



## **The Battle of Lake Erie Intercollegiate Regatta**

Organized by Erie Yacht Club

September 19-20, 2026

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES:** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the *Procedural and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition* (PCR), except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors, including boat rotations, will be posted in Techscore. A brief skippers meeting will be held outdoors at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Other than that, all relevant information will be communicated to team through the Notice Board in Techscore.

**3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced orally and in Techscore before the first race in which they are to take effect. If oral changes are announced on the water, the committee boat will display code flag L (come within hail) with one sound signal and each boat will acknowledge that they have received and understood the change.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the Boathouse.

4.2 When flag AP (postponement) is displayed ashore, "1 Minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

#### **5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

5.1 Club 420's will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.

5.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.

5.3 Trapeze and spinnaker rigging are not to be used during the regatta.

5.4 The penalty for infringing the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.

5.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boat repair committee immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

5.6 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of pins or rings, except that the Jury may, but is not required to, grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

## **6. FORMAT**

6.1 The regatta format will be a single round robin.

6.2 The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the rotation sheet provided at the competitors meeting and in Techscore. Boat exchanges will take place at the docks at the Rickloff Community Boathouse, or at the east Lighthouse deck, depending on wind direction.

## **7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/RACES:**

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

1000: Skippers' Meeting

1100: First Warning

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

1000: First Warning

No start signal shall be made after 1500

## **8. RACING AREA:**

8.1 The racing area will be in Presque Isle Bay in the vicinity of the Erie Yacht Club

## **9. THE COURSES:**

9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward courses with an offset mark per the diagrams.

9.2 The Race Committee will display the course number on a white board on the back of the committee boat prior to the warning signal for each race.

9.3 Course Diagrams are provided in Techscore.

## **10. MARKS:**

10.1 The start mark will be an orange inflatable.

10.2 The windward mark will be a yellow inflatable. In the event of a course change, the new mark will be an orange inflatable.

10.3 The leeward mark will be a yellow inflatable.

10.4 The offset mark will be an orange ball.

## **11. THE START:**

11.1 RRS Appendix U will be used as modified by PR 18(b). This changes RRS Appendix U.

11.2 The start line will be between the course side of the port-end starting mark and a yellow flag on the committee boat at the starboard end.

11.3 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11.4 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

## **12. RECALLS**

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with PCR 18(b)(ii). If any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line after the start and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her. Failure by the race committee to hail the boat in question will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12.2 Multiple sound signals and the hail of the words "general recall" will signal a general recall. Code flag "First Substitute" may also be displayed.

12.3 Following any general recall, PCR 18(b)(iii) shall also be in effect.

## **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 Any mark of the course may be moved in accordance with PCR 18(c)(i).

## **14. THE FINISH**

14.1 For courses W2 and W4, the finish line will be between an orange inflatable at the starboard end and a yellow flag on the committee boat at the port end. This changes RRS race signals.

14.2 For courses W3 and W5, the finish line will be between the windward mark and a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby official boat.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM:**

15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **16. HEARING REQUESTS**

16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the Boathouse. Protests shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the committee boat's docking time.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

17.1 Approved personal flotation shall be worn at all times.

17.2 A boat requesting assistance from support boats should signal by waving hands overhead.

17.3 A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew, unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance, and the boat will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

17.4 Starts may not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

17.5 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately upon arriving ashore.