

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) 2023

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 The equipment rules of the specific classes shall apply. Class rules regarding membership, crew limitations and weight restrictions and the use of marine VHF and electronic navigation devices shall not apply to this specific event series.
- 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 US Sailing prescriptions to Rule 63.1 (b) and Rule 63.2 shall not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1800 on June 5, 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 Notice Board near the flagpole, at the north side of the EYC patio, 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 fixed mark course and for races started from the Pavilion shall be 72.
- 3.6 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 shall 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 April 24, 2023.
- 4.4 For the 2023 season, *all* participants - boat owners, coaches, substitute coaches, crew, PROs and anyone participating in any NCWSA activities on shore or on water must sign the NCWSA general waiver, NCWSA COVID 19 Waiver, NCWSA Emergency Contact Form, and NCWSA Photo Release.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Sailing/Races are scheduled on Tuesday evenings, June 6 – September 19, 2023.
June 6: Safety Shakedown Cruise (get to know the boat, rigging, safety equipment and procedures)
June 13: Start clinic on the water
June 20: No Race due to CRW
June 27: Practice Race with RC
July 4: NO RACING
July 11 - September 12 with a makeup date of September 19:
Races on Tuesday nights – 10 total 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 13, 2023 – August 15, 2023: 1900
August 22, 2023– September 12, 2023: 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 April 24, 2023. In the absence of a current rating certificate, a rating shall be assigned by the Organizing Authority (OA). [NP]

7. VENUE

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

8. SCORING

- 8.1 Series scores will be posted on www.ncwsa.net. The Scoring system described in RRS 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 coach (male or female) may only provide verbal coaching and may not assist the crew physically, except in an emergency. In the event that a 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. Assistance includes sitting on the rail as this provides help flattening the boat. This changes RRS 44.3.
- 9.3 Race Prep coaches 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 marine 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 Delaney Imbler, Race Chair, racing@ncwsa.net.