

77 ANNUAL SNOW FLURRIES REGATTA

September 30th & October 1st 2023

Organizing Authority & Host Club: Port Clinton Yacht Club



Sailing instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* except as altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 If there is a discrepancy between the NOR and these SIs, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the "Official Notice Board" located at the Port Clinton Yacht Club main entrance.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect. Changes will be posted on the back door to the patio.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Yardarm on the riverfront.
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.
This changes the RRS.

5 CHECKING IN

- 5.1 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled for PHRF, JAM and Multi as follows:

Saturday September 20, 2023. Multiple races are planned.
Skippers meeting: 0800
1 hr. gun: **0900**
First Warning: **1000**

Sunday, October 1, 2023. Multiple races are planned.
1 hr. gun **0900**
First Warning:
1000

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- 6.2 The Race Committee will attempt to maintain 5-minute rolling starts.
- 6.3 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the

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Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Class Flag	Signals
		0900 1-hour Gun
J-24	J-24 Class Flag	0955 Warning 1000 Start
Multihull	Numeral Pennant 1	
PHRF A	Numeral Pennant 2	
PHRF B	Numeral Pennant 3	
JAM A	Numeral Pennant 4	
JAM B	Numeral Pennant 5	

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be the western basin of Lake Erie, north of the Port Clinton Yacht Club.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 All races will be Windward Leeward courses.

9.2 Prior to the start of each race the Race Committee shall display a numerical placard to denote the course to be sailed.

9.3 The course diagram is Attachment A, showing the courses (Course 1 or Course 2), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded. An offset mark will be used as signified on the course diagrams

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 will be yellow. Marks 2a and 2b will be yellow.

10.2 Offset is small round orange

10.3 The starting and finishing marks will orange

11 THE START

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- 11.1 Races will be started using *Rule 26* with classes starting in the order designated in section 6 of the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The original starting order and class starts will be maintained after postponement. In the event of a general recall, the recalled class will start after the scheduled starts.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the orange starting mark.
- 11.4 A 'Limiting' mark may be set by the Race Committee behind the transom of the Race Committee Signal Boat. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark will be an Orange Mark.

When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The 'Finish' line will be blue flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and an orange finish mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If the first boat does not reach Mark 1 within one hour, or the first boat to finish does not finish within two hours after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "TIME LIMIT EXPIRED" (TLE) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats who finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 In the event of a protest in the racing area, the yacht shall communicate verbally to the race committee signal boat her intent to protest. This shall be communicated immediately after her finish. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 15.2
- 15.3 Protest forms will be available at PCYC Clubhouse entrance. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the race committee docking time.
- 15.4
- 15.5 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit expiration to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.6

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- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. The time on distance handicapping system will be used. There are no throw-outs (this changes Appendix A of the RRS).
- 16.2 A minimum of three (3) boats are required to constitute a fleet for each class.
- 16.3 One race constitutes a regatta.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing, or decides she is done racing for the day, shall notify the race committee before leaving the course.
- 17.2 A boat returning to the racing area after leaving shall also notify the race committee of her intent to race

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 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.

20 INSURANCES

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate coverage amounts.
- 20.2 If a Race Committee boat is damaged as a result of a boat breaking a rule that boat shall pay for the repairs.

18 Communication

- 19.1 All official race communications will be on VHF channel 71.

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