



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Princess Pat Races**  
**July 11 & 12, 2025**

**Forest City Yacht Club**

*Preamble*      *The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

**1                RULES**

- 1.1**           All races will be governed by the 2025-2028 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association and any rules changed by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and amendments hereafter.

**2                SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1**           The sailing instructions will be available online no later than midnight on July 9, 2025 at [Regatta Network](#). The sailing instructions will also be available at Forest City Yacht Club starting on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm.
- 2.2**           Class Flags and Splits will be available on Friday July 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm. The Race Committee Chairman, at their sole discretion, whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine eligibility and placement within divisions and classes. Information will be posted on the online notice board and will be available at Forest City Yacht Club.

**3                COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1**           The online official notice board is located at [Regatta Network](#). The in person official notice board is located at Forest City Yacht Club in the clubhouse.
- 3.2**           [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 69.
- 3.3**           On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4**           [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes mobile telephones.

**4                ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1**           The regatta is open to all members of US SAILING, other National Governing Body, members of recognized yacht clubs, an Inter-Lake Yachting Association affiliated organization, Cleveland Sailing Association, or members of recognized sailing associations.
- 4.2**           Yachts should have a current rating from a valid PHRF association (PHRF-Lake Erie or PHRF-Southshore). A yacht without a current rating from PHRF-LE or PHRF-SS may be assigned a non-negotiable temporary rating by the race

committee.

- 4.3 Women's Division:** Open to boats with all woman sailors. **Spinnaker fleet is offered.** One male boat owner/designee may be on board but cannot assist in the helming or crewing of the boat and must remain on centerline. A minimum of 5 boats must register for a class.
- 4.4 Double Handed JAM Division:** Open to boats to be crewed by no more than 2 (two) people. A minimum of 5 boats must register for a class.
- 4.5** Eligible boats **must** enter online by submitting the entry form at Regatta Network. Required fees are to be paid online. **Registration deadline is Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- 4.6** After the deadline, late registrations may be submitted or changed up to 2 hours before the first scheduled start of the race by paying an additional late fee.
- 4.7** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

## **5 FEES**

- 5.1** Race Entry fees are as follows:

Race	Fees
Women's Race	\$35.00
Double Handed Race	\$35.00
Princess Pat Trophy Race	\$60.00

- 5.2** Late fees are as follows:

Late Fee
\$20.00/entry

## **6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1** The scheduled time of the first warning signal is as follows:

Race	Scheduled Warning Signal
Women's/Double Handed Races	July 11, 2025 @ 6:55 pm
Princess Pat Trophy Race	July 12, 2025 @9:25 am

## **7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 7.1** [DP] All equipment required by Federal, State, and Local authorities and class rules for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat.
- 7.2** Boats may be inspected at any time.

7.3 [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1

## 8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place inside the eastern end of Cleveland Harbor and on the waters of Lake Erie.

## 9 COURSES/MARKS

9.1 Official Race Course layouts and Mark coordinates will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 Marks used may be a combination of navigational buoys, the East Light break wall, the Cleveland water intake Crib, Cleveland Yacht Racing Association marks, and/or inflatable marks. The start and finish line will be in front of the Forest City Yacht Club between a buoy mark and the center line of the onshore starter's booth.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, however, RRS 44.1(a) and (b) apply.

## 11 SCORING

11.1 Each race shall be scored separately, using PHRF Time on Distance (TOD).

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 13. INSURANCE

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance must be provided upon request.

## 14. PRIZES

14.1 First, second and third place awards will be presented in each class.

14.2 Overall awards will be awarded to the first place overall winner in the Spinnaker and the JAM Divisions in the Princess Pat Trophy Race.

**15 DOCKAGE**

- 15.1** Complimentary dockage for all registered yachts is available the days of the races. Overnight dockage before and after the days of the races must be pre-arranged by contacting the Forest City Fleet Captain Victoria Mousty at 216-956-9566 or one of the Race Committee Chairs.

**16 PARKING**

- 16.1** Parking the days of the races is available on FCYC grounds for crews and guests. Parking is limited, please share rides. Park on gravel parking lot west of the clubhouse closest to lake. Please do not block docks or pool access.

**17 CONTACTS**

- 17.1** Race Committee Chairs:  
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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Thursday, July 10, 2025**

8:00 pm                      Registration Deadline for All Races

### **Friday, July 11, 2025**

4:00 pm                      Skippers Packets Available

5:00 pm                      Food available

7:00 pm                      First Start Women's Race

7:05 pm                      First Start Double Handed JAM Race

After Races                      Awards Ceremony – Women's and D-H races

### **Saturday, July 12, 2025**

8:00 am                      Complimentary Coffee and Donuts in Clubhouse

9:30 am                      First Start – Trophy Race

Approx.  
1:00 pm                      Hot Dog Service, Complimentary Beer and Lemonade

Approx.  
3:30 pm                      Awards Ceremony – Trophy Race