

NOTICE OF RACE  
**The 88th F.W. Roberts Race**

Date  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
The Cleveland Yachting Club  
with  
Vermilion Boat Club



F W ROBERTS TROPHY



**Description:** The F W Roberts Trophy was hand-gifted by Commodore F. W. Roberts to the Cleveland Yachting Club in 1930 and is awarded to the winner of the PHRF fleet in the race. The race has been run in several formats, with this year's edition beginning in Vermilion and ending in Rocky River. F W ROBERTS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE The F W Roberts Memorial, which was gifted to the Cleveland Yachting Club in memoriam of the late F. W. Roberts, has been awarded to the winner of the auxiliary fleet in the race.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule meaning that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

A partnership of The Cleveland Yachting Club and Vermillion Boat Club is the Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta and The Cleveland Yachting Club is the Host Club and will provide race management.

**1. Rules**

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*, The Class Rules of any class with a boat competing with that class's one design rating, and the rules of PHRF-LE.
- 1.2. Competitors are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.
- 1.3. It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure they and their crew adhere to all state of Ohio health regulations. All participants are required to comply with all Cleveland Yachting Club and Vermilion Boat Club rules and requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic. [NP]

**2. Eligibility**

The regatta is open to all members of US Sailing, other National Governing Body, members of recognized yacht clubs or members of recognized sailing associations. Possession of a current, valid rating from PHRF-LE, PHRF-SS or membership in a participating one design class is recommended but not required. Temporary ratings may be assigned at the discretion of the Race Committee Chairman that shall be valid for this event only.

### **3. Registration**

- 3.1. A registration fee of \$75 is required for the event. Registration includes admission to the pre-race event on July 24<sup>th</sup>, post-race refreshments, and dockage where available up to 3 days before and after the event.
- 3.2. Registration forms will be available at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22323#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22323#_home).
- 3.3. Boats registering after 2000 on July 11<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a \$50 late fee and accepted only with the approval of the Organizing Authority.

### **4. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22323#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22323#_home) and may be posted on the unofficial notice boards at VBC and CYC.

### **5. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **6. Schedule of Events**

- 6.1. One race shall be held on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 0745.
- 6.3. Awards will be held at the Cleveland Yachting Club shortly after the completion of racing.
- 6.4. Sailing Instructions will be available at a pre-race event at VBC 1700-2100 on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **7. Signals Made Ashore**

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole.
- 7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **8. Racing Area**

- 8.1. Racing shall start in the vicinity of the VBC "S" mark.
- 8.2. Racing shall finish in the vicinity of the Rocky River Harbor Light.

### **9. Courses**

All fleets shall sail courses made of a combination of fixed or set marks in the waters of Lake Erie between Vermilion and Rocky River as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### **10. The Start**

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. A boat that did not start within the 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### **11. The Finish**

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between the north end of the Rocky River break wall and an inflatable mark set north of the end of the break wall.
- 11.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **12. Time Limits and Target Times**

Boats failing to finish within 120 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

### **13. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 13.1. Protest forms are available at the CYC Front Desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there or directly to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.

13.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished.

#### **14. Sailing Instructions**

Race Packets and Sailing Instructions will be available at the VBC front desk after 1700 on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **15. Communication**

15.1. The Race Committee and all competitors will monitor Ch 72.

15.2. The Race Committee may provide courtesy information to competitors via VHF Ch 72. Information so provided shall not be subject to action under RRS 62.

#### **16. Insurance**

Each participant shall be insured with valid, third-party insurance sufficient for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

#### **17. Disclaimer of Liability**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host clubs, 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 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.

#### **18. Additional Information**

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