



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

September 11-13, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – University of Toledo Sailing Club HOSTED BY – North Cape Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing of the United States Sailing Association, and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All boats and crew are required to abide by federal, state, and local laws, guidelines, recommendations, and restrictions regarding the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to masking mandates and occupancy requirements for boats of various sizes.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to Competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.2. The official notice board will be the window next to the front door of the club.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Channel 72.
 - 3.3.1. The race committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors; failure to hail her sail number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.4. From the warning signal of the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions. It shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care and seamanship in accordance with any instruction for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff between the NCYC Clubhouse and the channel. Postponement is indicated by Code Flag "AP" accompanied by two sound signals.
The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" flag is lowered.
Abandonment is indicated by Code Flag "N" and three sound signals.

6. CLASS FLAGS	Start Order	Class	Class Flag
	1 st	PHRF- A	Code Pennant #1
	2 nd	PHRF- B	Code Pennant# 2

7. RACING AREA Saturday

- 7.1. The racing area will be in western Lake Erie

8. COURSES Saturday

- 8.1. Racing for Saturday will consist of Buoy Racing and Windward/Leeward races with a windward offset and a Leeward gate. Below are the course options for Saturday's 1st race

Buoy Races (Starting at Center Mark) – The course will be displayed on the RC boat

Course 1 Spinnaker	C-NE-NW-SW-C	Marks to Port
Course 2 Spinnaker	C-E-N-W-C	Marks to Port
Course 3 Spinnaker	C-SE-NE-NW-C	Marks to Port
Course 4 Spinnaker	C-S-E-N-C	Marks to Port
Course 5 Spinnaker	C-SW-SE-NE-C	Marks to Port
Course 6 Spinnaker	C-W-S-E-C	Marks to Port
Course 7 Spinnaker	C-NW-SW-SE-C	Marks to Port
Course 8 Spinnaker	C-N-W-S-C	Marks to Port

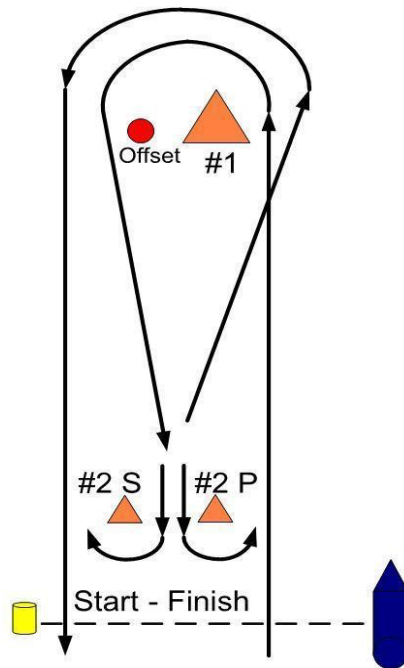
Windward/Leeward - The course will be displayed on the RC boat

Course	Legs
1 (1 Lap)	Windward-Leeward-to Finish
2 (2 Laps)	Windward-Leeward-(gate) Windward-Leeward-to Finish

- 8.2 Marks are as follows: Windward mark and orange inflatable and offset will be a round hippity hop. Leeward marks will be orange inflatables. The start/finish mark will be yellow inflatables. The change of course mark will be a green inflatable.

(The below diagram is for course reference, not mark color/size reference)

8.3 Change of course mark will be a green inflatable



Sunday's race course will be announced at the skippers' meeting Sunday morning) and posted on the official notice board.

8.3. The Race Committee will identify the course direction with a RED flag (Marks to Port) or GREEN flag (Marks to Starboard). The course number will be indicated by panels with Yellow numbers on a Black background.

9. START AND FINISH

9.1 **Saturday 1st race:** May be between the NCYC Center mark and the orange flag on the R/C boat. The mark is located approximately 1 ½ NM's east of the NCYC channel entry. (This will be announced at the Saturday morning skippers meeting)

9.2 **Saturday Windward/Leeward:** Will be between the Yellow inflatable (or NCYC center mark) and the orange flag on the R/C boat.

9.3 **Sunday Long distance race** will be between the NCYC West mark and the orange flag on the R/C boat. The mark is located approximately 1 ½ NM's east of the NCYC channel entry.

9.4 **Finish** will be between the orange flag on the R/C boat and the nearby mark

10. RECALLS

10.1 Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29. The RC may hail yachts that break RRS 29 on Channel 72. Failure to hear the hail is not grounds for redress.

11. PROTEST

11.1 Competitors shall notify the Race Committee after finishing of any intent to file. Written protests shall be delivered to the LEIOR registration table near the club entrance within 1 hour after the Race Committee finishes docking their boat. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the hour limit has expired.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1. Prior to the first race each day, each boat shall check in by:

12.1.1. Sailing astern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number,

12.1.2. The RC will acknowledge the hail.

12.2. A boat that does not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

12.3. A yacht that retires shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area. If that is not possible, the yacht shall notify NCYC as soon as possible. The club monitors VHF channel 16. Club Telephone: (734) 242-5081.

12.4. RRS 40.1 shall apply from the time a boat departs the dock until they return to the dock. This applies only to the competitors on board and excludes the scrutineers and coaches.

13. SUPPLIED BOATS

13.1. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. 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.

14.2. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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 prior to, 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.