

89th Annual Falcon Cup Race

30th Annual Sundance Trophy Race

Saturday, August 8th, 2026



FALCON TRIVIA

Don't forget to catch your
bag of ice in the channel
after the race.
Legend has it,
the originators
of the Falcon Cup were
out of ice for their drinks
by the end of the race
(there were no refrigerators or
boat coolers back then)
and demanded
more ice on the way in.
The tradition lives on!

FALCON CUP RACE

Course is from the Cleveland Yachting Club to the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club on August 8th, 2026.

REQUIREMENTS / ELIGIBILITY

Falcon Cup Race

The Falcon Cup, which was donated by the late Commodore R. A. Bostwick, has been raced between Rocky River (Cleveland Yachting Club) and Mentor (Mentor Harbor Yachting Club) since 1938.

The race for the Falcon Trophy is open to single hulled cruising auxiliary sailboats with a minimum of 6,000 lbs. displacement and measuring no less than 25 feet overall. The boats must have a permanently mounted inboard engine with a shaft and propeller, be outfitted with bunks, stove and a head.

Converted racing boats are specifically barred from entering. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat not within the spirit of the race; any boat which the committee deems unseaworthy; any boat without a current PHRF certificate; or any boat not a member of an Inter-Lake Yachting Association member yacht club.

Sundance Trophy Race

The Sundance Trophy Race will be sailed concurrently with the Falcon Cup Race. It is open to boats which do not meet one or more of the criteria established for the Falcon Cup Race. Entrants must be members of an Inter-Lake Yachting Association yacht club and have a current PHRF certificate to be scored. The organizing authority may assign ratings that shall be valid for this event only and are not subject to redress.

TROPHIES

Awards will be given for first, second and third place winners in each division. In addition, an award will be given to the first boat to finish. The Falcon Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Falcon Cup Race, inscribed accordingly, but retained at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club. A keeper trophy and a flag will be presented to the winner. The Sundance Trophy, donated by the late Ron Fetterman, and rededicated in 1996 in his memory, will be awarded the winner of the Sundance Race, inscribed accordingly, but retained at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club. A keeper trophy and a flag will be presented to the winner.

ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th

1:00 p.m. Registration Ends All Registration will be via the Yachtscoring website. Contact sailingmhyc@gmail.com for assistance. All documents will be available for download.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th

Al a Carte breakfast at CYC starting at 7:00am

8:30 a.m. Race starts off CYC

After races (approximately 3-6pm) at MHYC, Free Beer • Cash Bar • Live Entertainment

6:00 p.m. Dinner - Reservations Required 440-257-7214

RV Camping on the West Beach area is available. Contact Race Chairman to arrange.

PAST FALCON CUP WINNERS

1938 CYC Jamie.....	Julius Simms
1939 MHYC Playboy.....	J. L. Kopach
1940 LYC Aquila.....	Busch Bros.
1941 CYC Kittyhawk.....	Timken Bros.
1942 EYC Carina.....	Jim Rider
1943 MHYC Falcon II.....	R. H. Bostwick
1944 CYC Windlassie.....	H. O. Seusam
1945 EYC Carina.....	Jim Rider
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1947 MHYC Falcon II.....	R. H. Bostwick
1948 MHYC Falcon II.....	R. H. Bostwick
1949 MHYC Tigress.....	F. F. White
1950 MHYC Water Witch.....	H. F. Seymour
1951 MHYC Tigress.....	F. F. White
1952 MHYC Duchess.....	C. F. Stewart
1953 LYC Saracen.....	D. A. Heisner
1954 CHLYC. Hoot Mon.....	L. M. Pirie1
1955 MHYC Sesame.....	G. L. Sackett
1956 MHYC Slalom.....	P. H. Geier
1957 MHYC Indigo.....	S. K. Wellman
1958 BYC Meteor III.....	H. Burkard
1959 CYC Hornpipe.....	O. W. Busch
1960 CYC Tehani.....	J. Warden
1961 EYC Enigma.....	K. Eckerd
1962 MHYC Cheetah.....	C. R. Newpher
1963 CLYC Heimkehr II.....	K. Hobus
1964 MHYC Cheetah.....	R. Newpher
1965 EYC Kahili.....	F. W. Zurn
1966 CYC Kittyhawk.....	R. Timken
1967 MHYC Himlen II.....	N. T. Pinkerton
1968 NEYC O'Dota.....	Inwin Grohs
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1970 MHYC Wildcat.....	Willard Frissell
1971 CYC Scamper.....	Ed Fracker
1972 MHYC Tandem.....	Britton-Pinkerton
1973 EYC Kahili II.....	F. W. Zurn
1974 MHYC Streaker.....	Fracker-Wood
1975 EYC Kahili II.....	F. W. Zurn
1976 MHYC Surfrider.....	Jon Ruhlman
1977 MHYC Twain.....	Quadriga
1978 MHYC Sinbad.....	Fred Steger
1979 LYC Wileaway.....	Jack Rush
1980 MHYC Cheetah II.....	C. R. Newpher
1981 LYC Wileaway.....	Jack Rush

AWARDS

C. R. Newpher Trophy - awarded to the winner of the J-24 class. A minimum of five participants is required.

Jager Cup - awarded to the winner of the Ensign class.

