

MENTOR HARBOR YACHT CLUB INVITATIONAL REGATTA



Mentor Harbor Yacht Club
August 15-16, 2026
5330 Coronada Drive, Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060

Notice of Race (NoR)

Preamble: The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, the US Sailing Prescriptions, the rules of the One-Design Class (where applicable), the Regatta Sailing Instructions, and this Notice of Race.*
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 shall not apply.
- 1.3 The MHYC Race Committee, at its sole discretion whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine eligibility and placement within divisions for PHRF (spin) and JAM (non-spin) classes.
- 1.4 [NP]RRS 60.1 is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring membership.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at [Yachtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com) and at the gas dock message board between 1700 and 2100 on Friday, August 14th, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the gas dock. The electronic notice board at [Yachtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com) may also be used to communicate to competitors.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on U.S. VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats having a current and valid PHRF or PHRF-LE measurement certificates; the J105, Tartan Ten, and JAM classes whose owners are members of US Sailing or

other national authority, or members of recognized yacht clubs, or members of recognized sailing class associations.

- 4.2** A current and valid PHRF or PHRF-LE measurement certificate is required for all boats participating in the PHRF (spin) or JAM (non-spin) classes. Boats in PHRF or JAM classes without a current and valid PHRF-LE measurement certificate but possessing an expired but valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a handicap adjusted to PHRF-LE standards. Invited One-Design class boats will be assigned the current one-design PHRF rating for that class and shall comply with the One-Design Class rules. Assigned ratings shall be valid for this event only and are not subject to redress.
- 4.3** Additional classes consisting of three or more entries and wishing to participate will be considered for inclusion at the discretion of the Regatta Chairman, providing they state their request prior to Monday, August 10th, 2026.
- 4.4** Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form, together with paying the required fee, online at Yachtscoring.com
- 4.5** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6** No entries for the event will be accepted after 2000 Thursday, August 13th, 2026, unless authorized by the Regatta Chair.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Fee
Boats under 24.99' LOA	\$70.00
Boats 25.00' – 29.99'	\$80.00
Boats 30.00' – 39.99'	\$95.00
Boats 40' LOA and larger	\$105.00

All fees payments are made on the Yachtscoring site for the event unless otherwise agreed to by the Organizing Authority.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1** Dates of racing: First Warning:
Saturday August 15th All Classes 0955
Sunday August 16th All Classes 0955
- 6.2** No warning signal will be made after 1300 On Sunday August 16th, 2026
- 6.3** A maximum of three (5) races are scheduled.

7 VENUE

- 7.1** Races shall be sailed on Lake Erie north of the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club.

- 7.2 More than one race area may be used. Location of the race area(s) will be identified in the Sailing Instructions.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:
- a. One-Design Classes shall sail windward-leeward courses.
 - b. PHRF (spin) and JAM (non-spin) Classes shall sail windward-leeward or triangle courses.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall apply for this regatta.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is defined in RRS Appendix A, except A2 is changed in that no score shall be excluded.
- 10.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

11 DOCKING AND LAUNCHING

- 11.1 Boats arriving on trailer shall proceed to the dry sail area for staging and launching.
- 11.2 Boats arriving by water shall, prior to entering the Mentor Harbor channel, contact the Dock Master on VHF channel 16 for docking instructions.
- 11.3 Boats intending to secure overnight or extended dockage must pre-register with the Harbormaster. Contact: harbormaster@mhyc.us

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 13.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of

injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1** Each participating boat shall show proof of insurance at or prior to registration. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability marine insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place boat in each class or division

- 16.2** Perpetual Awards are:

JAM Class Overall – Robert Hickey Memorial Trophy

PHRF Class Overall – Sinbad Trophy

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1** 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, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for damage, injury or death.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Regatta Chairman, Russ Gallagher at sailingmhyc@gmail.com