



NOTICE OF RACE
Sept 11th -13th, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – University of Toledo Sailing Club (UTSC)
HOSTED BY – North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply, except that “24 hours” is replaced with “72 hours”.
- 1.3. All boats and crew are required to abide by Federal, State, and Local laws and guidelines.
Recommendations and restrictions with regard to the COVID19 virus, including but not limited to masking mandates and occupancy requirements for boats of various sizes.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on Sept. 8th, 2026, at <https://railmeets.com/regatta>; look for 2026 LEIOR Regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry will be by invitation only.
- 3.2 Eligibility for this event will be based on ICSA Procedural rules and Eligibility Restrictions.
- 3.3 Procedure for invitation, teams within the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA):
 - 3.3.1. Teams will sign up for the regatta in accordance with MCSA procedures (e.g. at MCSA Midwinters Meeting via the draft process).
 - 3.3.2. Invitations will be sent by the OA to the initial ten teams.
 - 3.3.3. On a rolling Basis invitations will be sent to teams on the waitlist.
 - 3.3.4 All Teams must confirm entry no later than 8/28/2026; otherwise, entry will be forfeited.
- 3.4 Procedure for an invitation for teams not within the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA):
 - 3.4.1. Teams will request an invitation via the “request for invitation” form.
 - 3.4.2. This form will be made available no later than 8/28/20246 via the ICSA List Serve.
 - 3.4.3. Invitations will be sent by the OA to non-MCSA teams on a rolling basis thereafter.



3.5 Teams will register on a rolling basis until 8/28/2026; there will be no registrations after 9/1/2026.

3.6 If a team chooses to withdraw from the regatta post-registration, a formal withdrawal must be submitted by 8/28/2026 to the OA. If a withdrawal is not provided by 8/28/2026, a team's eligibility to participate in future LEIOR events will be considered by the OA. For teams registered via the MCSA standard regatta, withdrawal penalties may be due per MCSA policies.

3.7 A minimum crew is required to compete; this will be strictly based on boat size and crew needs for operating the boat safely.

3.7.1. All crewmembers must be students enrolled in the college, which they are representing.

4. FEES

4.1. There will be no regatta fees for this event.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 11th

1400-1700	Registration
1600-1800	Open Practice
1700-1800	Optional Practice Starts
1900	Safety Briefing
After Practice	Sundown Event- Food served

Saturday, Sept. 12th

0800	Buoy Races/Windward Leewards Breakfast
0830	Mandatory Competitors meeting
0900	Harbor Gun
1000	First Warning
1600	No Warning after this time
1830 Approx.	Dinner served

Sunday, Sept. 13th

	Distance Race/Buoy Race(s)
0800	Breakfast
0900	Harbor Gun
1000	First Warning
1400	No Warning after this Time
After Racing (Target time, 1600)	Awards Presentation- Food served

It is the intent of the Race Committee to complete as many races as practical each day.



6. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

6.1 Competitors are asked to wear their school pennies (sailing bib) from the time their boat leaves the dock until after it returns from racing.

6.2 Teams will be allowed to choose their respective boats 2 weeks before the event. Teams will receive final boat assignments no later than one week before the regatta start date.

6.2.1 Teams will be allowed to choose their prospective boats – boats will be pre-divided out based on recommended crew sizes.

6.2.2 Boats will be assigned on a first come first serve basis, based on responses from the time registration opens.

6.3 Teams wishing to bring their own boats are allowed to do so. If you wish to bring your own boat, you will be assigned a valid Lake Erie PHRF Handicap rating.

6.3.1 Teams bringing their own boat must coordinate with NCYC on logistics. If you bring your own boat, you are responsible for the following things – Haul out, Launch, tie up. We will work with you on dockage/rafting and logistical coordination. Boats must not draw over 6ft without getting approval from NCYC and UTSC.

6.3.2 DRAFT DISCLAIMER – Boats drawing over 6ft have a chance of bumping the sandbar at the end of the cut. This occurs based on wind direction and when the water is pushed out of the channel. This can be compensated for by heeling the boats over when entering and exiting the channel. Boats drawing over 6ft that wish to compete assume all risk and responsibility for getting in and out of the cut.

7. VENUE

7.1 The racing area will be western Lake Erie offshore of the Toledo Beach Marina and North Cape Yacht Club Channel entrance. The approximate location and courses will be in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel for each event will be stated in the sailing instructions (SIs).

8. COURSES

Saturday -

8.1 Courses will be around the Buoys and/or windward/leeward courses. They can be altered to accommodate any wind or weather conditions.

Sunday –

8.2 Distance Races will be based on wind and weather. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions. Courses may be altered based on weather conditions to accommodate time constraints. Buoy Races may occur after the distance race to allow for added races, if time allows.

9. SCORING

9.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.



9.2 Boats will be scored using Lake Erie PHRF ratings and times will be corrected to determine placement.

9.3 Scoring software will be used; teams will have access to scoring online.

10. PRIZES

10.1 The top three finishing teams in each class will receive awards at the Awards Presentation at the end of the regatta. Awards will also be given to overall winners.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 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 to acknowledge 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 an increased risk of injury. Inherent to the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

11.2 The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this regatta to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12. INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per regatta or the equivalent.

13. HOUSING

13.1 Teams may be permitted to camp in designated areas at North Cape Yacht Club. Teams wishing to camp at NCYC, MUST notify the Chairs before the event to verify/confirm camping. However, teams are encouraged to arrange separate local housing accommodations.

14. FOOD

14.1 The OA will provide food to competitors as follows: Friday-dinner, Saturday-breakfast and dinner, Sunday lunch after racing before awards.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 Organizing Club: The University of Toledo Sailing Club and North Cape Yacht Club

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