

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GRSC-AYC-NEOSA 2026 Rowley Cup / Markko Cup LAKE COUNTY TO ASHTABULA RACE

Saturday, August 29th 2026

From Mentor, Ohio to Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

Entries

Competitors may enter providing a completed entry form and paying the \$40.00 entry fee via <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/oW3BTBAwch> before 20:00:00, Thursday 08/27/26.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the ClubSpot website for the race at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/oW3BTBAwch>.

Communications

During the race, on the water communications and any further instructions will be made by the race committee on VHF radio channel 80. There will be no signals made ashore.

Schedule

This will be a pursuit race with individual, handicapped start times assigned based on the course length. The individual start times for the full 28 nautical mile course will be based on a 09:00:00 start for a boat with a 240 rating, regardless of spinnaker or non-spinnaker ratings.

If weather conditions dictate, course shortening options may be possible. A volunteered committee boat and a set temporary mark will serve as the start-line at a shorter fixed distance from the AYC race finish-line.

The attached Addendums A through C list the individual start times for all boats currently registered and additional start times based on sample ratings for the full 28 nautical mile course, and for shorter 15 and 10 nautical mile course options. Additional start times will be included or communicated by the race committee as any additional boats register.

Racing Area

The race shall be sailed on Lake Erie from north of Mentor Harbor, Ohio to Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio.

Warning

The area marked with orange and white buoys north of the finish line along the Ashtabula Harbor breakwater is shallow and to be avoided. Please refer to the NOAA nautical charts for all areas along the course to be avoided.

Courses and Marks

The full course is calculated at 28 nautical miles. The race will start off the end of Mentor Harbor's western entrance red triangular channel marker and MHYC's "S" Mark (30" diameter orange ball). The pre-start side of the line will be to the west.

The course will then proceed north of GRSC's "G" Mark, leaving the mark to starboard (keeping boats away from the Fairport Harbor's main entrance).

The finish line will be inside the Ashtabula Harbor, between the two navigational buoys AYC uses for the finish line for their club races.

(See Appendix A for Start, Finish, and Mark Charts and Coordinates.)

If the weather conditions dictate, course shortening options may be possible. A volunteered committee boat and a set temporary mark will serve as the start-line at a shorter fixed distance from the AYC finish line.
(See Addendums B and C.)

Starting and Finishing

There will be no race committee at the start or finish lines. Teams will be expected to start correctly based on their assigned start time and to record and report their own finish time.

Upon finishing, you must promptly text to 440-278-9031 the boat name and GPS finish time to official US (EDT) time. (Screen shots from time.gov are acceptable.)

Registered boats that do not race or retire from the race for any reason MUST report their action to the race committee via VHF Channel 80 and text to 440-278-9031.

Time Limit

The deadline to finish the race for all boats will be 1800 hours on the day of the race. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored as Did Not Finish.

Protests

Protests shall be delivered to the Ashtabula Yacht Club within 1 hour after the last boat in the race finishes. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable at the Ashtabula Yacht Club.

Scoring

The scoring system is defined in RRS Appendix A.

Addendum A

Start times for the full 28 nautical mile course

Boat Name	Class	Rating	Start Time
		240	09:00:00
Pegasus	JAM	237	09:01:24
Interlude	CRUISE	182	09:27:04
Serenity	CRUISE	174	09:30:48
ViewFinder	JAM	121	09:55:32
WhiteHawk	SPIN	72	10:18:24
Zephyr	SPIN	63	10:22:36
Papa's Toy	SPIN	39	10:33:48

Addendum B
Start times for a 15 nautical mile course

Boat Name	Class	Rating	Start Time
		240	00:00:00
Pegasus	JAM	237	00:00:45
Interlude	CRUISE	182	00:14:30
Serenity	CRUISE	174	00:16:30
ViewFinder	JAM	121	00:29:45
WhiteHawk	SPIN	72	00:42:00
Zephyr	SPIN	63	00:44:15
Papa's Toy	SPIN	39	00:50:15

Addendum C
Start times for a 10 nautical mile course

Boat Name	Class	Rating	Start Time
		240	00:00:00
Pegasus	JAM	237	00:30:00
Interlude	CRUISE	182	00:09:40
Serenity	CRUISE	174	00:11:00
ViewFinder	JAM	121	00:19:50
WhiteHawk	SPIN	72	00:28:00
Zephyr	SPIN	63	00:29:30
Papa's Toy	SPIN	39	00:33:30

