



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (FIXED MARK COURSE)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This race program will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescription Appendix T, Sections A and C will apply.
- 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 "Class" is defined in these Sailing Instructions as the group within a fleet to which a boat is assigned on the scratch sheet, for example PHRF A, JAM B.
- 1.6 The rules and policies of Edgewater Yacht Club (EWYC) apply to all participants and their crew members.
- 1.7 RRS 55 and Appendix G shall be enforced by the Race Committee.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Edgewater Yacht Club patio.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one (1) hour before the initial warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the affected race(s).
- 3.2 Per RRS 90.2(a), the Race Committee may, while on the water, communicate changes to the mark designation (SI 9.2), and to the starting sequence (SI 5.3), including elimination of a class start and/or a combination of classes for a start via VHF and/or Loud Hailer. Failure to receive or hear these transmissions shall not be grounds for redress.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole north of the EWYC patio, or the mast of the appropriate Race Committee signal boat when only one course is affected.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP. This change RRS "Race Signals".
- 4.3 When flag L is displayed ashore, a skipper's meeting will be held on the clubhouse patio at the time posted on the Official Notice Board.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The race program will be conducted in accordance with the Fixed Mark Course schedule attached as "Exhibit A".
- 5.2 The time of the first warning signal for each race day is as follows:
  - Sundays and Holidays: **1025**

- Wednesday (May 27 – August 12): **1850**
  - Wednesday (August 19 – September 9): **1825**
- 5.3 Each fleet shall be started in the order defined in “Exhibit B”, except that:
- a) Classes with fewer than six (6) boats in the starting area may be started with another class, or combined with other small fleet(s).
  - b) The Race Committee shall eliminate the start for a class if there are no class boats in the starting area.
  - c) The starting sequence for the second race for each fleet may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee in order to facilitate racing.
- 5.4 One race is scheduled for each race day.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 Class Flags will be Numeral Pennants as described in “Exhibit C”.

## **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1 Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie immediately North of Edgewater Yacht Club.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in the “Edgewater Race Program – Fixed Mark Courses” show the courses, including the course signals, approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the preparatory signal for each class, the race committee signal boat will display the designation of the course to be sailed as a letter and number. The letter designates the first mark to be rounded. The number designates the course to be sailed. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 8.3 At the discretion of the course PRO and in consultation with the Fleet Captains, the Race Committee may designate a “Random Leg” course to be sailed on a specific race day. In this case, the Race Committee **shall** fly flag L on-shore and conduct a skipper’s meeting to review the course to be sailed, including the start mark, rounding marks and order of rounding, and finish mark.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 The start mark shall be a red and white cylinder with a letter designation “S”.
- 9.2 Marks of the course shall be red and white cylinders, or white cylinders with orange stripe, as indicated on the Fixed Mark Course card, with a letter designation “A” through “H”.
- 9.3 “Random Leg” courses may additionally include the EWYC Marks designated “XN” and “XS” that are white cylinders with orange strip, as well as the Water Intake Crib and the government mark commonly known as the “Crib Buoy”.
- 9.4 All mark locations are approximate and subject to change without notice due to weather, equipment failure and outside interference. This changes RRS 34.
- 9.5 The finish mark shall be either a red and white cylinder, an orange and white cylinder, or an orange tetrahedron as defined in SI 14 (“The Finish”).

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26, except for JAM C “Casual Cruising” which will utilize a 15-minute starting window beginning with the raising of its class flag with one sound, and concluding with the lowering of the class flag with one sound. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.2 Five (5) minutes prior to the first warning signal, each boat intending to race **shall** check-in with the Race Committee Signal boat by hailing their sail number and class until acknowledged by the Race Committee. **Boats failing to check in may be protested.**
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag Signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **11. GENERAL RECALLS**

- 11.1 A recalled fleet will drop to the end of the starting sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

## **12. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall display a placard at a letter designation showing the new mark to be rounded. This changes RRS 33(a) and 33(b).

## **13. MISSING MARKS**

- 13.1 RRS 34(a) is changed to read “replace it in its correct position or substitute with an orange tetrahedron”.
- 13.2 If a mark is off station, the following is added to RRS 34: “If a mark can be seen, it must be rounded as designated in the course chart.”

## **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby fixed mark or inflated orange tetrahedron. In all cases, boats are required to finish leaving the Committee Boat to **PORT**. **See the finish line course diagram in “Exhibit D”.**
- 14.2 For “Random Leg” races, the finish line will be defined in the course diagram for the day.
- 14.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report the date, the race, her class, her sail number, finishing time, and sail numbers of boats finishing ahead and behind, on a finish form and deposit the form in the finish form box located inside the clubhouse by the end of the Protest Time Limit.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken

a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

- 15.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix T, Section C, T3 (Informing the Race Committee) and T4 (Changes in Hearing Procedures) shall apply.

