

MENTOR HARBOR YACHT CLUB INVITATIONAL REGATTA

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the current edition of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the regatta Notice of Race (NoR), and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.1 (b) shall not apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS rule 63.5 (c).
- 1.4 "Class" in these Sailing Instructions is defined as the Class or the Division within a rating system to which a boat is assigned on the scratch sheet. (example: PHRF B, Ranger 22, JAM A, J/105, etc.).
- 1.5 To the extent allowed under Rule 87, class and fleet rules are changed as follows. The use of marine VHF radios and GPS is permitted. There shall be no class membership requirements. There shall be no weight restrictions.

2 CLASSES

- 2.1 Boats without current a PHRF or JAM measurement certificate will be assigned a rating, at the discretion of the Race Committee, which shall be valid for this regatta only and cannot be appealed.
- 2.2 Class splits will be made after entries close August 13th, at 2000 hours for PHRF (spin) and JAM (non-spin). The decisions by the Race Committee on splits are final.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be

posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Amendments will be identified in red text and will be broadcast to skippers on Yachtscoring.com.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1** Notices to competitors will be posted in the www.YachtScoring.com page for this event. Official Notice board is located at MHYC located at the MHYC Gas Dock event board.
- 4.2** The Race Committee monitors VHF channel 72.
- 4.3** Communications between the race committee which may be overheard by a competitor or competitors shall not be grounds for redress or protest
- 4.4** [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.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole directly east of the MHYC club house. When a signal is displayed with a Class flag, it applies to that Class only, otherwise it applies to all.
- 6.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1** Saturday August 15th, 2026:
Harbor Start 0900 hrs
First warning signal 0955 hrs
Up to 3 races for the day on Saturday

Sunday August 16th, 2026:
Harbor Start 0900 hrs
First warning signal 0955 hrs
Up to 2 races for the day on Sunday

Awards to follow racing on Sunday.

- 7.2** No warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs on Sunday August 16th, 2026.

8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1** Class flags and starting sequence for the races will be posted on the Official Notice Board and available with the scratch sheets.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1** Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie immediately north of Mentor Harbor Yachting Club.

10 CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT [DP][NP]

- 10.1** All boats must check in during the 10 minutes prior to the first warning signal by sailing past the committee boat on starboard and hail their sail number.
- 10.2** Boats which retire from the race for any reason MUST report their action as soon as possible to the Race Committee. This report may be made either by marine radio VHF channel 72 or in person to one of the Race Committee Boats, or in person at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club gas dock.

11 COURSES

- 11.1** The diagram attached as Exhibit B show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2** No later than the Warning signal, the Race Committee Signal vessel shall display the course designation, distance to the first mark, and an approximate compass bearing of the first leg. The compass bearing may be rounded to the nearest tenth 10⁰ and rounded to two digits (e.g. "23" for 230 degrees).

12 MARKS

- 12.1** Windward mark will be an Orange Tetrahedron. Leeward mark(s) or gate will be Orange Tetrahedron. The starting mark will be a Yellow Cylinder. The Finish mark will be an Orange Cylinder.
- 12.2** New marks, as provided in SI 14, are Yellow Tetrahedrons.

13 THE START

- 13.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. There will be a wake-up signal (5 horn blasts) at the 6 minutes before the first starting signal.
- 13.2** The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal vessel at the starboard end and a Yellow Cylinder starting mark at the port-end.
- 13.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.4** The Race Committee Signal Vessel (starboard end of the start line) may trail a Red Hip-Hop ball off its transom. It and its tether line are part of the RC vessel.
- 13.5** More than one class flag may be displayed at the Warning Signal.
- 13.6** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail

her sail number via VHF Channel 72. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 61.4 (b)(1).

- 13.7** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1** If there is a change to the next leg of a course, it shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 33, with the new mark as defined by SI 12.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and an Orange Cylinder as the finishing mark.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1** US Sailing Prescriptions AppendixV1 applies. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a Rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty". This changes to RRS 44.1.

17 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1** The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 Minutes	2 Hours	20 Minutes

- 17.2** If no boat in a class has passed Mark 1 within thirty (30) minutes of their start, or if no boat in a class finishes within two (2) hours of their start, the race for that Class shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limits shall not be grounds for redress. For overall scores, if any boat in the Division (Spin, Non-Spin) finishes, boats from any class whose race was abandoned will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

- 17.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing

Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

18 HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1** The time will be posted on the official notice board. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 18.2** Hearing request forms are available at the MHYC Gas Dock and protests shall be delivered to the Hearing Office located in the lower-level Board room prior to the end of the protest time limit specified in Instruction 18.1.
- 18.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at lower-level Board Room beginning at the time posted. Hearing will be heard in the approximate order they are received.

