

2026 CLYC-NEOSA Freedom 250

July 25th, 2026

Notice of Race

This race is designed to be a “fun” race promoting the sport of sailing within the Northeast Ohio Sailing community and will be a counter for the Nor’EAST Ohio Sailing Alliance (NEOSA) 2026 series.

Host and Organizing Authority:

Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. 35111 Halsey Drive Eastlake, Ohio 44095

1. Rules

1.1 The 2026 CLYC-NEOSA Freedom 250 is a single race for PHRF, JAM, and Cruising Canvas Classes.

1.2 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US Sailing, PHRF class rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1(b) shall not apply.

US Sailing Prescriptions that are changed: 63.5(d). See section 1.5.

RSS 61.1(a), 78.1 and 78.2 are changed. See section 1.5.

RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that a Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

1.4 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).

1.5 PHRF-LE ratings will apply to all PHRF and JAM rated boats. Boats wishing to enter the race without a certificate must contact the Organizing Authority at least 48 hours before the race and will be assigned a rating. The assigned rating is final and not subject to protest or grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 78.1, and 78.2, and changes US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.5(d).

2. Classes

2.1 “Class” in this Notice of Race 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, JAM A, etc.)

2.2 Races will be offered for Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker (JAM) and Cruising Canvas rated boats. A Class must have a minimum of 3 boats.

2.3 Cruising Canvas Class definition/requirements: This class consists of cruising boats with bow anchors and bimini canvas in place, and the following allowable

sails: mainsail, roller furling jib (maximum headsail size 155% LP), asymmetrical or cruising spinnaker which shall be attached to a midline tack-line, which may be adjustable as defined by the PHRF certificate. Symmetrical spinnakers are NOT allowed. Staysails are permitted only as under the Jib and Main (JAM) rules. Use of a whisker pole on the clew of the jib is permitted. A two-masted boat may fly a mizzen staysail from the mizzen mast. PHRF-LE spinnaker ratings will be utilized for scoring purposes.

2.4 Boats without current a PHRF or non-spinnaker/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.

2.5 Class splits will be made after registration closes July 24, 2026 at 1800 hrs. for PHRF (spin) and JAM (non-spin) and Cruising Class. The decisions by the Race Committee on splits are final.

3. Eligibility & Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all members of US Sailing, other National Governing Body, members of recognized yacht clubs, or members of recognized sailing associations.

3.2 For registration details go to [Yachtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com), and search under CLYC, 2026 CLYC-NEOSA Freedom 250. Completed forms, rating certificate, and appropriate fees must be received on [Yachtscoring](https://yachtscoring.com) no later than Friday, July 24, 2026 at 1800.

3.3 The entry fee is \$50 to be paid during registration on [Yachtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com), CLYC, 2026 CLYC-NEOSA Freedom 250.

4. Notices and Communications

4.1 The Sailing Instructions, official rule and other notices will be made on [Yachtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com), CLYC, 2026 CLYC-NEOSA Freedom 250.

4.2 There will be mandatory skippers meeting via VHF channel 71 on Saturday, July 25 at 0930. The courses to be sailed and any changes will be relayed by the Race Committee during that meeting.

4.3 The Race Committee will monitor and provide any additional instructions via VHF Channel 71.

5. Schedule

5.1 The warning signal for the first start will be 0955, Saturday, July 25th, 2026.

5.2 Fleet start times will be determined at 0930 Skipper's Meeting.

6. Racing Area

6.1 The race will take place on Lake Erie utilizing the marks described below in section 6.2 through 6.6. The final course will be determined on the day of the

race, will be dependent on the wind direction, and announced during the 0930 Skipper's Meeting.

6.2 The starting area will be outside Mentor Harbor with the start line established by the Mentor Harbor "S" mark, 41°43.78'N 81°21.31'W, and an inflatable mark or committee boat or the west wall of the Mentor Harbor entrance. This will be determined at the 09:30 skippers meeting.

6.3 Additional marks from MHYC or CLYC that may be used are described on the course card.

6.4 The finish line is established by a line between Mentor Harbor "S" mark and an inflatable or committee boat or the west wall of the Mentor Harbor Entrance. This will be determined at the 0930 skippers meeting.

6.5 All boats must take their GPS finish time, and note the boat ahead and behind them. This information must be texted to **440-567-1725** within 30 minutes of their finish.

7. Scoring

7.1 The race will be scored using the low point system per RRS A4.

8. Prizes

8.1 Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third for each class.

8.2 A post-race gathering and awards presentation will be at the MHYC East Beach

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

9.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. In particular, all competitors are directed to RRS 1.2, Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices, and RRS 3, Decision to Race.

9.2 The Organizing Authority, Sponsors of the 2026 CLYC-NEOSA Freedom 250, and their employees and volunteers are not responsible for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this event.

9.3 Each participating boat owner represents and warrants that they carry valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for damage, injury or death, but in no case less than \$300,000.

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