

Sailing Instructions
North Coast Women's Sailing Association Regatta
Saturday August 26, 2017
Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio

1. Rules.

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*

1.1 US Sailing Prescriptions to *RSS 60*, *63.2*, and *63.4* shall not apply

2. Entries.

Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying registration fees (if applicable per the NOR) to the Organizing Authority before 0900 on August 26, 2017. The Organizing Authority has sole discretion on entry eligibility.

3. Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Edgewater Yacht Club by the patio grill.

4. Signals Made Ashore.

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located directly north of the Edgewater Yacht Club clubhouse and patio. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. Schedule and Class Flags.

The warning signal for the first race will be 0955. Subsequent races may be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.

5.1 Final class flags shall be numeral pennants and will be determined after registration has closed. Preliminary classes are as shown in Exhibit "A"

5.2 If a One Design Fleet registers three (3) or more boats, they will be given a separate start. They must however, declare a rating in order to qualify for any prizes awarded.

5.3 The starting sequence will be at the discretion of Race Committee. Race Committee will attempt to hail the order over the VHF on channel 71, at least 5 minutes before the first warning of the day.

5.4 Multiple classes/fleets may share the same start based on overall participation.

5.5 If races are abandoned, or are cancelled due to weather, or other unforeseen events, they will not be made up.

6. Racing Area.

The racing area will be on the open waters of Lake Erie, North of the Edgewater Yacht Club.

7. Courses and Marks.

The course will be a Drop Mark Course. The course will be posted to on the Committee Vessel prior to the preparatory signal for each class/fleet. A diagram showing potential courses are shown in Exhibit "B"

8. Starting and Finishing Lines.

The starting and finishing lines will be between as follows:

For an On-the-water Start and Finish

Starting Line will be the course side of a YELLOW cylinder and the orange flag on the port side of the Race Committee signal vessel. The Finish Line will be between a blue flag on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal vessel and the course side of a YELLOW tetrahedron.

9. Radio Communications.

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

9.1 All communications from and to the Race Committee shall be on VHS channel 71.

9.2 The Race Committee may use VHF or Loud Hailer to communicate information including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS sail numbers, Individual or General Recalls and Postponements.

9.3 Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow/sail number or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes *RRS 62.1*.

9.4 Communications between the Race Committee that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

10. Time Limits.

The time limit for each race will be two (2) hours for the first boat (in each class) to finish. If no boat reaches the finish within the time limit the race will be abandoned and not rescheduled. The Race Committee may shorten the race at any point in order that boats may finish within the 2 hour limit.

10.1. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. The score for TLE shall be the number of boats finishing the race, plus one (1). This changes *RRS 35, 90.3 and Appendix A 4.1*.

10.2 No initial warning signal will be made after 1400

11. Coaching.

11.1 No more than one (1) coach, either male or female, is allowed on boats that normally sail with five (5) or fewer crew (including skipper). No more than two (2) coaches, male or female, are allowed on boats that normally sail with more than five (5) crew (including skipper). The Race Committee, in its sole discretion, whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine the allowable number of coaches for each boat.

11.2 While racing, a male coach may only provide verbal coaching and may not assist the crew physically, except in an emergency (please refer to the NCWSA Coaching Guidelines for further clarification on these restrictions). In the event that a male coach provides assistance to a boat while racing, including in an emergency, the boat shall immediately inform the race committee and take a 40% scoring penalty. This changes *RRS 44.3*.

11.3 If the boat owner and skipper disagree on any issue, the owner's decision will prevail.

11.4 This (11.1-11.4) changes *RRS 41*.

12. Protests.

Protests shall be delivered to the EWYC Chart Room within one (1) hour after the Race Committee signal vessel docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after racing in the EWYC Chart Room or other area designated by the Organizing Authority. Hearings may not be held the same day but as soon as practicable.

12.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee signal vessel of her intention to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting, after clearing the finish line. She may do this by either VHF or direct hail. Failure to inform the Race Committee of the intention to protest will be grounds for dismissal of the protest. This changes *RSS 61*

13. Scoring

Five races are scheduled for each class. All scores will count. This changes *RSS Appendix A*. One race constitutes a series.

14. Prizes

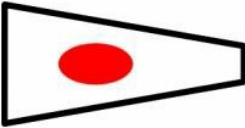
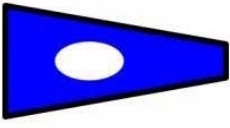
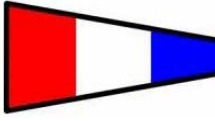
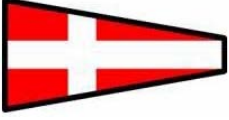
1st, 2nd and 3rd awards in T-10, PHRF and Jam.

Any One Design boat competing for prizes must declare a rating.

EXHIBIT "A"

NCWSA Regatta Class Flags

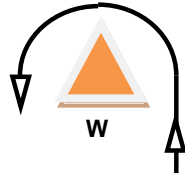
(PRELIMINARY)

<u>Flag</u>	<u>Class</u>	
1	T-10	
2	PHRF	
3	JAM	
4	One Design (if applicable)	

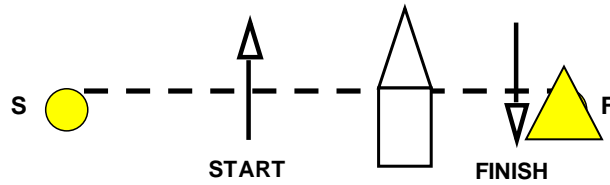
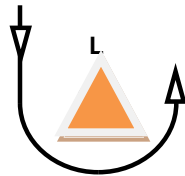
FINAL FLAG ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.

THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE STARTING ORDER.

EXHIBIT “B” – Course Diagram(s)



NOT TO SCALE



Course	Mark Sequence
“A”	Start – W(p) – Finish
“B”	Start – W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – Finish
“C”	Start – W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – Finish