

2026 NCWSA'S NORTH COAST INVITATIONAL

Women's PHRF & One Design Racing

Including T-10 Women's Championship

Edgewater Yacht Club
August 21-22, 2026
Cleveland, Ohio USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES
 - 1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
 - 1.2 RRS Appendix V will apply.
 - 1.3 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is replaced with: "(2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in it and did not see the incident, or"
2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
 - 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by communicating with the competitors on VHF channel 71 effective for that day only.
3. COMMUNICATIONS
 - 3.1 The official notice board is online at [NCWSA'S NORTH COAST INVITATIONAL](http://edgewateryachtclub.com/regatta/LTBNL3Y4e0) (<http://edgewateryachtclub.com/regatta/LTBNL3Y4e0>).
 - 3.2 The race office is located in the conference room of Edgewater Yacht Club (EYC).
 - 3.3 The race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors using VHF channel 71.
 - 3.4 [DP] From the time of 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 communications that are not available to all boats.
4. CODE OF CONDUCT
 - 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.
5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the northeast corners of the EYC clubhouse.
 - 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 50 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
6. SCHEDULE OF RACES
 - 6.1 The schedule of races is as follows:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday August 21, 2026	1500 to 1800	Registration
	1800	Competitors' Meeting at EYC Pavilion
	1855	First Warning for Founders' Pursuit Race from EYC Pavilion
Saturday, August 22, 2026	0930	Competitors' Meeting at EYC Pavilion
	1030	First Warning for Commodore's Cup Distance Race
	1100	First Warning for Around-the-Buoys Races; additional races to follow
	1500	No warning after this time

- 6.2 One pursuit race is scheduled for Friday. One distance race is scheduled for Saturday. Three around-the-buoy races are scheduled for Saturday, one of which is required to be completed in order to constitute a series.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 There are no class flags for the Founders' Pursuit Race on Friday.
7.2 The class flags for Saturday are as follows:

Class/Fleet	Flag
JAM Distance Racers	#4 Numeral Pennant
PHRF Distance Racers	#6 Numeral Pennant
PREP Boat Distance Racers	#5 Numeral Pennant
Tartan 10	#2 Numeral Pennant
PHRF	#1 Numeral Pennant
JAM	#3 Numeral Pennant

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Addendum 1 shows the course for the Founders' Pursuit Race.
8.2 Addendum 2 shows the courses for the Commodore's Cup distance race.
8.3 Addendum 3 shows the courses for the around-the-buoys races.
8.4 If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded to port.
8.5 For the around-the-buoys races, no later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course to be sailed, and the approximate heading and distance to the first mark.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The marks for the Founders' Pursuit Race and the distance race are described in Addenda 1 and 2.
9.2 The marks for the around-the-buoys races will be yellow (Start Mark and Mark 1) and orange (Marks 2s and 2p) robotic MarkSetBots.
9.3 The change mark for the Mark 1 (weather mark) will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The start times for the Founders' Pursuit Race will be posted on the official notice board.
10.2 Saturday races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
10.3 The order of starts will be determined by the race committee and will be announced on VHF Channel 71 no later than five minutes before the first warning.
10.3 The starting line is between the staff displaying the orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the starting mark at the port end of the line.
10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
10.5 A boat that does not start within four minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
10.6 At the start, if any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1) .

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The position of MarkSetBots may be changed by up to 0.1 nm or 10° without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.
11.2 For a change of course greater than 0.1 nm or 10°, the race committee will place the new change mark in the water as soon as practicable and signal the change of course at the beginning of the leg being changed. The new mark may not be in the water when boats begin sailing the leg being changed.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish for the Founders' Pursuit Race and the distance race are described in Addenda 1 and 2.
12.2 The finish line for the around-the-buoys races will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for the Founder's Pursuit Race is 2130. Boats failing to finish within the time limit that have not notified the race committee of their intention to retire will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 13.2 The time limit for the Saturday distance race is four hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit that have not notified the race committee of their intention to retire will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 13.3 For the around-the-buoys races:
- 13.3.1 If no boat in a class has rounding the first mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3.2 If no boat in a class has finished the race within 2 hours, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3.3 The finishing window is the time for boats in a class to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. The finishing window is 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within their finishing window that have not notified the race committee of their intention to retire will be scored TLE without a hearing.
- 13.4 The application of and/or failure to meet any time limits will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 For the Founders' Pursuit Race and the Saturday distance race, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 14.2 For the around-the-buoys races, the protest time limit is sixty minutes after the time the signal vessel docks.
- 14.3 The protest time limits will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.4 Hearing request forms are available in the race office and shall be filed with the Chief Judge within the protest time limit.
- 14.5 A written hearing request (protest or redress) shall have been prepared by, and at a hearing a boat shall be represented by, a female member of the racing crew, excluding all coaches, other support persons and boat owners unless the boat owner is also a female member of the racing crew. A hearing request which has not been prepared by a female member of the racing crew shall be found invalid. This changes RRS 60.3(a), 60.4(a)(1), 61.2(a), 61.3 and 63.1(a)(4).
- 14.6 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the EYC conference room.
- 14.7 Hearings related to the Founders' Pursuit Race will be heard on Saturday after racing.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, with no throw-outs.
- 15.2 A boat scored TLE shall be scored two points more than the last boat to sail the course within the time limit or finishing window, but in no event worse than last place. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP][NP] No later than five minutes before the first warning signal of the day, each boat intending to race shall check in with the race committee.
- 16.2 [NP] On Friday, boats may check in by radio on VHF channel 71. On Saturday, boats shall check in by sailing by the stern of the race committee signal vessel and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats **shall not** check in by VHF radio on Saturday.
- 16.3 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. EVENT CONTACTS

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ADDENDUM 3

Around-the-Buoys Courses



COURSE	ROUNDING MARKS (IN ORDER)
2	Start, 1(p), Finish
4	Start, 1(p), 2s or 2p, 1(p) Finish