
I-LYA DEEPWATER & STEEPLECHASE RACES

July 29 – July 30, 2206

Organizing Authority: Inter-Lake Yachting Association

Host Clubs: Edgewater Yacht Club, North Cape Yacht Club, Sandusky Sailing Club, , Gross Ile YC, Put-in-Bay YC

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS Rule 63.5(c)(2)

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, AND PLACEMENT

- 2.1. This event is open to members of US Sailing or other National Authorities, members of recognized yacht clubs, members of recognized class associations and others as may be designated by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2. Expected classes: PHRF, JAM, Casual JAM Cruising, Rendezvous
- 2.3. The Organizing Authority shall, at its sole discretion, determine eligibility and placement within divisions.
- 2.4. Boats registering for the Cruising JAM Class may enter without a PHRF certificate, being that the boat qualifies as a PHRF boat. "Cruising Credits" will be applied to boats presenting a valid PHRF Certificate.
- 2.5. The Cleveland PURSUIT race will be for Cruising JAM Class that will start earlier per the schedule in 5.1. Each boat will start at its own start time, with the highest rating starting first.
- 2.6. Eligible boats shall register using online registration by the specified deadline.
- 2.7. Online registration is available at <http://www.i-lya.org/> and yachtscoring.com.
- 2.8. The deadline for registration is 2359 hours Friday July 24, 2026.
- 2.9. The acceptance of registrations received after the specified deadlines in Section 2.8 are at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and, if accepted, are subject to an additional late fee of \$20.00.
- 2.10. All boats shall deliver a completed and signed "Waiver of Liability" form during registration through Yacht Scoring.
- 2.11. A minimum of five (5) Keelboats registered before the deadline in Section 2.8 shall be required to be considered a One Design Class.

3. FEES

- 3.1. Fee schedule for Deepwater & Steeplechase by Race Starting Location:
 - 3.1.1. Cleveland: \$95.00
 - 3.1.2. Sandusky: \$50.00
 - 3.1.3. Toledo: \$50.00
 - 3.1.4. Grosse Ile: \$50.00
- 3.2. It is imperative that the true total length is furnished to the Registrar for docking purposes. Improper lengths being given may result in being docked at the Dockmaster's discretion.

Bowsprits, pulpits, motors protruding beyond the hull should be counted as part of overall length. These overall lengths are for dockage purposes only and shall have no effect on Ratings.

4. DOCKAGE

- 4.1. Dockage for the Cleveland Deepwater is included for Wednesday Night and Thursday until NOON. Cleveland boats wanting I-LYA dockage after NOON on Thursday MUST register for the I-LYA Bayweek Regatta.
- 4.2. Dockage for the Sandusky , Toledo ,and Grosse Ile Deepwater races is NOT included with registration. Boats wanting I-LYA dockage MUST register for the I-LYA Bayweek Regatta.
- 4.3. Please see I-LYA Bayweek Registration for Regatta Pricing, including Rendezvous Pricing. (Rendezvous Pricing includes dockage and access to social functions.)

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Deepwater Races are started by Edgewater Yacht Club, Sandusky Sailing Club, North Cape Yacht Club, and Grosse Ile Yacht Club. **The first warning times are as follows:**

Cleveland Deepwater	July 29 th	1330	Cruising JAM Class – Pursuit Start
		1755	JAM & PHRF Classes
Sandusky Steeplechase	July 30 th	0855	Centerboards
Sandusky Deepwater	July 30 th	0955	JAM & PHRF, and Cruising JAM Class
Toledo Deepwater	July 30 th	0855	JAM & PHRF, and Cruising JAM Class
Detroit/Grosse Ile	July 30 th	0955	Jam & PHRF, and Cruising JAM Class

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat shall conform to its class rules.
- 6.2. Cruising JAM Class competitors will not be required to submit a measurement certification certificate. Boats without current certificate will be assigned a temporary rating at the discretion of the Organizing Authority which shall be valid for the regatta only and cannot be appealed.
- 6.3. Keelboats registering online shall either email to the Registrar no later than the registration deadline a copy of their current valid PHRF Certificate or current one design measurement / rating certificate.
- 6.4. In the event of a conflict between PHRF Rating Authorities, a temporary rating will be assigned at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, I-LYA, through the I-LYA Sail Regatta Race Committee, which shall be valid for this regatta.
- 6.5. A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected, or directed to be placed for inspection, at any time for compliance with Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions, and this Notice of Race.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Race packets, including Sailing Instructions, scratch sheets, and pursuit start times for Cleveland will be available on yachtscore.com by Sunday, 26 July 2026 by 2355 PM. Packets may be picked up at the respective starting clubs as follows:

Cleveland	Edgewater Yacht Club	July 29 th	1000
Sandusky	Sandusky Sailing Club	July 29 th	1700
Toledo	North Cape Yacht Club	July 29 th	1700
Detroit	Grosse Ile Yacht Club	July 30 th	0745

8. VENUE

8.1. All races will take place on and about the Open Waters of Lake Erie.

9. COURSES

9.1. The course to be sailed, the marks to be rounded, the order of each mark and the side to which each mark is to be rounded will be specified in the Sailing Instructions for each starting location.

9.2. The races shall be governed by US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements concerning any safety requirement as follows:

Cleveland Deepwater:	“Coastal Racing”
Sandusky Deepwater:	“Near Shore Racing”
Toledo Deepwater:	“Near Shore Racing”
Detroit/ Grosse Ile	“Near Shore Racing”

10. SCORING

10.1. The Low-Point System of Appendix A will be used.

10.2. Each boat shall completely and accurately fill out and deposit a “Finish Card” in the receptacle provided by the Dockmaster on A-Dock within three hours after finishing.

10.3. Finish Cards will be provided as part of the Sailing Instructions or included in the Skippers Package.

10.4. Failure to accurately fill-out or turn in a finish card may result in a score of Did Not Finish (DNF).

11. AWARDS

11.1. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place series finishes in each class.

12. INSURANCE

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

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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 by result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor 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.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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14.1. Regatta Chair Bob Sheppard – bssailing@gmail.com - 614-746-4966

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14.3. Registrar Nate Edmunds – bvyc24@gmail.com -734-646-3436

14.4. Social Chair Connie Miller – csmpibyc@gmail.com - 216-430-5796