## **16. TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 The time limit to the first mark of the course is sixty (60) minutes. If no boat in its class has reached the mark by the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.2 The time limit for Wednesday evening races is two (2) hours. The time limit for Sunday races is three (3) hours.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of its class sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE for Time Limit Expired. The score for TLE shall be the number of boats starting the race, plus one (1). This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protested boat.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the Chart Room, located inside the EWYC Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal boat docks. The Race Committee will post the RC boat dock time and protest time limit on the official notice board.
- 17.4 Breaches of SI 10.4, 19, or 20.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.5 Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee based upon the schedule established by the Protest Committee Chairperson at his/her sole discretion. Hearing schedules shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 It is the responsibility of the boat to ensure the Race Committee has the information required to correctly score it. Attention is drawn to RRS Appendix G. Failure to comply with the rules regarding sail identification, and/or failure to notify the Race Committee when sailing with identification other than that provided at registration shall be grounds for protest by the Race Committee.
- 18.2 The Race Committee shall post "Raw" official scores for all races, including any adjustments to finish positions following protests or corrections, on the Race Program page at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com) by the Edgewater Yacht Club Scoring Committee using the Appendix A "Low-Point" system without excluding a boat's worst score. This changes Rule A2.

- 18.3 "Final" scoring for the series, and the scoring system used to award fleet prizes is at the discretion of each fleet and shall be based on the raw scores as input by the Scoring Committee. This changes Rule 90.3.
- 18.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a Scoring Inquiry form, available in the EWYC Chart Room.

## **19. SAFETY (CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT)**

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race area between races shall notify the race committee by hail or VHF radio as soon as possible. A boat unable to notify the Race Committee shall inform the gas dock upon returning to shore. Failure to provide notice of retirement or leaving the race area may result in a protest by the Race Committee.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 All communications with the Race Committee shall be on VHS channel 72.
- 20.3 The Race Committee may use VHF or Loud Hailer to communicate information including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS sail numbers, General Recalls and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow/sail number or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 20.4 Communications between the Race Committee that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **21. PRIZES**

- 21.1 Prizes will be given as determined by the individual fleets.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 22.2 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.

## **23. INSURANCE**

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance as required by EWYC.

# EXHIBIT "A" – Schedule of Races

2015 Fixed Mark Course Schedule			
Date	Day	RC	Sunset
24-May	Sun	Jam	
27-May	Wed	Yanda	2050
31-May	Sun	Jam	
3-Jun	Wed	One Pass	2055
7-Jun	Sun	LKWD PK	
10-Jun	Wed	D Thunder	2100
24-Jun	Wed	Linne	2104
28-Jun	Sun	Lazy Lass	
1-Jul	Wed	Block	2104
5-Jul	Sun	Jam	
8-Jul	Wed	Mock	2102
15-Jul	Wed	Star Ten	2059
19-Jul	Sun	No Fixed Mark Race Leukemia Cup	
22-Jul	Wed	Sutherland	2054
26-Jul	Sun	Jam	
29-Jul	Wed	Uhlir	2047
2-Aug	Sun	Coyote	
5-Aug	Wed	Einhouse	2039
9-Aug	Sun	Jam	
12-Aug	Wed	Holland	2030
16-Aug	Sun	Jam	
19-Aug	Wed	Sukis	2020
23-Aug	Sun	Jam	
26-Aug	Wed	Patrimpas	2010
30-Aug	Sun	Perfect	
2-Sep	Wed	Krotseng	1958
6-Sep	Sun	Jam	
9-Sep	Wed	Mackey	1947
13-Sep	Sun	Jam	
20-Sep	Sun	LKWD PK	
27-Sep	Sun	Jam	

There will be combined racing off Lakewood Park on Sun. June 7th and Sun. Sept. 20  
Race committees will be joint efforts, with personnel TBD

# EXHIBIT “B” – Initial Starting Sequence <sup>(1)</sup>

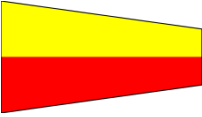
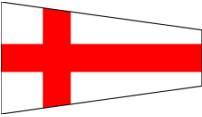

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Sequence	Class
<b>1</b>	JAM A & B <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>2</b>	PHRF A & B <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>3</b>	JAM C (Cruising)

(1) Fleets are reminded that per SI 5.3, fleets with fewer than six (6) boats shall not have their own start.

(2) Per the Fleet Captains, JAM A will start with JAM B, and PHRF A will start with PHRF B.

# EXHIBIT “C” – Class Flags

Fleet	Class Flag
JAM A & B	
PHRF A & B	
JAM C (Cruising)	



# EXHIBIT "D" – Finish Line Diagram

Per SI 14.1, boats are to finish leaving the Committee Boat to PORT. The diagram below supersedes that shown on the laminated course chart.

