

2026 NCWSA'S NORTH COAST INVITATIONAL

*Women's PHRF & One Design Racing
Including: T-10 Women's Championship*

Edgewater Yacht Club

Aug 21-22, 2026

Cleveland, OH USA

<https://edgewateryachtclub.com/regatta/LTBNL3Y4eo>

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is North Coast Women's Sailing Association ("NCWSA") in conjunction with Edgewater Yacht Club ("EYC").

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. South Shore Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF-SS) rules, available at <https://phrfss.org/>, apply to PHRF and JAM fleets.
- 1.3. Boats competing with a PHRF-SS One Design Class rating shall comply with their One-Design class rules unless otherwise noted.
- 1.4. [NP] South Shore Performance Handicap Racing Fleet class rule 16 does not apply.
- 1.5. [NP] Tartan 10 class rule 5 does not apply.
- 1.6. [NP] J/105 class rule 7.1 does not apply.
- 1.7. The following US Sailing Prescriptions do not apply: the prescriptions to Section B of Part 5 and RRS 63.1.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available online on or before 1600 on Aug 20, 2026, at <https://edgewateryachtclub.com/regatta/LTBNL3Y4eo>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://edgewateryachtclub.com/regatta/LTBNL3Y4eo>

- 3.2.** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- 3.3.** On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4.** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5.** At registration, a representative of each boat shall provide a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee, protest committee and technical committee may use email or text messages to communicate with competitors before the event and while boats are in the harbor.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1.** The event is open to all monohull PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF JAM (Jib & Main), and One Design boats with a LOA of 18 feet or greater skippered and crewed by women.
- 4.1.1** Classes with three (3) or more boats registered by August 20, 2026 will be scored as a separate fleet and may receive a separate start.
- 4.1.2** Classes with five (5) or more boats registered by August 20, 2026 will receive their own start.
- 4.1.3.** Boats sailing in PHRF and JAM without a certificate may apply at <https://phrfss.org/>
- 4.1.4.** Ratings shall be the most current ratings assigned by PHRF-SS as of June 01, 2026.
- 4.1.5.** PHRF entries without a valid certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating by the OA. PHRF rating assignments by the OA shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).
- 4.1.6.** If the minimum number of entries for a One Design class is not met, the OA reserves the right to accept or reject that class.
- 4.1.7.** Contact the OA to be added to the class entry list.
- 4.1.8.** A boat shall have an all-female crew (including skipper).
- 4.2.** Eligible boats shall enter online at <https://edgewater yachtclub.com/regatta/LTBNL3Y4eo>, completing all the registration requirements and paying the applicable fee(s).
- 4.2.1.** Early Registration Deadline: 2359 on August 1, 2026
- 4.2.2.** Final Registration Deadline: 2359 on August 20, 2026

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than 2359 on August 20, 2026. Entries received after this date will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.3.1. Boats registered by 2359 on August 1, 2026 will receive a \$20 discount on their entry fee. NCWSA member boats will receive a discount code via email that will adjust their entry fee.

5. COACHING

5.1. For boats that sail with three (3) or fewer team members, no coach is permitted.

5.2. For boats that sail with four (4) or five (5) team members, one (1) coach is permitted.

5.3. For boats that sail with six (6) or more team members, up to two (2) coach(es) are permitted.

5.4. A coach:

5.4.1. May be male or female.

5.4.2. [DP] May only provide verbal coaching and may not provide any materially substantial support (hiking, sail trimming, steering, etc.), except in the case of an emergency. If a coach aids a boat while racing, including in an emergency, the boat shall immediately inform the race committee and may be subject to a 40% penalty.

6. FEES

6.1. Entry Fees are as follows:

Fee Description	Registration on or before August 1, 2026	Registration on or after August 2, 2026
Event Entry, NCWSA Member Boat	\$100.00	\$120.00
Event Entry, Non-Member Boat	\$120.00	\$140.00

Late Registrations, after 2359 on August 19, 2026: \$200

Registration closes at 2359 on August 20, 2026

6.2. The entry fee includes the costs for race management, access to EYC facilities, and two 2-Day social event wristbands. Wristbands include sponsored drinks and food at post racing socials.

6.3. First five boats to register will receive one extra 2-day wristband!

6.4. Additional 2-Day social event wristbands can be purchased onsite for \$40 each, and daily wristbands purchased on-site will be \$25

6.5. An administrative fee of \$25 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 01, 2026.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. Registration packets may be picked up at Edgewater Yacht Club on: Aug 21, 2026 from 1500 to 1800, or Aug 22, 2026 from 0800 to 0900

8.2. The following schedule is planned for the event:

Fri, Aug 21, 2026	Founder's Pursuit Race
1800	Competitors meeting at EYC Pavilion
1830	Pavilion Watch Party Begins
1855	First warning signal for <i>The Founder's Pursuit Race</i>
Post Racing	Social Event on EYC patio
Sat, Aug 22, 2026	Invitational Races
0930	Competitors meeting at EYC Patio
1055	First warning with additional races to follow (No warning signal after 1500)
1600	Post Racing Social: Food, Drinks, and Live Music on EYC patio
1700	Awards on EYC Patio

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. Each Boat shall produce a valid class measurement or rating certificate at registration.

9.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.3. RRS 78.2 shall not apply.

10. VENUE

10.1. Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie north of Edgewater Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

11.1. Racing may use any combination of fixed marks, drop marks, robotic marks, government marks, and/or the Crib. Specifics will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. Appendix V shall apply.

13. SCORING

13.1. The scoring system is as follows:

13.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14. BERTHING

14.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park and harbor.

14.2. Berthing, including launch and haul-out, should be made with the Dockmaster by calling the EYC office. Charges may apply.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 (decision to race) 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 and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and EYC 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.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. PRIZES

18.1. Series prizes will be awarded for:

- First (1st) through third (3rd) place for the Friday evening pursuit race; The first (1st) place boat will receive *The Founder's Pursuit Race Plaque*
- First (1st) through third (3rd) place for class racing Saturday
- Boats that race both the pursuit race on Friday and invitational races on Saturday will be eligible for an overall regatta award.

- The first (1st) place T-10 sailboat will receive the *Todd Imbler Trophy for the T-10 Women's Championship*

19. MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material as well as representations of their boats in any media world-wide (including television, radio, print, video footage and internet media) for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

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