Donald K. Wilson Memorial Trophy - awarded to the winner of the Jib and Main class.

FALCON CLASSES

1. PHRF: A Lake Erie PHRF (PHRF) Class Rules and Ratings will apply. Division splits will be made after entries close on Friday, August 7th, 2026. The decisions by the Race Committee on class splits are final and not subject to protest.

2. JAM: The PHRF JAM Class Rules and Ratings shall apply. Division splits will be made after entries close on Friday, August 7th, 2026. The decisions by the Race Committee on class splits are final and not subject to protest.

3. ONE DESIGN: Each class with five or more entrants will be scored as a class. Each class shall be governed by its respective One-Design Class Rules. One-Design boats who file a PHRF rating certificate with their entry will also be eligible for the Falcon Cup or Sundance Trophy.

4. SHORT HANDED: There may be a start for single-handed and double-handed entries. These classes will be governed by their respective class rules. Boats who file a current PHRF rating certificate with their entry will also be eligible for the Falcon Cup or Sundance Trophy. The PHRF requirement that the crew consist of no less than three is waived for these classes only.

5. CRUISING CANVAS: This class consists of cruising boats with the following allowable sails: mainsail, roller furling jib, maximum headsail size 155% LP, legal asymmetrical or cruising spinnaker, made for the boat, which shall be attached to a midline tack-line which may be adjustable but must be led to a tack point no further than 36" forward or aft of the headstay. Symmetrical spinnakers are not allowed. Staysails are permitted only as under the PHRF Jib and Main (JAM) rules. Use of a whisker pole as per PHRF JAM rules. A two-masted boat may fly a mizzen staysail from the mizzen mast.

SCORING

The results of the Falcon Cup Race and the Sundance Trophy Race will be scored using PHRF Lake Erie handicaps. Each boat which carries a current PHRF handicap certificate and meets the eligibility requirements will be scored for either the Falcon Cup Race or the Sundance Trophy Race respectively, in addition to the Class or PHRF Division entered.

REGISTRATION / ENTRY FORMS / FEES

Registration will be with YachtScoring.com. **Registration Ends at 1pm on Friday, August 7th, 2026.**

RULES (preliminary- see Sailing Instructions)

These races shall be governed by the current Racing Rules for Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the applicable One Design Class Rules, the PHRF regulations, by this Notice of Race and by the Falcon Cup Sailing Instructions. This event is designated Category A in accordance with rule 79 and Appendix G2.3 and G3 of the RRS. This event is designated Category 4 under the 1998 Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls and Multihulls.

1982	MHYC J & B.....	Jim Hickey
1983	MHYC Vampire....	Dan van Heeckeren
1984	CYC Hawkeye.....	Inglefeld / Ragg
1985	EWYC Avalanche....	Robert Bennett
1986	CYC Revenir.....	Robert Sessions
1987	EWYC Avalanche....	Robert Bennett
1988	CLYC Snoopy.....	Robert Haworth
1989	GRSC Quick Draw....	James McGraw
1990	CLYC Hardtack.....	George Raynor
1991	CYC Revenir.....	Robert Sessions
1992	MHYC Surfrider.....	Jon Ruhlman
1993	MHYC Quintessence..	Dwight Allgood
1994	MHYC Vampire....	Dan Van Heeckeren
1995	MHYC Trivial Pursuit.....	Dave Young
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1997	CLYC Hardtack.....	George Raynor
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1999	CYC Lager.....	John Walsh
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2001	CLYC Hardtack.....	George Raynor
2002	SSC Second Wind.....	Bill Kellner
2003	CYC Bigger.....	Irwin Hess
2004	CYC Lifeisgood.....	Harald Bransch
2005	LYC Vector.....	Edward Crist
2006	MHYC it.....	Sminchak/Moose
2007	LYC Gaucho.....	Sandy Burris
2008	MHYC it.....	Sminchak/Moose
2009	EYC Nyanza	James McBrier
2010	LYC it.....	Sminchak/Moose
2011	MHYC Cracker.....	Jim Sackett
2012	EWYC Unbridled.....	Rob Mock
2013	LYC....Fast Lane.....	Seth Young
2014	LYC....Black Seal.....	Seth Young
2015	MHYC....Papa's Toy.....	Scott Seaholm
2016	EWYC....Dagnabbot!!.....	Jim Mackey
2017	CLYC.....Epic	Bryan Bradley
2018	LYC Spaceman Spiff ..	Sminchak/Moose
2019	EWYC Unbridled.....	Rob Mock
2020	MHYC Capers.....	Don Hudak
2021	CLYC Epic.....	Bryan Bradley
2022	LYC Maverick....	Sanford Burris
2023	LYC Wileaway.....	Philip Rush
2024	MHYC destiny.....	Russell Gallagher
2025	EWYC Moko Jumbie -	Jim Mackey

