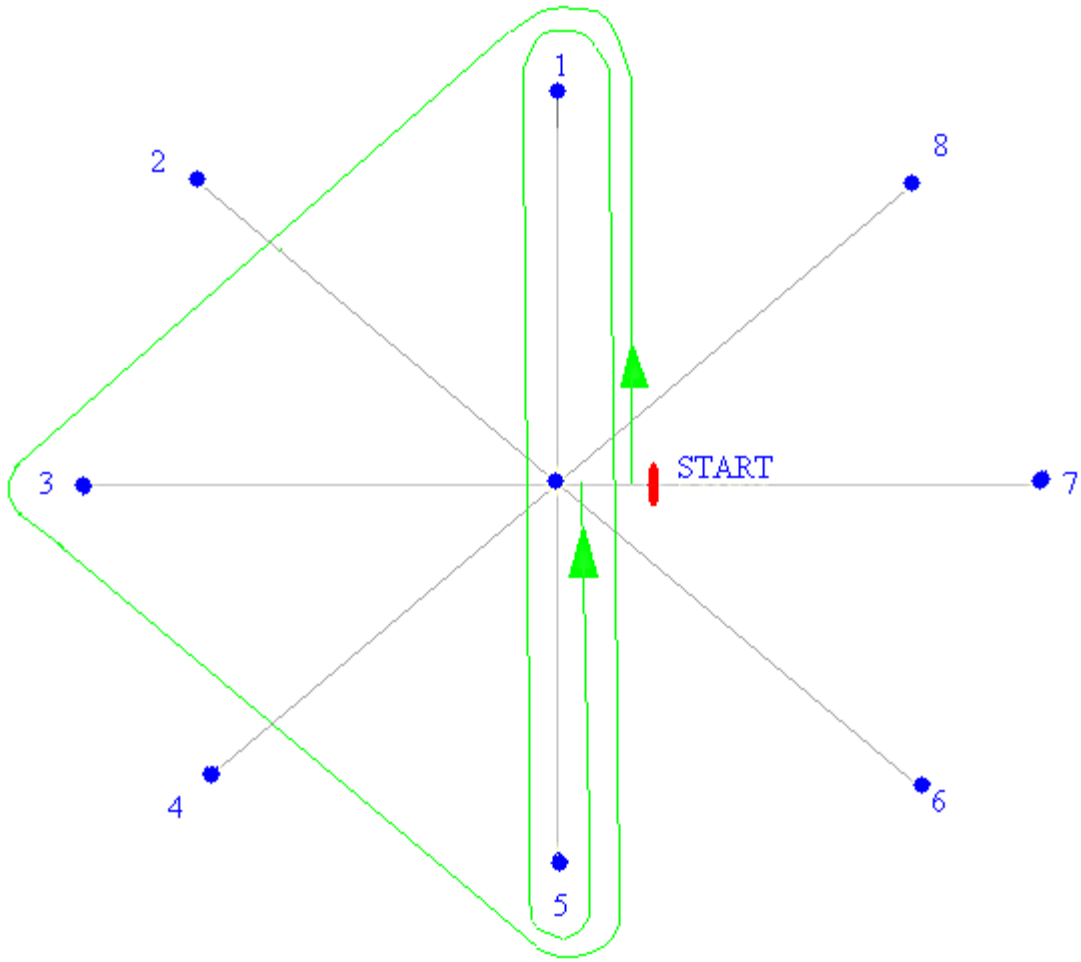
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and SSC regattas.

Good Sailing!



Pinwheel Mark Numbers and GPS co-Ordinates



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