

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 PHRF Lake Erie rules and rulings may apply to PHRF and JAM fleets. One Design class rules may apply to designated One Design fleets.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) 41, A4.2, A5, A9 and Race Signals AP will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 US prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.5 US Sailing prescription Appendix T, Sections A and C will apply.
- 1.6 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."
- 1.7 To the extent allowed under rule 87, class and fleet rule(s) may be changed as follows: The use of marine VHF radios, Loran and GPS is permitted; there will be no class membership requirements; there will be no weight restrictions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The series is open to all monohull boats of more than 20 feet in overall length that are skippered and crewed by women, each of whom must be a member of NCWSA, except that designated "Racing Prep" fleet boats may be skippered by an NCWSA member or by the boat owner or owner's representative. Any class of boat not listed may contact the organizing authority to request inclusion.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Eligible boats may enter using the required Skipper/Owner Registration / Waiver form, which is available at www.ncwsa.net/Forms and must be completed and submitted online.
- 3.2 Registration must be completed by 17:00 Monday June 5, 2017.

SCHEDULE

- 3.3 Races are scheduled on Tuesday evenings June 6 – August 29, 2017.
June 6: Shakedown cruise (get to know the boat)
June 13: Practice Race with RC
June 27 – August 29: Races
The racing schedule will be posted on www.ncwsa.net.
- 3.4 The time of the first warning signal for each Tuesday is as follows:
June 6, 2017 – August 15, 2017: 1855
August 22, 2017– August 29, 2017: 1825
- 3.5 Changes to the schedule of races, including cancellation of races, will be posted on the official notice board located on the patio of the EYC clubhouse.

4. MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 Each boat in the PHRF and JAM fleets, shall produce a valid PHRF-LE rating certificate. Each One-Design boat shall produce a valid Class measurement certificate. The Race Committee, in its sole discretion, whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine the rating for any boat for which a PHRF-LE certificate is not produced, and placement within divisions.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available no later than the Skipper's Meeting on June 6, and will also be posted on the NCWSA website, www.ncwsa.net.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 Racing will take place on multiple courses in the open waters of Lake Erie immediately North of Edgewater Yacht Club.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 Series scores will be posted on www.ncwsa.net. The Low Point scoring system described in Appendix A2 shall apply except as follows:
- 7.1.1 There shall be one throw-out for every four (4) races completed by a fleet, with a maximum of two (2) throw-outs.
 - 7.1.2 DNS, DNF and TLE shall be assigned a score of the number of boats that came to the starting area, plus 1.
 - 7.1.3 DNC (Boats that did not compete in the race) shall be assigned a score of the number of boats entered in the series, plus 1.
 - 7.1.4 DSQ shall be assigned a score of the number of boats finishing plus 2.
 - 7.1.5 These (7.1.1 – 7.1.4) change RRS A4.2, A5 and A9.
 - 7.1.6 Individual boat crews, determined by lottery before the season, will be required to serve on Race Committee, thereby not participating in their fleet for that night. Each boat that does RC will be awarded points equal to a first-place finish. All boats racing will be scored based upon their finish position. No scores awarded if no racing is held the night of the RC commitment. Boat crews not showing up for their RC commitment will be scored DNC.
- 7.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 8.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the patio of the main Edgewater Yacht Club building.

9. COACHING

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
 - 9.3 Race Prep coaches, male or female, may perform any task on the boat, including skippering.
 - 9.4 If the boat owner and skipper disagree on any issue, the owner's decision will prevail.
 - 9.5 This (9.1-9.4) changes RRS 41.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 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.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be given as follows: first three places in each racing fleet or division.

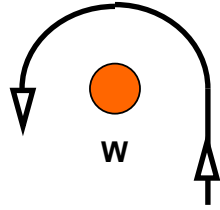
12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 12.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor or coach agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

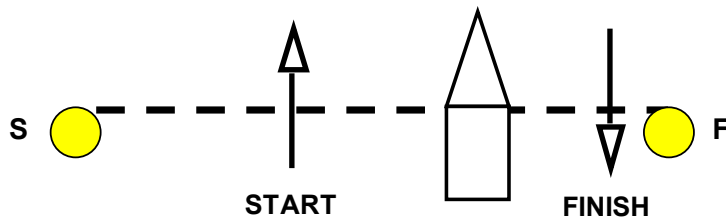
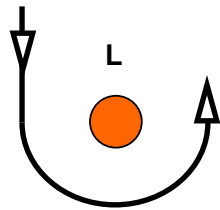
13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information, please visit the NCWSA Website, www.ncwsa.net, or contact Eleni Markakis, racing@ncwsa.net

EXHIBIT “A” – Course Diagram(s)






NOT TO SCALE



13.2 Course	13.3 Mark Sequence
13.4 “A”	13.5 Start – W(p) – Finish
13.6 “B”	13.7 Start – W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – Finish
13.8 “C”	13.9 Start – W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – Finish

EXHIBIT “B” – Class Flags

Initial Start Sequence		#
T-Ten		1
PHRF		2
JAM		3