

1. Rules

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the current International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA), the rules of the participating One-Design-Classes and any amendments or changes thereto.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS rule 63.7
- 1.3 Encounters with commercial or government vessels shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.4 Interference with commercial and/or government vessels shall be grounds for protest and possible disqualification.
- 1.5 JAM sail limitations and equipment restrictions for JAM participants are governed by PHRF-LE rules for non-spinnaker fleets.
- 1.6 "Class" is defined in these Sailing Instructions as the group within a division to which a boat is assigned on the scratch sheet (example: PHRF B, JAM A).
- 1.7 The Organizing Authority for the Cleveland Cup is The Cleveland Sailing Association (CSA) and is hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club (EWYC).

2. Entries

- 2.1 Boats shall be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority, including all required fees, and documents prior to the deadlines prescribed in the Notice of Race.

3. Skippers Meeting

- 3.1 The skipper and/or the designated representative of each registered boat is/are required to be present at the mandatory skippers meeting 9:15am September 17, 2011.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located directly north of the EWYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two guns (one gun when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

5. Notices To Competitors

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Board located on the EWYC patio.
- 5.2 The specific course to be sailed, the marks to be rounded, the order and the direction in which they are to be rounded will be announced at the mandatory skippers meeting the morning of the race and, following the Skipper's Meeting, posted to the Official Board.
- 5.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions, if any, shall be posted on the Official Board not later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the First Warning.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 All boats shall start at the same time. **The class flag for all will be Numeral Pennant 1.**

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 Racing shall take place on Lake Erie, north of Edgewater Yacht Club.
- 7.2 Marks of the course may be the EWYC Compass Rose, tetrahedrons, government buoys, inflatable temporary marks, the Cleveland water intake crib and/or a combination of any or all.

8. Course & Directions:

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
- 8.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat, rounded to the nearest 10, and displayed using only the first two digits. Example: 270 degrees is displayed as "27"; 90 degrees is displayed as "09."

9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26.
- 9.2 The First Warning shall be at 10:25am
- 9.3 A boat or boats starting later than five (5) minutes after its starting signal shall be scored as DNS (Did Not Start). This changes RRS rules 35, A3, A4.1 and A5.

10. Recalls

- 10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule RRS rule 29.1. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly. The race committee may attempt to hail boats that have not started properly on VHF channel 72 and/or via hail. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of the race committee to hail any or all boats, failure of a boat to hear or receive its hail, timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats within the hail.
- 10.2 General recalls - will be signaled as prescribed in RRS rule 29.2.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1 The time limit for this race shall be three (3) hours.

13. Equipment & Measurement

- 13.1 A boat may be inspected before starting or after finishing for compliance with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions or its measurement certificate.

14. Protests

- 14.1 Protest Time shall end forty-five (45) minutes after the final boat has finished, withdrawn or scored in position.
- 14.2 Protest time will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board located on the east patio of the EWYC clubhouse.
- 14.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board (located on the east patio of the club -house) shortly after Protest Time ends to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are a party to or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 Protests shall be made as defined in RRS rules 60 and 61.
- 14.5 Protests forms are available in the EWYC "Chart Room," and protests shall be delivered there during the Protest Time, as defined in instruction 14.2.
- 14.6 Protests will be heard in the approximate the order of receipt.
- 14.7 Protests, the outcome of which will not a change in position of the first three finishers of a class or division and/or the awarding of a trophy, may heard at a later date and time to be determined, but shall be heard before the scores are final.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2, will apply.

16. Communications

- 16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This includes the use of mobile phones or other such telephonic devices to transmit and/or receive race related information and/or data.
- 16.2 Any boat may monitor race committee communications on marine VHF channel 72.
- 16.3 Any communications between race committee personnel and/or committee boats, which may be overheard by competitors, shall not be grounds for redress or protest.

17. Equipment Changes

- 17.1 A boat shall use the sail numbers entered on the registration form and shall not change the numbers on its sail or use a sail with a different number during the race without prior written permission of the Organizing Authority.

18. Prizes

18.1 First, Second & Third place prizes will be awarded for JAM and PHRF classes.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority, nor Edgewater Yacht Club, will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction prior to, during, or after the race.

20. Insurance

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

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