

2013 JAM REGATTA
Sailing Instructions
Saturday June 8, 2013

1. Rules

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS rule 63.7.
- 1.3 Encounters with commercial and/or government vessels shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.4 Interference with commercial and/or government vessels shall be grounds for protest.
- 1.5 The U.S Sailing prescriptions of Appendix T Section C, except T4.6, shall apply.
- 1.6 A boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership. This changes RRS rule 60.1(a).
- 1.7 The Organizing Authority for the JAM Regatta is Edgewater Yacht Club (EWYC).

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions – On shore - Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the official notice board not later than one (1) hour before the first warning.

On-Water - changes will be verbal via radio broadcast on VHF channel 72 before the first warning and shall be repeated periodically thereafter.

3. Signals Made Ashore

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located north of the EWYC clubhouse.
- 3.2 Signal Flag AP when displayed ashore means "The race is postponed". The first warning signal will be made not less than forty (40) minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signal AP.

4. Schedule of Races – Each boat's starting time and the course to be sailed will be provided in the skipper's package and/or at the skippers meeting on the morning of the race.

5. Skippers Meeting - The skippers meeting shall be held at 09:30 the morning of the race on the patio. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting may be held inside the club house

6. Racing Area - Racing shall take place on Lake Erie, north of EWYC. The specific course to be sailed, the marks to be rounded, the order and the side in which they are to be rounded will be announced at the skippers meeting on the morning of the race.

7. Marks

Marks of the course may be the marks of the EWYC Fixed Mark course, inflated tetrahedron(s), inflated cylinders, government lights and/or buoys, the Cleveland water intake crib or a combination of any or all of these.

8. The Start

- 8.1 The start will be a "Pursuit Start" with each boat assigned a starting time.
- 8.2 All start and finish times will be governed by the "JAM Regatta Official Clock" clock located temporarily in the main room of the clubhouse or on the patio.
- 8.3 The First Warning is scheduled for 10:30 am.
- 8.4 The start sequence for the first boat or boats in the first group of boats will begin as defined in RRS rule 26.
- 8.5 The Class Flag for the first start will be Code Flag 1. Thereafter, there will be no further flag signals except to indicate an individual recall. The Race Committee may attempt via VHF radio to alert boats of their impending start. All boats will start at their assigned time.
- 8.6 The starting line will be between the staff flying an Orange flag at the northeast corner of the EYC Pavilion marking the port end and a YELLOW tetrahedron marking the starboard end.
- 8.7 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule RRS rule 29.2. It is the responsibility of each boat to start properly. The race committee may attempt to hail boats which have not started properly on VHF channel 72. The following shall not be grounds for redress: failure of committee to hail any or all boats, failure of a boat to hear or receive its hail, timeliness of the hail, or the order of boats within the hail.
- 8.8 There will be no General Recall.

9. Shortening Course - The Race may be shortened at any rounding mark in accordance with the RRS rule 32.2. In the event of a shortened course, the finish line will be between the mark to be rounded and the staff on the Race Committee boat displaying the Code Flag S.

10. The Finish - Shall be in the vicinity of the EYC Pavilion, from the general direction of the last mark leaving the YELLOW tetrahedron to port and the staff flying an Orange flag, at the northeast corner of the EYC Pavilion to starboard.

11. Penalty System – RRS rule 44.2 is changed so that the “Two Turns Penalty” is replaced by a “One Turn Penalty.”

12. Time Limit There shall be **NO TIME LIMIT** for this race.

13. Equipment & Measurement

13.1 A boat shall use the sail numbers entered on the registration form and shall not use a sail with a different number during the race without prior written permission of the Race Committee.

14. Protests

Participants are strongly encouraged to settle their disputes in a prudent, civilized, and harmonious manner on the race course. However, if that isn't possible:

14.1 Protests forms are available at the EWYC "Chart Room," and protests shall be delivered there during the Protest Time as defined in instruction 14.5.

14.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board (located on the east patio of the EWYC clubhouse shortly after Protest Time ends to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are a party to or named as witnesses.

14.3 Protests will be heard in the Chart Room in the approximate order of receipt.

14.4 Protests, the outcome of which will not effect the awarding of prizes, may be heard later, at a date and time to be determined.

14.5. Protest Time shall end thirty (30) minutes after last boat has finished, withdrawn or retired.

15. Scoring

15.1 Boats will be scored in the order they finish. In other words, the first boat to sail the course and finish – wins; and so on. This changes RRS rule A3.

16. Radio Communication

16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This includes the use of mobile phones or other such telephonic devices to transmit and/or receive race related information and/or data.

16.2 Boats are encouraged to monitor race committee communications on marine VHF channel 72.

16.3 Any communications between race committee personnel which may be overheard by the competitors shall not be grounds for redress.

17. Safety Regulations

A boat that withdraws or retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. Disclaimer of Liability - Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 “Decision to Race.” The organizing authority, its volunteers or employees will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

19. Insurance - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.