



NOTICE OF RACE

2023 Mother's Day Series

May 7 & 14, 2023

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

Buckeye Lake, Ohio

The intent of the BLYC Mother's Day Series is to encourage early launching, practice, and participation by the BLYC fleet in preparation for the 2023 sailing season. It is scored independently of the seasonal "Sail on Sundays" series and the Lambrecht Cup. As such, it is intended to be a more casual "shakedown" atmosphere and FUN, rather than intense racing competition. All participants should sail with that in mind.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* RRS
- 1.2. The following rules will be changed. These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions: RRS 35, 63.1, & A5

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all single-masted, single sail or sloop-rigged boats and to all persons who are members of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club and their guests. **ALL sailors on Buckeye Lake are invited as guests of the Club and may participate.**
- 2.2. Eligible competitors may enter by notifying the Race Committee of their intent to race prior to the warning signal on any racing Sunday of the series. In order to be scored, participants must register in Regatta Network (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26367>) and pay the required fee (\$75 for the entire season - all series & races)
- 2.3. All entrants must sign a "Waiver of Liability" releasing the BLYC from all liability prior to participation in the first race in which they compete. This "Waiver of Liability" is available from the Race Committee.
 - 2.3.1. Junior entrants under the age of 18 must also have a parent or legal guardian sign this waiver.

3. FEES

- 3.1. There will be no fees for this series.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Races will be held on Sunday, May 7th and Sunday, May 14, 2023
- 4.2. The warning signal for the first race will be made no earlier than 1255 hours
- 4.3. A competitors meeting will be held at 1200 hours on each Sunday of racing in the vicinity of the BLYC front porch.
- 4.4. Based on conditions, multiple races may be sailed on each Sunday of racing. 3 races are planned for each day of racing. Based on conditions and number of races in the series to date, up to 5 races may be sailed each day.
- 4.5. No warning signal shall be made after 1630 hours
- 4.6. Changes to the schedule shall be posted no later than 1000 hours on the day of racing.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – will be available online and at the Race Committee Shack on each day of racing.

6. VENUE – will be the waters of Buckeye Lake

7. THE COURSES

7.1. Courses will be drop-mark courses and described in the Sailing Instructions

7.1.1. An offset mark may be used when a weather leg is followed by a leeward leg.

7.1.2. A leeward gate may be used at the end of a leeward leg. When used, boats shall sail between the marks and round either mark.

8. SCORING

8.1. Boats will be handicapped using the 2023 BLYC PHRF handicaps available on the BLYC website using Time-on-Time calculation.

8.2. All PHRF ratings are based on the pre-calculated North American Portsmouth Yardstick ratings as published by US Sailing. If no pre-calculated rating exists, ratings will be calculated using formulae as published in the North American Portsmouth Yardstick Handbook.

9. SERIES SCORING

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

9.2. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will be used except as changed below.

9.2.1. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

10.1. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – None

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

12.1. All boats are ***required*** to continuously monitor VHF channel 72, or alternate designated recreational channel, at all times while on the water.

12.2. The race committee will use VHF channel 72 or alternate designated recreational channel to make courtesy broadcasts. Failure to hear or understand a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. Except in an emergency, or to check-in or retire, 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.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boat with the highest series score.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. INSURANCE

15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid third-party insurance covering liability, bodily injury, and property damage.

15.2. Proof of Insurance shall be provided upon request of the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or Organizing Authority (BLYC)

16. FURTHER INFORMATION – For further information, please visit the BLYC website at <http://www.buckeyelakeyc.com> or contact

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