

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club



Holiday Long Distance Racing Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2024 Holiday Long Distance Races

Commodore Edward C Metzgar Trophy

Commodore Earl O. Williams Trophy

Commodore Dwight R. Haggard Trophy

May 27, July 4, September 2, 2024

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

Buckeye Lake, Ohio

1. RULES

1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ENTRIES

2.1. Eligible competitors may enter by registering online at Regatta Network through the BLYC website and paying the required fee.

2.2. All entrants must sign an electronic "Waiver of Liability" releasing 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. Junior entrants under the age of 18 must also have a parent or legal guardian sign this waiver.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board at regattanetwork.com

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Race Committee Shack on the southeast corner of Watkins Island. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made no less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAG

5.1. A *voluntary* competitors' meeting will be held each racing day at in the vicinity of the BLYC Clubhouse front porch 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start. The warning signal for the first race will be no earlier than 1055 hours on each day of racing for the Metzgar and Haggard races, 1200 for the Williams. The class flag and course will be designated at the competitors' meeting.

6. FLEETS

6.1. All registered boats will sail in a combined, handicapped class

7. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

7.2. 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.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be the entire waters of Buckeye Lake

9. COURSES AND MARKS

9.1. The course, marks, and directions of rounding will be communicated at the competitors' meeting and designated on the official notice board not less than 15 minutes following the conclusion of the meeting.

10. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

10.1. When races are started from the RC Shack, the starting and finishing lines will be between two orange balls placed off the south side of Watkins Island. If the races are started on the water, the starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange ball at the pin end of the line.

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1. The time limit for each race will be 3 hours for the first boat to finish. Boats not finishing within 1 hour of the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

12. PROTESTS

12.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the BLYC Library.

13. SCORING

13.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will be used.

13.2. All boats racing will be scored together, and handicapped using the 2024 BLYC PHRF handicaps website using Time-on-Time calculation.

13.3. BLYC PHRF ratings will be based on the North American Portsmouth Yardstick 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

14. INSURANCE

14.1. All boats shall have liability insurance currently in effect, covering yacht racing activities, property damage, personal injury, and death in an amount appropriate for the type of boat being sailed.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. [NP] Before the warning signal of the first race of the day, each competing boat shall check in with the Race Committee via VHF 72 by hailing her sail number, her intention to race, and the number of persons aboard and receive a response from the Race Committee. Any boat not complying with this instruction shall be penalized, without a hearing, by receiving a 20% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c) for the first race of the day without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.
- 15.2. [NP] A boat that leaves the racing area before finishing or before the last race of the day shall, if possible, notify the Race Committee either in person or via VHF channel 72 and receive a response from the Race Committee. Any boat not complying with this instruction shall be penalized, without a hearing, by receiving a 20% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c) for the last race in which she competed and finished. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.