Appendix A

Start, Finish, and Mark Coordinates and Charts

Start Line

Start Line North Mark: MHYC "S" Mark (30" diameter orange ball)

41° 43.78' N

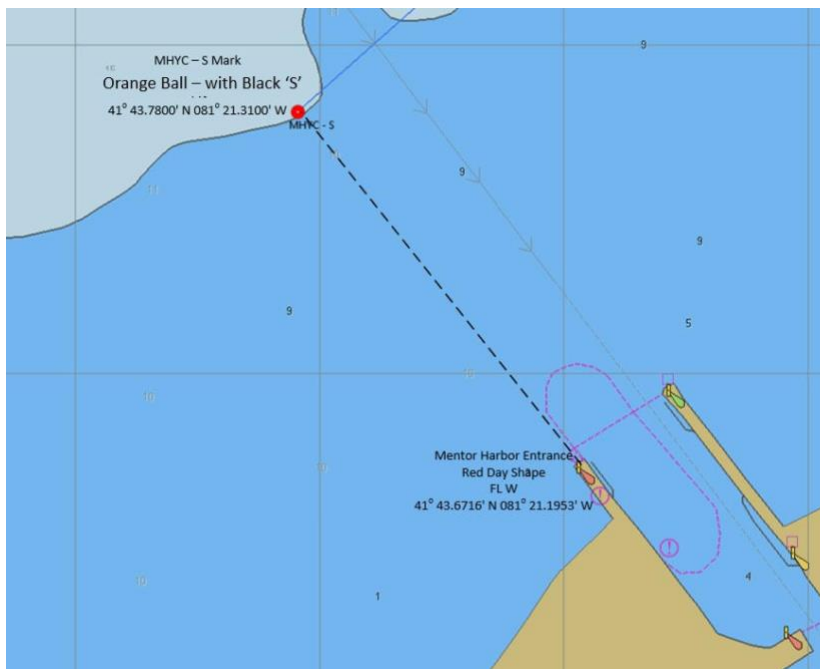
81° 21.31' W

Start Line South Mark: Mentor Harbor Entrance Red Day Marker

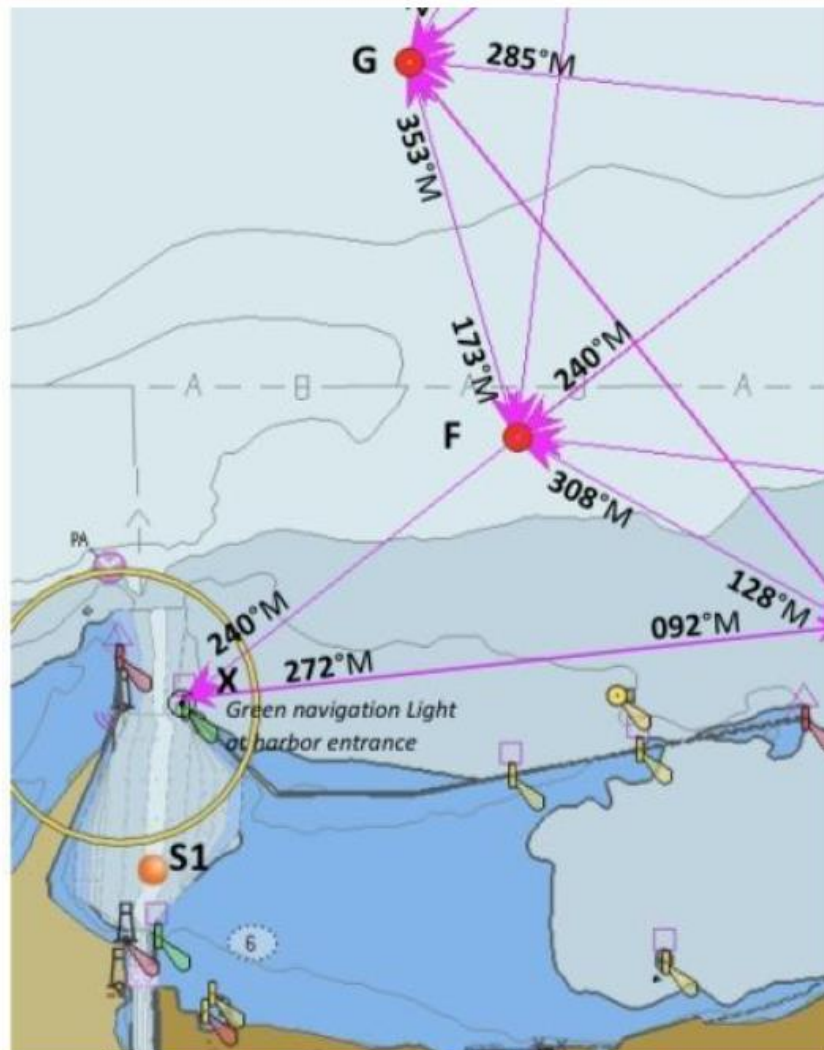
41° 43.67' N

81° 21.20' W

Pre-Start Side is West of the Line



GRSC "G" Mark: 41° 47.14' N 81° 16.23' W
Pass North of GRSC "G" Mark leaving it to starboard



