

Notice of Race (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the rules of the South Shore Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, and the class rules for any class for which a separate class or fleet has been established.
- 1.2 Under RRS 87, Rule 16 of the Rules and By-laws of the South Shore Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, and Rule 5 of the T-10 Class Rules will not apply. To the extent allowed under RRS 87, class and fleet rule(s) may be changed as follows: The use of marine VHF radios, Loran and GPS is permitted; there will be no class membership requirements; there will be no weight restrictions.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) 41, A5.1, A5.2, and Race Signals AP will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."
- 1.5 RRS 61 is changed to include: "A boat intending to protest shall notify the RC PRO of her intention to protest and identify the boat she intends to protest, after clearing the finish line, via the VHF radio channel assigned to her racecourse or direct hail." [DP][NP]
- 1.6 It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure they and their crew adhere to all state of Ohio, Cuyahoga County and City of Cleveland health regulations. All participants are required to comply with all NCWSA and Edgewater Yacht Club rules and requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from racing, and such exclusion shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1. [NP]

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1800 on June 29, and will also be posted on the NCWSA website, www.ncwsa.net.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Information about the event is online at www.ncwsa.net
- 3.2 In an emergency, call 911 and/or utilize Marine VHF Channel 9. You may also contact the EYC Guardhouse at 216-281-5013 for assistance.
- 3.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the Waterside Grill, outside of the EYC clubhouse, and/or online at www.ncwsa.net
- 3.4 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 16, 71, and 72. [DP]
- 3.5 The channel for the Race Committee on the drop mark course shall be 71. The channel for the Race Committee on the fixed mark course and for races started from the Pavilion shall be 72.
- 3.6 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors by VHF radio. Failure to make any broadcast, including failure to hail boats that may be OCS or the order in which OCS boats are hailed, shall not be grounds for redress. Failure to hear any broadcast for any reason shall not be grounds for redress. Race Committee communications that may be overheard shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3.7 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. [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all monohull boats of more than 20 feet in overall length that are skippered and crewed by women, each of whom must be a member of NCWSA, except that designated “Racing Prep” fleet boats may be skippered by an NCWSA member or by the boat owner or owner’s representative. Any class of boat not listed may contact the organizing authority to request inclusion.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter using the required Boat Owner/Skipper Registration and Waiver forms, available at <https://ncwsa.net/Forms> and must be completed and submitted online.

4.3 Registration and all waivers must be submitted by 17:00 Monday June 8, 2021.

4.4 For the 2021 season, *all* participants - boat owners, coaches, substitute coaches, crew, PROs and anyone participating in any NCWSA activities on shore or on water must provide certification and proof of full COVID-19 vaccination as part of registration in addition to signing NCWSA general waiver, EYC COVID-19 Waiver, NCWSA COVID-19 Waiver, NCWSA Emergency Contact Form, and NCWSA Photo Release.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Races are scheduled on Tuesday evenings June 29 – August 31, 2021.

June 29: Safety Shakedown cruise (get to know the boat, rigging, safety equipment and procedures)

July 6: Practice Race with RC

July 13 – August 31: Races

The racing schedule will be posted on www.ncwsa.net.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is as follows:

June 29, 2021 – August 10, 2021: 1900

August 17, 2021– August 31, 2021: 1830

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1 Possession of a current, valid rating and/or measurement certificate is encouraged and strongly recommended. Ratings for PHRF and JAM boats shall be the most current ratings assigned by the South Shore Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (<https://phrfss.org>) as of May 23, 2021. In the absence of a current rating certificate, a rating shall be assigned by the Organizing Authority (OA).

7. VENUE

7.1 Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie north of EWYC.

7.2 Racing may be held on a fixed mark course, a drop mark course, and may use any combination of fixed marks, drop marks, government marks, and/or the Crib.

8. SCORING

8.1 Series scores will be posted on www.ncwsa.net. The Scoring system described in Appendix A2 shall apply.

8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9. COACHING

- 9.1 No more than one (1) coach, either male or female, is allowed on boats that normally sail with five (5) or fewer crew (including skipper). No more than two (2) coaches, male or female, are allowed on boats that normally sail with more than five (5) crew (including skipper). The Race Committee, in its sole discretion, whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine the allowable number of coaches for each boat. This changes RRS 41.
- 9.2 While racing, a male coach may only provide verbal coaching and may not assist the crew physically, except in an emergency (refer to the NCWSA Coaching Guidelines for further clarification on these restrictions). In the event that a male coach provides assistance to a boat while racing, including in an emergency, the boat shall immediately inform the race committee and take a 40% scoring penalty. This changes RRS 44.3.
- 9.3 Race Prep coaches, male or female, may perform any task on the boat, including skippering. This changes RRS 41.
- 9.4 If the boat owner and skipper disagree on any issue, the owner's decision will prevail. This changes RRS 41.

10. RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 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.**
- 10.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor or coach agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000 per incident or the equivalent, and that the boat has on board the minimum equipment required by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft, and the United States Coast Guard. [DP]

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be given as follows: first three places in each racing fleet or division.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information, please visit the NCWSA Website, www.ncwsa.net, or contact Jen Whelan, Race Chair, racing@ncwsa.net.

