



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (DROP 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 The rules and policies of Edgewater Yacht Club (EWYC) apply to all participants and their crew members.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) 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 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 is not 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".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The race program will be conducted in accordance with the Drop 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: **1125**
 - Wednesday (May 21 – August 13): **1855**
 - Wednesday (August 20 – September 10): **1825**
- 5.3 Each fleet shall be started in the order defined in "Exhibit B", except that:
 - 5.3.1 Fleets with fewer than six (6) boats in the starting area at the time of the initial warning signal **shall** be started with another fleet, or combined with other small fleet(s).

5.3.2 The Race Committee shall eliminate the start for a class if there are no class boats in the starting area.

5.3.3 The starting sequence for the second (and subsequent) races for each fleet may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee in order to facilitate racing.

5.4 Multiple races may be sailed on each scheduled race day. If Code Flag "Second Substitute" is displayed on a staff at the finish, an additional race will be sailed.

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 – One Design 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, the race committee signal boat will display the designation of the course to be sailed together with the approximate compass bearing of the first mark by displaying the first two (2) digits of the bearing rounded to the nearest ten (10) degrees. This changes RRS 27.1.

9. MARKS

9.1 All marks of the course shall be inflatable tetrahedrons or cylinders.

9.2 The Start Mark and Finish Mark will be yellow.

9.3 Weather Mark and Leeward Mark or Gate Marks will be orange. The weather mark for the T-10 Class will be a cylinder. For all other classes, the weather mark will be a tetrahedron.

9.4 Change of course marks will be a yellow cylinder for the T-10 class, and a yellow tetrahedron for all other classes.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.2 Five (5) minutes prior to the 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 on the Race Committee 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 Before a Start: To change the first leg of a course prior to the start, the Race Committee will display Code Flag C with multiple sounds prior to the warning signal of the next class to start. The change of the first leg of the course will apply to all classes that have not started. This changes RRS 33(b).

12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This changes RRS 33(b).

13. SHORTENED COURSE

13.1 When Code Flag S is flown from the Race Committee Signal boat, the race is shortened and boats shall finish between the Race Committee Signal boat flying Code Flag S and the original Finish Mark as designated on the course diagram. In this situation, the leeward mark or gate is no longer a mark of the course. Boats may proceed directly from the windward mark to the finish line. This changes RRS 32, 33 and Race Signal S.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the finish mark to starboard of the Race Committee Signal boat.

14.2 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 thirty (30) 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 a race is two hours. Failure to meet the time limit for reaching the first mark, or for sailing the course and finishing shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 35 and 62.1(a).
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 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.
- 16.4 Wednesday Night races shall end no later than five (5) minutes after official sundown, as determined by the US Naval Observatory for the date of the race, at the latitude and longitude of EWYC S mark, and measured by the timing device on the Race Committee Signal boat. A list of time limits is included in the race schedule, attached as "Exhibit A". Boats that have not finished by five (5) minutes after official sundown shall be scored TLE. 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 protestee.
- 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 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 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 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.
- 18.2 "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.

18.3 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 71.

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 classes.

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

Edgewater Yacht Club 2014 Club Race Schedule

Date	Day	Event		RC Duty		Official Sunset
		Fixed Mark	Drop Mark	Fixed Mark	Drop Mark	
18-May	Sun	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	tbd	tbd	
21-May	Wed	Practice	Practice	tbd	tbd	2045
25-May	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	Ensign	
26-May	Mon	Claire Memorial				
28-May	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	T-Ten	J-22	2052
1-Jun	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	T-Ten	
4-Jun	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	Highlander	2057
7-Jun	Sat	JAM Regatta				
8-Jun	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	NCWSA	Dragon	
11-Jun	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	J-24	2101
15-Jun	Sun	CRW - No Club Race	CRW - No Club Race			
18-Jun	Wed	CRW - No Club Race	CRW - No Club Race			
22-Jun	Sun	CRW - No Club Race	CRW - No Club Race			
25-Jun	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	T-Ten	J-70	2105
29-Jun	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	J-22	
2-Jul	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	J-70	2105
4-Jul	Fri	Nash Memorial				
6-Jul	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	NCWSA	
9-Jul	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	NCWSA	Highlander	2103
13-Jul	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	J-70	
16-Jul	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	J-22	2059
20-Jul	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	Highlander	
23-Jul	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	Dragon	2053
27-Jul	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	NCWSA	Ensign	
30-Jul	Wed	Club Race (Deepwater)	Club Race	JAM	J-24	2047
3-Aug	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	J-70	
6-Aug	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	J-22	2039
10-Aug	Sun	Club Race (Gay Games)	Club Race (Gay Games)	PHRF	Highlander	
13-Aug	Wed	Club Race (Gay Games)	Club Race (Gay Games)	T-Ten	T-Ten	2029
17-Aug	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	NCWSA	J-24	
20-Aug	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	J-70	2019
24-Aug	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	J-22	
27-Aug	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	T-Ten	Highlander	2008
31-Aug	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	NCWSA	
1-Sep	Mon	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	J-70	
3-Sep	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	J-22	1957
6-Sep	Sat	NCWSA Regatta				
7-Sep	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	NCWSA	Ensign	
10-Sep	Wed	Club Race	Club Race	T-Ten	J-70	1945
13-Sep	Sat	Cleveland Cup				
14-Sep	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	JAM	T-Ten	
21-Sep	Sun	Club Race	Club Race	PHRF	Highlander	
28-Sep	Sun	Club Race*	Club Race	NCWSA	J-22	
4-Oct	Sat	Sea Dog/Van Newberry				
5-Oct	Sun	Final Gun				
9 - 12 Oct		US Sailing Championship of Champions				

EXHIBIT “B” – Initial Starting Sequence⁽¹⁾

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Sequence	Wednesdays	Sundays and Holidays
1	J/70 ⁽²⁾	T-10
2	J/22 ⁽²⁾	J/70 ⁽²⁾
3	Highlander	J/22 ⁽²⁾
4	Ensign	Highlander
5	Dragon	Ensign
6	J/24	Dragon
7		J/24

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

(2) Per agreement between the fleets, the J/70 and J/22 fleets shall start together for all races.

EXHIBIT "C" – Class Flags

Fleet	Class Flag
J/70	
J/22	
Highlander	
Ensign	
Dragon	
J/24	
T-10	