

2018 NCWSA Women's Regatta • August 25, 2018
North Coast Women's Sailing Association
Cleveland, Ohio

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 PHRF-SS 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 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 To the extent allowed under rule 87, class and fleet rule(s) may be changed as follows: The use of marine VHF radios and GPS are permitted; there will be no class membership requirements; there will be no weight restrictions.
- 1.5 The following will not be grounds for protest or redress: class measurement or rating certificates (or lack thereof); class sail measurements; and items outlined in 1.4 (above). This changes RRS 60.1.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all mono-hull boats of more than 20 feet in overall length that are skippered and crewed by women. The Organizing Authority anticipates divisions including PHRF, JAM, and T-Ten. Any class of boat not listed may contact the organizing authority to request inclusion.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the required registration at www.ncwsa.net. The entry fee is \$45.00 prior to August 17, 2018 and \$55.00 from August 18, 2018 until 1800 August 24, 2018.
- 2.3 Registration must be received by 1800 on August 24, 2018.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The regatta schedule is as follows:
 - 0700 - 0820 – Pick up Skipper's packets; Continental Breakfast and Networking
 - 0820 - Skipper's Meeting
 - 0955 - First Warning signal
 - 1530 - 1800 – Post-Regatta 80's Party and Awards
- 3.2 Number of races: A maximum of five (5) races are scheduled. No initial warning signal will be made after 1530.

4 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat in the PHRF and JAM fleets shall produce a valid PHRF-SS rating certificate. The Race Committee may assign a rating for any boat for which a PHRF-SS certificate is not produced.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be made available at the skipper's meeting on August 25, 2018

6 VENUE

Racing will take place on Lake Erie north of EWYC using fixed marks, inflatable marks, or a combination thereof.

7 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 and other wireless devices.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 The Low Point scoring system described in Appendix A2 shall apply except that all race scores will count. This changes RRS A2.
- 8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3 DNC, DNS, DNF and TLE shall be assigned a score of the number of boats finishing plus 1, and DSQ shall be assigned a score of the number of boats finishing plus 2. This changes RRS 44.3, A4.2, A5 and A9.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded at the regatta party following the races.
- 9.2 Prizes will be given as follows: first three places in each racing fleet or division.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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. In the event that a male coach provides physical assistance to a boat while racing, including in an emergency, the boat shall immediately inform the race committee and take a 20% 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 NOR points 11.1 through 11.4 change RRS 41.

12 GUEST DOCKAGE

- 12.1 Guest docks and trailer parking facilities will be assigned when a boat arrives at Edgewater Yacht Club. Visiting boats will be allowed to stay two (2) days prior to and following the regatta at no charge.
- 12.2 All boats should be properly equipped for rafting, if necessary.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the NCWSA website, www.ncwsa.net, or contact Jayme Kish, secretary@ncwsa.net