



Notice of Race

57th Indigo Trophy Race

Friday, September 11th, 2026

The Indigo Trophy was donated by S.K. "Skrubby" Wellman who owned a series of boats named "Indigo". The first was a Snipe in the 1930's. Right after World War II he bought a Sparkman and Stephens 35ft Weekender, followed by a larger S&S 38' near sister ship to Carlton Mitchell's "Finisterre". Then he built a Ted Hood designed 46 footer with which he won the Transatlantic Race which finished on the Baltic Sea in Germany from a start at Newport, Rhode Island. He was 76 years old at the time! Meanwhile he sailed countless Mackinac Races, SORC campaigns, and several Bermuda Races.

The first Indigo Trophy Race was held on September 5, 1969.

Host and Organizing Authority: Mentor Harbor Yachting Club

1. Rules

- 1.1 The 2025 Indigo Race is a single race for PHRF, JAM, and Cruising Class. All boats must be members of an I-LYA recognized club.
- 1.2 The race is governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA), the rules of the participating classes, except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 PHRF-LE rules and ratings apply to all PHRF, JAM, and Cruising Class rated boats. Cruising class boats must have a Bimini or dodger and carry an anchor on the bow.
- 1.4 A class will have a minimum of 3 boats.

2. Eligibility & Entry

- 2.1 The race is also open to all boats in good standing with current PHRF certificates. The race is also open to all boats in good standing without current PHRF certificates, but a penalty in rating will apply. 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.

2.2 The entry fee is \$40.00. For registration details, contact sailingmhyc@gmail.com. Paypal is payment using available at controller@mhyc.us. Registration ends at 18:00 hrs at September 10th.

2.3 Free dockage is available at the Edgewater Yacht Club for three days after the event.

3. Racing Area

3.1 The race will take place on Lake Erie starting of the harbor entrance at Mentor Harbor. The course will travel to the Cleveland Intake Crip (0) and proceed to the finish line between X-mark and the flagpole at Edgewater clubhouse. The course is approximately 24 nautical miles.

3.2 The starting area will be outside Mentor Harbor using one of the following marks.

3.2.1 Starting Line is between "S" mark, 41°43.78'N 81°21.31W, and an inflatable tetrahedron.

3.2.2 The Cleveland Water Intake Crip 41° 33' 1" N and 81° 45'55" W

3.2.3 X (p) mark outside Edgewater YC 40° 29'456"N , 81° 44'9.6"W

4. Schedule of Race

4.1 Friday September 11th, 2026. *Note! A weather delay may push the start of the race to 9:00 am Saturday, September 12th.*

4.2 The warning signal for the first start will be 17:55 hrs (5:55 pm)

4.4 In case of a Saturday, September 12th start, the warning signal for the first start will be 8:55 hrs (8:55 am)

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 *The Sailing Instructions will be available online at Yachtscoreing.*

6. Scoring

6.1 The race will be scored using the low point system.

7. Prizes

7.1 Flags will be awarded at the Awards for the Cleveland Cup at EYC and shall be awarded to first, second, and third of each class with four or more boats.

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