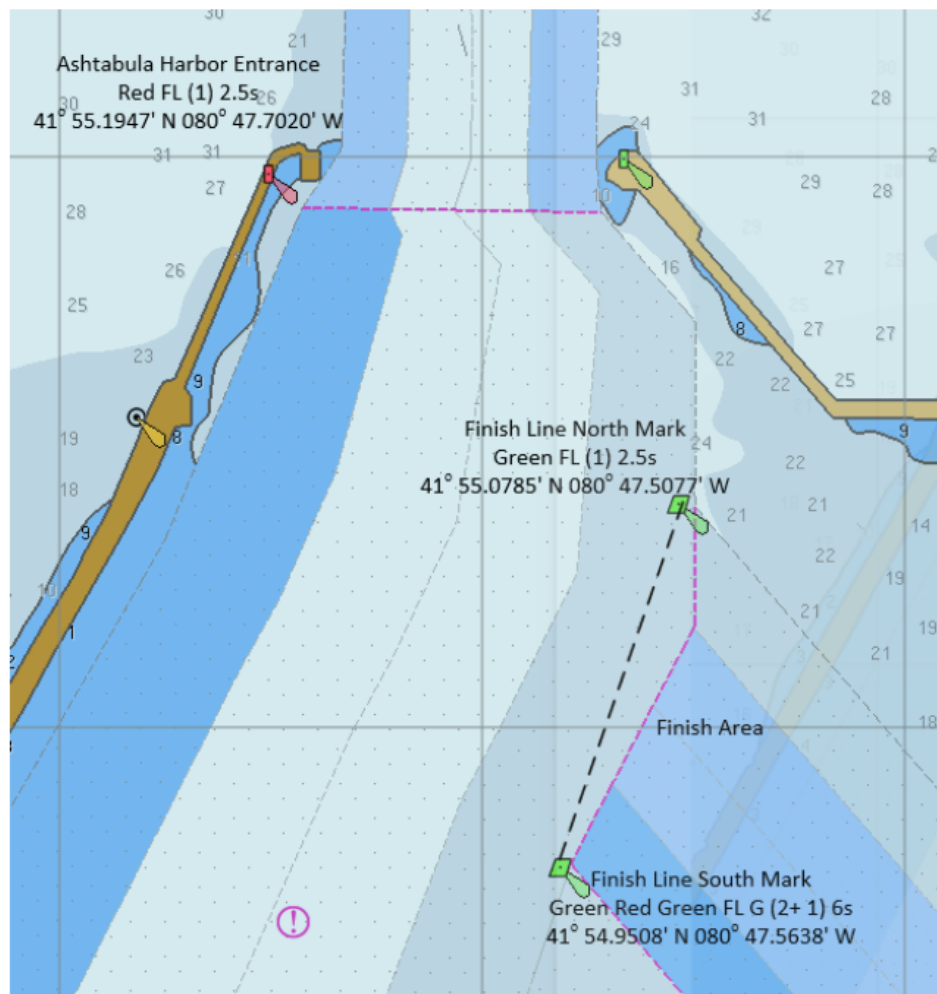
Finish Line

Finish Line North Mark: Green Harbor Buoy 3 $41^{\circ} 55.08' \text{ N}$
 $80^{\circ} 47.51' \text{ W}$

Finish Line South Mark: Green and Red Junction Buoy A $41^{\circ} 54.95' \text{ N}$
 $80^{\circ} 47.56' \text{ W}$

Finish from West to East

Avoid the shallow hazard area to the North & East of the finishing line and channel.



Ashtabula River to Ashtabula YC

The Ashtabula River is the westernmost channel.

AYC is on the west side of the river, past the SR 531 bascule lift bridge. The bridge lifts every half hour.

Dockage will be available at the AYC transient docks and off boats up river on "C" dock. (Rafting may be required.)

