

2013 NCWSA Regatta
September 7th, 2013
North Coast Women's Sailing Association
Cleveland, Ohio

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 PHRF Lake Erie rules and rulings may apply to PHRF and JAM fleets. One Design class rules may apply to designated One Design fleets.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) 41, A4.2, A5, A9 and Race Signals AP will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 To the extent allowed under rule 87, class and fleet rule(s) may be changed as follows: The use of marine VHF radios, Loran and GPS is permitted; there will be no class membership requirements; there will be no weight restrictions.
- 1.5 The following will not be grounds for protest or redress: class measurement or rating certificates (or lack thereof); class sail measurements; and items outlined in 1.4 (above). This changes RRS 60.1.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Monohull boats of more than 20 feet in overall length that are skippered and crewed by women. The Organizing Authority anticipates divisions including PHRF, JAM, J/22 and Ensign. Any class of boat not listed may contact the organizing authority to request inclusion. Charter boats may be available; contact a regatta chairperson for additional information.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the required registration on Regatta Network. The entry fee is \$45. US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount off the registration fee at any time.
- 2.3 Registration must be received by 17:00 on September 6th, 2013.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The regatta schedule is as follows:
 - Friday September 6th, 2013:
 - 18:00 – 20:00: Skippers packets available for pickup at EWYC
 - Saturday September 7th, 2013:
 - 08:00: Coffee & Donuts
 - 08:45: Skipper's Meeting

09:55: First Warning signal

After racing: Awards & Entertainment

- 3.2 Number of races: A maximum of five (5) races are scheduled. No initial warning signal will be made after 15:30.

4 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat in the PHRF and JAM fleets, except in the JAM B fleet, shall produce a valid PHRF-LE rating certificate. Each One Design boat shall produce a valid Class measurement certificate. The Race Committee, in its sole discretion, whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine the rating for any boat for which a PHRF-LE certificate is not produced, and placement within divisions.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available not later than 18:00 on September 6, 2013, at EWYC, and may be available online at www.NCWSA.net.

6 VENUE

Racing will take place on Lake Erie north of EWYC using fixed marks, inflatable marks, or a combination thereof.

7 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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 SCORING

- 8.1 The Low Point scoring system described in Appendix A2 shall apply except that all race scores will count. This changes RRS A2.
- 8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3 DNC, DNS, DNF and TLE shall be assigned a score of the number of boats finishing plus 1, and DSQ shall be assigned a score of the number of boats finishing plus 2. This changes RRS 44.3, A4.2, A5 and A9.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded at the regatta party following the races.
- 9.2 Prizes will be given as follows: first three places in each racing fleet or division with (4) or more boats registered, first two places in each racing fleet or division with (3) boats registered.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

11 COACHING

- 11.1 No more than one (1) coach, either male or female, is allowed on boats that normally sail with five (5) or fewer crew (including skipper). No more than two (2) coaches, male or female, are allowed on boats that normally sail with more than five (5) crew (including skipper). The Race Committee, in its sole discretion, whose decision is final and without appeal, shall determine the allowable number of coaches for each boat.
- 11.2 While racing, a male coach may only provide verbal coaching and may not assist the crew physically, except in an emergency. In the event that a male coach provides assistance to a boat while racing, including in an emergency, the boat shall immediately inform the race committee and take a 20% scoring penalty. This changes RRS 44.3.
- 11.3 If the boat owner and skipper disagree on any issue, the owner's decision will prevail.
- 11.4 This (11.1-11.4) changes RRS 41.

12 GUEST DOCKAGE

- 12.1 Guest docks and trailer parking facilities will be assigned when a boat arrives at Edgewater Yacht Club. Visiting boats will be allow to stay two (2) days prior to and following the regatta at no charge.
- 12.2 All boats should be properly equipped for rafting, if necessary.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact NCWSA race chairs Mindy Sminchak at mindy.sminchak@gmail.com or Halle Minshall at halle.minshall@gmail.com.