



2026 Indigo Trophy Race 2026

Organizing Authority: Mentor Harbor Yachting Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the current International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the National Authority (USSA), the rules of Inter-Lake Yachting Association (ILYA), and, where and when applicable, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS/COLREGS).
- 1.2 RRS 63.7 is changed to read: If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and amendments there-to will prevail.
- 1.3 RRS rule 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership.
- 1.4 RRS rule 60.1(b) is changed with the following added: In the absence of a valid rating certificate a boat's assigned rating shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.5 A boat that retires from the race shall report her action as soon as possible to the Race Committee via text stream established for the race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on Yachtscoring website under "documents".

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 PM on the day of the race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Before the race signals made ashore and will consist of a horn system that will begin with a 5 blast wake-up at 5:54 pm.
- 4.2 POSTPONEMENT: When flag "AP" will be relayed to the contestants via VHF channel 72. "The race may be postponed for not more than one hour."

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASS FLAGS and STARTING ORDER

- 5.1 Date of racing: September 11th, 2026
- 5.2 Weather postponement share result in a 9:00 am start on Saturday Sept 12th.

5.2 Race	Class / Division	First warning signal
Indigo	JAM	17:55 hrs
Indigo	PHRF B	18:00 hrs
Indigo	PHRF A	18:05 hrs

6 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the open waters of Lake Erie.

7 THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 The Indigo Race will use existing marks, including the Cleveland Intake Crib.
- 7.2 The Cleveland Intake Crib shall be left to Port as vessels turn south to EYC X mark.
- 7.3 The Cleveland Water Intake Crib coordinates 41° 33' 1" N and 81° 45'55" W
- 7.4 The length of this course is 24.4 NM.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between navigation sign on the end of the West Breakwall and the Orange Ball known as "S" mark 800' offshore to the NNW.
- 8.3 Coordinate for "S" mark are 41°43.78'N 81°21.31'W
- 8.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 All Recalls will be according to RRS 29
- 9.2 The Race Committee may attempt to hail the boat, or boats, which have started improperly. However, the following are not grounds for redress: failure of committee to hail any or all boats, failure of a boat to hear or receive its hail, timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats within the hail.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The Finish Line shall be between the flag at EYC Pavilion and the X mark near shore.
- 10.2 The coordinates of X mark are 40° 29. 25.6 N and 81° 44 9.6 W.
- 10.3 Competitors shall leave X mark to Port.
- 10.4 Each boat shall post their finish time in a text stream created by the race committee prior to the start of the race. The text shall contain the boat name and screenshot using a cell phone displaying the time using Time.gov.
- 10.5 Failure to post their finish time will disqualify a contestant.
- 10.9 Boats who have finished properly and are no longer racing shall keep well clear of the finish area and shall not re-cross through the finish line to the course side.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit shall be 12 hours. Should one boat in any class finish within the time limit then all other boats shall finish the race to be scored.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protests forms are available at race headquarters at EYC, and protests shall be delivered there during the Protest Time as defined in Instruction 12.2.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Scoring is by RRS Appendix A2.
- 13.2 Finishing places will be established by corrected time based on the handicap system time on distance.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee using the text message stream as described.
- 14.3 All boats shall carry the US Coast Guard required safety equipment.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Race Committee communications shall be on VHF Channel 72.
- 15.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15.3 Any communications between R/C personnel which may be overheard by competitors shall not be grounds for redress.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Flags will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers in each class.
- 16.2 The Indigo Trophy & Flag will be awarded the overall winner of the PHRF (spinnaker) class.

17. DOCKAGE

- 17.1 After finishing, boats Shall dock alongside the cross bridge that links the parking lot to the C and D docks. Rafting is acceptable.
- 17.2 This dock location shall remain active until Monday, September 14th registration.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race. Each contestant agrees to these conditions upon registering on Yachtscoring.