SKIPPERS MEETING

There will be no skippers meeting but rather message will be sent to the email address entered into the Yachtscoring registration page. Final scratch sheets will be available for download at the Yachtscoring website at 6:00 pm. The link will be made available to registered participants who supply an email address.

STARTING TIMES AND COURSES (preliminary-see race packet)

The Warning Gun will be at 8:25 a.m.; the first start will be at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time is the official time the event. Starting times for the divisions and classes will be posted at the Yachtscoring website. The course will be rated at 25.6 nautical miles and goes from the start north off the Rocky River mouth to the finish off the MHYC channel.

TIME LIMITS

For each class the first boat must finish before 6 p.m., August 8th at which time the finish line will close. Boats finishing after this time shall take their own times and report them to the Race Committee.

EQUIPMENT

All boats must be equipped in accordance with applicable US Coast Guard regulations and in conformance with the respective class rules.

IDENTIFICATION

All boats must carry numbers on both sides of the mainsail, spinnaker, or jibs with an overlap of more than 110% of J. Upon finishing, all boats must identify themselves to the Committee.

INSPECTION

All yachts must be prepared to stand inspection by the Race Committee prior to starting and after finishing. Any boat not considered capable of making the trip will not be allowed to start. The decision of the OA is final.

PENALTY FOR FOUL

RRS rule 44 is modified to state: in case of a sustained protest involving the racing rules, the protested boat, at the discretion of the Race Committee, may be penalized by having her corrected time increased by a penalty of thirty minutes in lieu of disqualification.

CYC DOCKING AND PARKING

The Cleveland Yachting Club will provide free docking for registered Falcon Cup boats, starting Wednesday, August 5th, 2026. One car per boat will be allowed into CYC on Friday, August 7th. A parking sticker will be available at the guardhouse for pre-registered boats.

MHYC DOCKING

Mentor Harbor Yachting Club will provide free docking for Falcon Cup Race entrants from their finish upon completion of the race until the end of Wednesday, August 12th, 2026. **All boats must pre-register with the Harbor Master (harbor@mhyc.us) their intention to use dock space.** All boats that register for the Mentor Harbor Regatta shall have free dockage through August 19th

MHYC PARKING / BUS SERVICE

Mentor Harbor Yachting Club will provide parking at MHYC with bus service to CYC Saturday morning at 6:15 a.m. Seats are provided on a first come- first serve basis and \$15 cash only prior to boarding.

AWARDS

Perpetual trophies and awards will be presented at the MHYC Clubhouse or Pool Deck, or delayed until all protests that may affect the ranking have been decided.

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB
Falcon Cup Invitational Race/Sundance Trophy Race
Race Date Saturday, August 8th, 2026

Registration at www.yachtscoring.com

Current Rating Certificate shall be emailed to sailingmhyc@gmail.com

Pre-Register for Free Dock Space if you are staying at MHYC. Contact Harbormaster at harbor@mhyc.us

Bus transportation from MHYC to CYC provided Saturday, leaving Promptly at 6:15 am
\$15.00 cash at boarding.

ENTRY DEADLINE 1 P.M. Friday August 7th, 2026

Boats LOA 40 feet and over	\$105.00 _____
Boats LOA 30 feet and over	\$95.00 _____
Boats LOA 25.0 – 29.99	\$80.00 _____
Boats LOA 24.99 and under	\$70.00 _____

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB

2026 MHYC Falcon Cup/Sundance Trophy Race

WAIVER AGREEMENT

In consideration of MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB accepting my entry, and of the substantial volunteer efforts of the officers, directors, members and associate volunteer personnel of MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB, I hereby agree to:

1. Waive and release any claim, including those for negligence, gross negligence or equivalent misconduct, I may have in the future against MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB and its directors, officers, employees, agents, members, and associate volunteer personnel, arising out of or incident to the conduct of the 2026 MHYC Falcon Cup/Sundance Trophy Race; and
2. Assume full responsibility for the risks of participation in the 2026 MHYC Falcon Cup/Sundance Trophy Race and for my decision to start or continue any race conducted as a part of such. If any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, such determination of unenforceability shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this agreement. This agreement shall be construed and enforced under the laws of the State of Ohio.
3. Registration at the Yachtscoring Website constitutes acceptance of this waiver agreement.