19 SCORING

- 19.1** The scoring system is defined in RRS Appendix A, except A2 is changed in that no score shall be excluded.
- 19.2** One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3** To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available at the race office and submit to the Scoring Officer within the protest time limit.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance by the Race Committee before starting or after finishing.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

22 PRIZES

- 22.1** Prizes shall be awarded to the first, second and third place boats in each class.
- 22.2** Other prizes may be offered at the discretion of the organizing authority.

23 RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1** 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

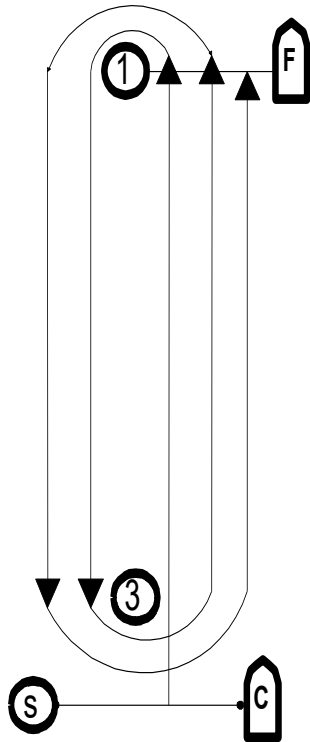
errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

24 INSURANCE

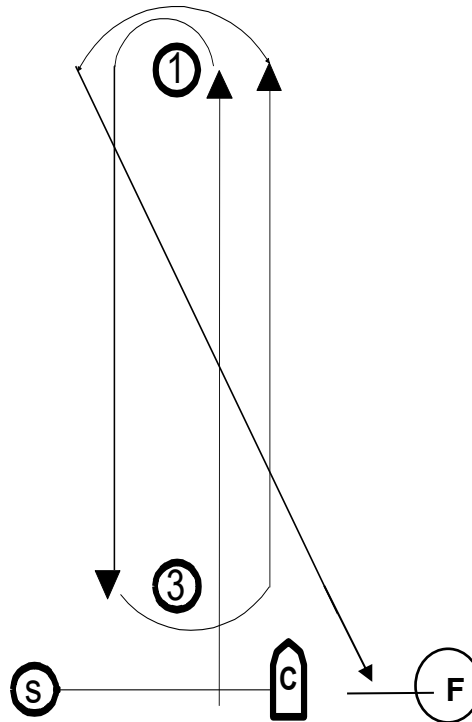
- 24.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party **marine liability insurance** with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Registering for this regatta by the skipper or any crew signifies the agreement to have insurance coverage at the time of the event and acceptance of the Risk Statement (23).

COURSE ILLUSTRATION

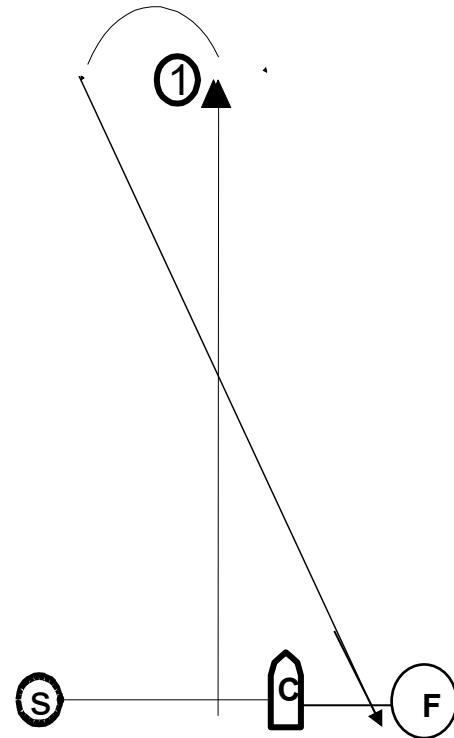
COURSE "A"



COURSE "B"



COURSE "C"



MARKS: Start and Finish marks will be inflatable cylinders, Course marks will be inflatable Tetrahedrons. The following are the Mark color Descriptions

Start Mark is Yellow , Finish Mark is Orange Cylinder, Change Mark is Yellow tet, Mark #1, Mark # 3 are Orange

MARK 3 if A GATE

TO MARK 1

From Mark 1

TO MARK 1

